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### **NEXT CPAC MEETING**

**The next meeting of the CPAC (area II) will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the Potatoes USA office in Denver. If you would like to attend, please let us know and we can help you with directions and times.**

### **YOU'RE INVITED!**

The CPAC will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Industry Appreciation Picnic on **July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**, at Chapman Park in Monte Vista.

Join us for a family-style picnic as we thank the industry for its resilience and hard work. **Please RSVP to our office by Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### **CPAC TO HOST EPA TOUR**

The CPAC committee is excited to host nine EPA staff members for the National Potato Council's annual potato production tour. The EPA staff members will be visiting the San Luis Valley from August 8-10<sup>th</sup>. The EPA provides critical support to farmers through their risk assessment and research of the pesticides needed to economically produce healthy food, and keep our work and living environment safe for everyone. Because of the Covid pandemic, we have not been able to host this tour in person for the last three years. We are excited to be able to demonstrate how we sustainably grow potatoes here in the San Luis Valley.

### **FARM TRUCK SAFETY INSPECTIONS AUGUST 3-4 AT MONTE VISTA CO-OP**

The Colorado State Patrol will be conducting their 2022 annual voluntary pre-harvest truck inspections at the Monte Vista CO-OP on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (7:30 am- 3:00 pm) and Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> (7:00 am until they have no more inspections).

If you plan to take your vehicles to this event, they are asking that you come on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the first inspections, in the case that there is a minor issue with the equipment, they will re-evaluate the vehicle on the 4<sup>th</sup>, if the issue has been fixed.

A large benefit to the growers from this event is that each vehicle that passes the inspection on these two days will receive a sticker to place in the window of the truck, to avoid being stopped for "spot inspections" during the harvest season. For questions about this event or more information please call Master Trooper Darin Barnes at (719)-306-2926.

### **POTATO FESTIVAL**

The 2022 Potato Festival will be held Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Chapman Park in Monte Vista. We'll have craft and food vendors, kid's games, Circus Foundry live events, the 5K Tater Trot, the Mashed Potato Dunk Tank and more! As the event gets closer, we'll continue to update 😊 Please be sure to follow our Facebook page @SanLuisValleyPotatoFestival to stay up-to-date with all the big plans!

### **HACCP TRAINING**

The CPAC committee is sponsoring HACCP training for those in the industry who want/need a refresher course. Lori Randall with Professional Food Safety LTD will have a training class on August 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at the Ski Hi complex. The cost is \$95, \$45 for the HACCP manual, and \$50 for the HACCP certificate if you want to be certified. You can follow this link to register online today: [HACCP Training Registration](#). Please contact Jessica at the CPAC office for more detail and the registration information.

### **SENATOR HICKENLOOPER VISIT**

Several growers were able to participate in an Ag and Water discussion with Sen. John Hickenlooper and members of his staff on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Ski Hi event center. A big thank you to CPAC committee members Sheldon Rockey, Jeff McCullough, Erin Nissen, and Miguel Diaz along with James Henderson and Eric Hinton for taking the time to share their thoughts on the current state of agriculture, our water challenges, and the outlook ahead. Jim Ehrlich thanked the Senator for his efforts in opening the interior of Mexico for potato exports and stressed the need to ensure Mexico remains committed to fair trade as the agreement proceeds. With the collective-bargaining agreement between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the Pacific Maritime Association expiring on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Ehrlich asked the Senator to stay involved in the current labor

negotiations. One out of every 5 rows of potatoes in the United States are exported so ensuring trade channels remain uninterrupted is crucial to Colorado potato growers.

## NPC REPRESENTATIVES TO BE SELECTED AT AUGUST MEETING

CPAC will be electing two representatives to the NPC Board of Directors in August. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact the CPAC office to be placed on the list of nominees. The NPC Board of Director positions are one-year terms. Our current NPC representatives are Tyler Mitchell and Miguel Diaz.

## NEW NPC PODCAST: OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT CLIMATE OVERREACH

Earlier this year, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued a proposed greenhouse gas disclosure rule that would require publicly traded companies to disclose the carbon emissions of every entity up and down their supply chain. This week, NPC CEO Kam Quarles joined the [Eye on Potatoes podcast](#) to talk about how that disclosure overreach would place an overwhelming burden on food producers who supply publicly traded processors, restaurants, and retailers. Additionally, Kam provides a recap of NPC's successful 2022 Summer Meeting in Nashville, which brought together 150+ potato industry members for a week of fun and discussions about the future of the industry. The [Eye on Potatoes podcast](#) is made possible by our presenting sponsor, Syngenta.

## POTATOES USA SUMMER MEETING AUG. 1-3

You are invited to join the Potatoes USA 2022 Summer Meeting either in person at Laguna Beach, California, or virtually from the comfort of your own home, tractor, or wherever you want if you prefer not to travel. Registration closes on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

[Download Schedule](#) and [Registration](#)

## APHID TRAPPING REPORT

Tess Christensen with Agro Engineering provides the CPAC office with the latest aphid trap data weekly.

For weekly updates check here: [Aphid trap data](#)

Thank you to **BASF, FMC, and CPAC** for funding the 2022 season with Agro Engineering.

## FIELD FORWARD FOR CSU FIELD DAY- Click [here](#) to register

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
MONTE VISTA, CO  
THURSDAY, JULY 28

**Field Forward 2022**

Join us as we tour barley fields, check on new variety trials, tour the malthouse, and have dinner and socialize!

**PREMIUM. ADVANCED. DEDICATED.**

PLEASE RSVP BEFORE JULY 19  
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We're excited to announce Proximity's upcoming Field Forward 2022 in Monte Vista, CO on Thursday, 7/28/22. You're invited to attend to learn more about our varietal development work, and our state-of-the-art malting process - and to meet other growers and valued customers, alike. Please feel free to bring guests, just let us know how many people will come so we don't run out of beer!

### Tentative Field Forward Schedule:

#### Stop 1 | 9:30am - CSU San Luis Valley Research Center

We'll start the day with an overview of Proximity's barley variety evaluation program. Tour an advanced experimental strip trial including 14 new US, European and Canadian 2row malting varieties. Genetics providers will be on hand to provide information on their varieties and breeding programs. This is the first time 8 of these varieties have even been planted on US soil. This is a great opportunity to see the future of malting barley in the San Luis Valley in a conventional production setting.

#### Stop 2 | 11:30am - Proximity Malt Facility

Open House at the Proximity Malt house where lunch will be served to all guests and tours of the Proximity Malting facility will be open to anyone interested in learning more about our state-of-the-art facility.

#### Stop 3 | 2:30pm - Heersink Farms

The second field tour of the day will be on no-till acres managed by Derek Heersink. The group will visit two 60-acre plant scale evaluations, both new elite German 2Row varieties with the potential to be on hundreds of SLV acres next spring. *Guests will also have an opportunity to learn about Proximity's new regenerative agriculture program, including guest speakers from Sustainable Environmental Consultants and the Rio Grande Valley Water Conservation District.*

#### Stop 4 | 4:30pm - Square Peg Brewing

Join us in downtown Alamosa for an early dinner, music, and local craft beer at Square Peg brewery, owned and operated by Proximity barley producer, Derek Heersink.

## RESEARCH

This year the CPAC committee is teaming with Air Spore from Canada to set up a disease spore sampling network of 8 sites. The sites are monitoring for these diseases: Late blight, Early blight, Brown spot, grey mold, and Stem rot caused by Fusarium. You can find the latest data on the number of spores detected and a visual representation of the potential disease based on weather conditions. Disease can only be present when you have the pathogen, a susceptible host, and the right environmental conditions for the disease. Monitor our website for the latest detailed information: [Air Spore Data](#)

The research sub-committee believes by investing in this program they can help growers determine if this spore monitoring program has value in our environment where Late blight is not the risk that it is in most of the country,

and our growers are not having to apply as many fungicide treatments as the majority of potato growers across the United States. This is the second year of this trial.

**The CSU San Luis Valley Research Center is hosting a Water Wise Crops field day on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – noon. Demonstration trials with camelina, millet, safflower, and more will be available for viewing and questions. Lunch will be available after the tour. Please take the time to check their research out.**



### 2022 acreage fly-over

County	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Alamosa	16,562	16,079	16,161	16,085	16,763
Conejos	893	980	1,077	490	708
Costilla	2,796	2,895	2,943	2,970	2,972
Rio Grande	16,793	16,238	16,003	16,486	15,922
Saguache	12,760	12,073	14,739	12,542	15,420
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,804</b>	<b>48,265</b>	<b>50,923</b>	<b>48,573</b>	<b>51,785</b>

### USDA PROGRAM PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FOOD SAFETY EXPENSES FOR SPECIALTY CROPS

USDA's new [Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops](#) (FSCSC) program will help offset costs for specialty crop producers to comply with regulatory requirements and market-driven food safety certification requirements. Specialty crop operations can apply for assistance for eligible expenses related to a 2022 food safety certificate issued on or after June 21, 2022, beginning Monday, June 27. FSCSC will assist specialty crop operations that incurred eligible on-farm food safety certification and related expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification in calendar years 2022 and 2023. For each year, FSCSC covers a percentage of the specialty crop operation's cost of obtaining or renewing their certification, as well as a portion of their related expenses. To be eligible for FSCSC, the applicant must be a specialty crop operation; meet the definition of a small business or very small business; and have paid eligible expenses related to the 2022 (issued on or after June 21, 2022) or 2023 certification.

Specialty crop operations may receive assistance for the following costs:

- Developing a food safety plan for first-time food safety certification.
- Maintaining or updating an existing food safety plan.
- Food safety certification.
- Certification upload fees.
- Microbiological testing for products, soil amendments, and water.

- Training.

Details about the payment rates and limitations can be found at [farmers.gov/food-safety](https://farmers.gov/food-safety).

## HAY AND GRAZE COVER CROPS ANYTIME ON PREVENT PLANT ACRES

Agricultural producers with crop insurance can hay, graze or chop cover crops for silage, haylage, or baleage at any time and still receive 100% of the prevented planting payment. Previously, cover crops could only be hayed, grazed, or chopped after November 1, otherwise, the prevented planting payment was reduced by 65%. The USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) added this flexibility as part of a broader effort to encourage producers to plant cover crops. Cover crops are especially important on fields prevented from planting as they help reduce soil erosion and boost soil health. To learn more: [Cover Crop Changes](#)

## AG STORIES & MORE

Interested in learning more about Soil Health. Here is a link to the Soil Health U podcasts from the High Plains Journal: [Soil Health U podcasts](#)

Check with your crop insurance agent about cover crop payments: [Pandemic Cover Crop Payments](#)

Want to learn more about soil, carbon, and climate resilience: [Soil Carbon Solution Center](#)

If you are interested in the impending Colorado River crisis then listening to James Ecklund is worth your time: [James Ecklund on Action 22 podcast](#)

## MEETING CALENDAR:

**7-13 CPAC Industry Appreciation Picnic**  
**7-27 CPAC Board Meeting at Potatoes USA in Denver**  
**8-1 to 8-3 Potatoes USA Hybrid Summer Meeting**

### SPUD FACTS JUNE

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Reds	Percentage of Crop	1.1	0.7	0.3	3.4	4.1	2.1	0.8	3
All Russet Varieties	Percentage of Crop	93.3	94.1	95.6	92.3	92.6	92.6	98	96.1
Yellows	Percentage of Crop	5.6	5.1	4.1	4.1	3.2	5.2	1.2	0.8
Other Varieties	Percentage of Crop	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	0
U.S. No. 1	Percentage of Crop	66.7	59.4	64.5	59.3	60.3	63.1	63.8	64.7
U.S. No. 2	Percentage of Crop	3.5	4.9	5.1	7.4	7.6	6.3	9.1	8.5
U.S. Commercial Grade	Percentage of Crop	29.8	35.6	30.4	33.3	31.9	30.4	27	26.7
Seed	Percentage of Crop	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.2	0	0.1
Bulk	Percentage of Crop	35.1	40.5	33.8	42.8	40.2	43.2	34.5	32.7
Total Rail Shipments	480 CWT Equivalent	0	28	0	50	66	166	194	66
Total Truck Shipments (Fresh)	480 CWT Equivalent	2394	2550	1825	2423	2029	2401	2255	2428
Total Truck Shipments (Processing)	480 CWT Equivalent	157	249	255	504	271	442	346	346
Total Monthly Shipments	480 CWT Equivalent	2551	2827	2080	2977	2366	3008	2795	2839
<b>Total YTD Shipments</b>	480 CWT Equivalent	<b>29193</b>	<b>29469</b>	<b>28032</b>	<b>29875</b>	<b>27977</b>	<b>29370</b>	<b>29064</b>	<b>28762</b>

### AVERAGE F.O.B. PRICES FOR JUNE

(per 50 lb. carton or bale unless noted)

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Reds	U.S.#1 A 5#	N/A	13.50						
Yellows	5#	N/A	14.00						
All Russets	U.S. #1 Size A	11.60	8.00	9.49	7.1	8.42	5.19	5.28	3.38
All Russets	U.S. #2	N/A		6.25	6.25	6.70	4.25	4.48	2.95
Russet	U.S. Commercial Grade 100 lbs.	N/A		13.32	9.75	10.5	7.06	7.33	4.86