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NEXT CPAC MEETING

The next meeting of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (Area II) will be held on January 19, at 7:00 pm, in the CPAC office conference room.

POTATO EXPO 2022



Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend [The Potato Expo](#). It is the single best place to meet the entire potato industry and supply chain, and it is taking place at the Gaylord Hotel in Denver, Colorado January 4-5, 2023. Don't miss your chance to take part. Register now at [The Potato Expo](#)

2023 NPC WASHINGTON SUMMIT

NPC's annual [Washington Summit](#) provides a forum for potato industry members to discuss, define, and advocate for the policy priorities impacting their businesses and protecting their ability to farm. During the week, participants:

- Hear from the nation's top political and policy experts
- Welcome NPC's new officers and grower leaders
- Meet with members of Congress representing potato-growing states and districts

Please consider joining fellow potato growers in Washington D.C. this coming February 28th- March 3rd, 2022. The CPAC committee has scholarship funds for growers interested in participating. Please contact Jim at 719-852-3322 if you would like to learn more.

AG NEWS

[The battle for federal pesticide pre-emption](#)

[Prosperous year for agriculture](#)

[2023 Agricultural Appropriations](#)

[Colorado River Crisis](#)

RESEARCH NEWS

With specialty crop block grant funds from CDA, CPAC, and the CSU potato breeding program initiated a **new variety trial program** in 2022. The program is designed to compensate commercial and seed growers for trialing new unproven varieties. Growers are asked to plant a one-acre trial, provide agronomic field data on inputs and practices, participate in a field day evaluation with other growers, and cooperate in general. Grower cooperators receive free seed to plant and a \$500 payment once all the necessary data has been collected for the trial. There is an opportunity for additional growers to participate in the 2023 trial. Please speak to Zach Czarnecki, Caroline Gray (719-754-3594), or Jim if you are interested in more information.

The **Southern Colorado Rocky Mountain Ag Conference** is being held February 7-9th at Ski Hi Park. There will be many informative speakers this year with a focus on sustainable agriculture. Jimmy Emmons, Oklahoma rancher, and farmer, will deliver the keynote address "Building Soil Health".



UNITED POTATO GROWERS OF AMERICA (UPGA) BUSINESS SUMMIT JANUARY 4TH Before the Potato Expo on Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 UPGA is hosting a comprehensive analysis of the global and North American potato industry at the Gaylord Hotel in conjunction with the Potato Expo. There is also a virtual option to participate: [Business Summit Registration](#)

AMY PARSONS NAMED NEW CSU PRESIDENT

The Colorado State University Board of Governors today confirmed Amy Parsons as the 16th president of CSU – the CSU System's flagship campus located in Fort Collins – effective Feb. 1, 2023, following a highly competitive, nationwide five-month search process.

“The Board of Governors is extremely confident in the leadership that Amy Parsons brings to the role of president,” said Kim Jordan, chair of the CSU System Board of Governors. “Amy is a leader with proven results who brings a deep appreciation and respect for the university and its academic mission, as well as the business expertise needed to manage the complexity of an organization this size. Amy will surround herself with a strong team and is equipped to take care of the details that will allow everyone at the university to be able to focus on their areas of expertise and impact.”

MEXICO TRADE UPDATE

Nora Gonzales, CPAC Mexico consultant, Ashley Warsh, and John Addison, marketing specialists with CDA, and Kam Quarles, NPC CEO, met with growers and shippers on December 5th to present the current trade status of exporting potatoes to Mexico. All indications are that trade to the interior is progressing without major impediments but slowly, mainly due to short domestic supplies.

Effective November 17, 2022, two additional points of entry were approved for fresh potato shipments to the interior of Mexico. Registered U.S. fresh potato exporters can now ship through Nuevo Laredo and Reynosa, Tamaulipas to the interior of Mexico. Both newly approved locations, located along the Mexico-Texas border, increase opportunities for U.S. exporters in the Midwest and the eastern United States. These point-of-entry approvals follow the operational work plan that was signed by the U.S. and Mexico. According to the work plan, four points of entry were initially approved, and SENASICA – the Mexican counterpart to USDA APHIS – will approve two additional points of entry annually. The six ports now open for fresh U.S. potato shipments include:

- Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua
- Tijuana, Baja California
- Nogales, Sonora
- Mexicali, Baja California
- Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas
- Reynosa, Tamaulipas

NPC NEWS

Congress is still working to pass the 2023 appropriations spending bill on the Senate floor. It includes many important items for potato growers including an increase in funding for the NIFA potato breeding grant from \$3 M to \$4M. This money is shared through a competitive grant process by most of the potato breeding programs in the country. Funding for Agricultural Research will receive \$3.45 billion – \$175 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. China has become the largest funder of agricultural R&D in the world, surpassing the United States and the European Union. They have been investing over \$10 B annually since 2015. The bill includes \$1.174 billion – \$61 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level – for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. This funding will support programs to help control or eradicate plant and animal pests and diseases that could potentially cripple U.S. agriculture, trade, and commerce. An example of this is potato wart and the emerging situation in Prince Edward Island that poses a serious threat to U.S. potato growers.

MARKETING/SOCIAL MEDIA

We have advertisements on the slopes at Winter Park, Telluride and Steamboat! This campaign kicked off at the beginning of November and will run until March 2023.

We will have a display with N. Colorado at the National Western Stock Show from January 7-22, 2023. We will also be hosting CAM's Classroom on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

Dec. 10th Jim and Jess attended the CSU Spur Campus's 2nd Saturday event. Sahar Bagheri and Patrick Byrne at CSU had the focus in the Terra building be all about Potatoes! Chef Vince Armada from Potatoes USA was in the kitchen where Sahar was talking potato nutrition while he demonstrated how to make some delicious smashed potatoes, we had a table featuring different SLV varieties, Ana Christina talked about plant diseases and had a fun craft for the kids, CSU students did potato stamps and Jessica Chitwood-Brown and David Holm were in the greenhouse talking planting, breeding and growing of potatoes. Sarah Ehrlich and Sahar created a card with different events the kids had to complete to receive a prize and it was a huge success!



Photos Above from left to right and down: 1. Chef Vince demonstrating the smashing of petite potatoes after they are boiled and ready for frying prep. 2. Group of volunteers and staff assisting through the Terra Building. 3. Stamps made out of Colorado Potatoes for arts and crafts. 4. Dr. David Holm presenting about potato breeding.

		NOVEMBER SPUD FACTS								
		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	
Reds	Percentage of Crop	3.1	4	4.3	5.1	6.2	5.7	6.8	6.4	
All Russet Varieties	Percentage of Crop	83.6	83.4	83.8	82.6	79.5	79.6	78.7	81.1	
Yellows	Percentage of Crop	10.6	11.3	10.8	10.8	12.7	13	12.5	11.1	
Other Varieties	Percentage of Crop	2.7	1.3	1	1.4	1.7	1.7	2	1.4	
U.S. No. 1	Percentage of Crop	63.9	68.3	70.9	65.5	65.8	60.7	69.1	70.7	
U.S. No. 2	Percentage of Crop	3.5	4	4.5	4.6	5.8	5.3	4.2	5.5	
U.S. Commercial Grade	Percentage of Crop	30.4	26.4	22.8	29.3	26.4	32.3	24.4	21.9	
Seed	Percentage of Crop	2.3	1.3	1.8	0.6	2	1.7	2.4	1.8	
Bulk	Percentage of Crop	37.4	35.3	36.1	30.1	33.4	34.8	35.8	35.6	
Total Rail Shipments	480 CWT Equivalent	103	50	16	134	172	241	206	179	
Total Truck Shipments (Fresh)	480 CWT Equivalent	2707	2812	2768	2826	2742	2828	2761	2889	
Total Truck Shipments (Process)	480 CWT Equivalent	263	323	280	346	402	367	278	280	
Total Monthly Shipments	480 CWT Equivalent	3073	3185	3064	3306	3318	3435	3245	3348	
Total YTD Shipments	480 CWT Equivalent	7795	7947	8567	8142	8303	8579	8136	8048	
		AVERAGE F.O.B. PRICES FOR NOVEMBER								
		(per 50 lb. carton or bale unless noted)								
		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	
Reds	U.S.#1 A 5#	n/a	n/a	13.50	16.50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Yellows	5#	n/a	n/a	14.00	13.50	12.57	11.88	14.00	11.54	
All Russets	U.S. #1 Size A	11.78	7.91	8.50	8.24	8.28	7.56	5.75	5.78	
All Russets	U.S. #2	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.86	6.55	5.89	5.00	4.92	
Russet	U.S. Coml Grade 100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9.78	9.54	6.99	6.89	

MEETING CALENDAR

- 1/4-5 Potato Expo, Denver, CO
- 1/11 National Western Stock Show- CAM's Classroom
- 1/19 CPAC Board Meeting- 7 PM
- 2/7-9 SLV Ag Conference