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NEXT CPAC MEETING – June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the CPAC office

ANNUAL CPAC GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER

We will be having our annual golf tournament on June 22nd. We will be starting at Cattails at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Jessica if you want to put a team in the tournament or if you have questions.

NPC 2022 SUMMER MEETING JUNE 16-17th

This week the NPC will have its first in-person summer meeting in three years in Nashville, Tennessee. This year's Summer Meeting will be co-hosted by 2022 President Jared Balcom (Pasco, Wash.), 2021 President Dominic LaJoie (Van Buren, Maine), and 2020 President Britt Raybould (St. Anthony, Idaho).

The 2022 NPC Summer Meeting will be attended by potato growers and industry leaders from all major production areas in the United States. Discussions will be held on top issues for the potato industry such as trade policy, immigration, and transportation.

CPAC SUMMER PICNIC

Please come help us celebrate our great industry with your family and friends at Chapman Park in Monte Vista for a summer picnic. Join us for some food and fun on Wednesday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. Woody's BBQ from Alamosa will be providing the food. ☀️

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 3rd-4th 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.

LATE BLIGHT QUARANTINE IMPORTED SEED & CULL PILE MANAGEMENT

If you imported seed potatoes your planting reports were due June 1 to Cheryl Smith. Here is a link for the report: [Imported Seed Planting Report](#). Please email the completed report to cheryl.smith@state.co.us; or mail it to Cheryl Smith, 2417 Mapleton Circle, Longmont, CO 80503

The "Quarantine for Late Blight" details cull pile management requirements in the summer from June 1st through September 10th. Cull potatoes are to be destroyed within 72 hours utilizing one of these methods: composting, ensiling, processing, burying, or using for livestock feed under certain conditions. [Find the complete quarantine here](#) To report a problem, contact Jennifer Koch with C.D.A. at 719-580-5507 or the CPAC office.

The Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service are looking for new employees. Please contact Brian Pauley at 719-852-4749 if you know of anyone who might be interested in employment with the state of Colorado.

ARE POTATOES A VEGETABLE????

It seems that anti-potato activists are seeking to reclassify potatoes within the 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA). They believe potatoes and other "starchy vegetables" should be re-classified as a grain. In response to this nonsense, the NPC offered public comments this week to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. NPC wrote "We have a strong concern about the suggestion of the interchangeability between starchy vegetables and grains and urge you to discard the concept. As vegetables overall are under-consumed in the American diet, efforts should be focused on how to increase vegetable consumption in the diet. The vegetable categories are fundamental across dietary patterns. While both vegetables and grains provide carbohydrates in the diet, potatoes are a vegetable horticulturally and nutritionally and should continue to be included in dietary patterns with other vegetables."

In the comments, NPC highlighted the significant nutritional value of potatoes, including high levels of potassium and fiber, vitamin C, vitamin B6, and plant-based protein. Given potatoes' unique nutrient contributions, NPC argues that potatoes should not be considered interchangeable with grains because they are not nutritionally or horticulturally equivalent.

CSU TERRA BUILDING OPENS AT NATIONAL WESTERN SPUR CAMPUS

Many of the first visitors to the newly-opened Terra building on the Colorado State University Spur campus left with their own soil, garden plants, and ready-to-bake bread dough – but most importantly, with newfound knowledge about the science behind the food they eat every day.

“If this building and the programming inside of it doesn’t make a difference for ag literacy, I don’t know what will,” said CSU System Chancellor Tony Frank during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 8.

With a name derived from the Latin word for Earth, Terra is the second of three buildings to open on the new CSU Spur campus, which will serve as the educational anchor for the year-round National Western Center near downtown Denver.

The CSU College of Agricultural Sciences and Agricultural Experiment Station will use the campus to collaborate with a diverse group of partners across the state of Colorado. Read more about the work and upcoming programming here: [Plans for CSU Spur](#)



AG ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[CSU President McConnell stepping down](#)

[What will Colorado 2080 Look Like](#)

[Electric Vehicles Future on the Farm](#)

[The Future of Glyphosate](#)

COLORADO POTATO LEGISLATIVE ASSOCIATION (CPLA)

The CPAC committee can’t lobby legislative issues as a state and federal marketing order. While we work closely with our federal and state legislators to inform and educate them on issues and policies that affect the potato industry on the farm and in the warehouse that is all CPAC is allowed to do. The Colorado Potato Legislative Association is a non-profit corporation that was created for lobbying and addressing political issues. They are currently conducting a fund-raising effort to help them address what they believe is a trend within our state of anti-agricultural policies. If you would like to help them, please contact Dave Warsh at 719-850-8856 or Roger Mix at 719-850-0511.

POTATOES USA

Consumers are taking more interest in how their food is grown or processed and turning to nutrition professionals to understand these topics. That’s why nutrition professionals must be equipped with the right information. Potatoes USA partnered with the [Retail Dietitians Business Alliance](#) (RDBA), a professional group of almost 1,000 retail dietitians who are uniquely positioned to impact public health by sharing science-based information with their shoppers. A variety of educational resources were developed for RDBA members that reinforced the instrumental role food processing has played in today’s food supply, including a [podcast episode](#) and an [educational module](#).

The resources are designed to:

- Explain the benefits of food processing, such as food safety, extending shelf life, waste reduction, and nutrient retention.

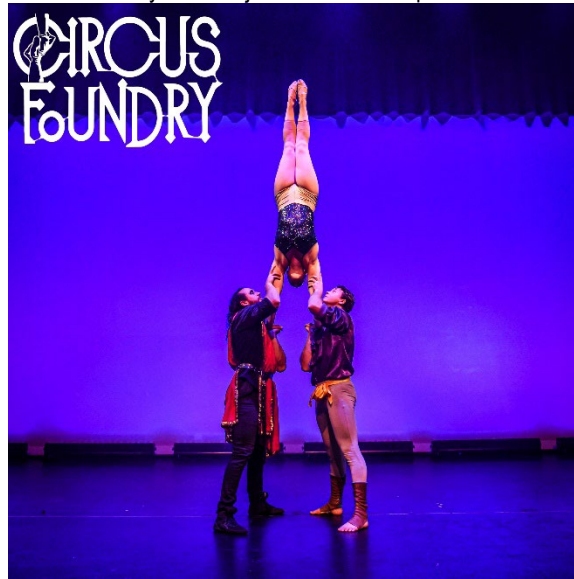
- Highlight the role of processed foods, using potatoes as the key example, to help people meet nutrient and food group recommendations while adding versatility to recipes and meals.
- Provide educational tools for retail dietitians to use when engaging with their shoppers and peers about processed foods.

These educational activities encourage the nutrition professional community to engage and help clear up confusion surrounding potato processing techniques or the nutritional value of these foods. Like believing potatoes are a grain, not a vegetable.

2022 POTATO FESTIVAL

The 2022 Potato Festival will be held at Chapman Park on Saturday, September 10, 2022. We are currently taking vendor applications and are in the beginning stages of 5K planning.

We're excited to announce performances from Circus Foundry. Plan to join us out at Chapman Park all day long! 😊



MEETING CALENDAR:

- 6/16-17 NPC 2022 Summer meeting
- 6/22 CPAC Golf tournament- 12:30 PM
- 6/23 CPAC Meeting- 7 PM
- 7/13 CPAC Summer picnic- 6 PM
- 8/1-3 Potatoes USA 2021 Summer meeting

| | | SPUD FACTS MAY | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | |
| Reds | Percentage of Crop | 1.9 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 2.3 | 2.8 | |
| All Russet Varieties | Percentage of Crop | 88.2 | 89.9 | 87.1 | 84.8 | 86.2 | 88.4 | 89.5 | 89.7 | |
| Yellows | Percentage of Crop | 9.3 | 5.6 | 10 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 6 | |
| Other Varieties | Percentage of Crop | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.4 | |
| U.S. No. 1 | Percentage of Crop | 62.8 | 61.4 | 61.4 | 57.4 | 54.8 | 58.8 | 61.3 | 64.2 | |
| U.S. No. 2 | Percentage of Crop | 4.7 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 6.40 | 7.40 | 7.00 | 7.60 | 8.00 | |
| U.S. Commercial Grade | Percentage of Crop | 28 | 28.7 | 29 | 29.1 | 29.1 | 24.6 | 22.2 | 21.8 | |
| Seed | Percentage of Crop | 4.4 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 7.1 | 8.7 | 9.7 | 8.9 | 6 | |
| Bulk | Percentage of Crop | 37.9 | 37.5 | 38.1 | 35.6 | 37.3 | 36.4 | 39.4 | 32.5 | |
| Total Rail Shipments | 480 CWT Equivalent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 56 | 56 | 119 | 96 | |
| Total Truck Shipments (Fresh) | 480 CWT Equivalent | 2415 | 2334 | 1855 | 2875 | 2203 | 2514 | 2385 | 2359 | |
| Total Truck Shipments (Processing) | 480 CWT Equivalent | 15 | 295 | 326 | 384 | 371 | 483 | 348 | 289 | |
| Total Monthly Shipments | 480 CWT Equivalent | 2430 | 2629 | 2181 | 3287 | 2630 | 3053 | 2852 | 2744 | |
| Total YTD Shipments | 480 CWT Equivalent | 26320 | 26642 | 25951 | 26898 | 25611 | 26362 | 26269 | 25924 | |
| | | AVERAGE F.O.B. PRICES FOR MAY | | | | | | | | |
| | | (per 50 lb. carton or bale unless noted) | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | |
| Reds | U.S.#1 A 5# | n/a | 13.50 | | | | | | | |
| Yellows | 5# | n/a | 14.00 | | | 11.00 | 13.93 | 14.61 | 17.40 | |
| All Russets | U.S. #1 Size A | 9.50 | 8.00 | 9.49 | 7.47 | 8.25 | 5.15 | 5.34 | 3.58 | |
| All Russets | U.S. #2 | n/a | n/a | 6.25 | 6.32 | 6.62 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 3.17 | |
| Russet | U.S. Commercial Grade 100 lbs. | n/a | n/a | 13.32 | 9.75 | 10.29 | 6.73 | 6.50 | 4.99 | |