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NEXT CPAC MEETING

The next meeting of the CPAC (area II) will be held **Thursday, May 19th, at 7:00 PM**, at the CPAC office.

COVID REMEMBRANCE

It was one year ago I was working with local health professionals to get vaccinations for agricultural workers and producers who wanted the vaccine. I just wanted to take a minute for all of us who have remained healthy through this pandemic to thank God and all the amazing health professionals who worked tirelessly to take care of our sick families and community members. Please take a moment to remember all those loved ones and friends who we lost, and pray for those who are still sick and recovering.

NINTH ANNUAL CPAC GOLF TOURNAMENT AND THIRD ANNUAL INDUSTRY APPRECIATION PICNIC

We will be having our annual golf tournament on June 22nd at Cattails in Alamosa. Please contact Jessica if you want to put a team in the tournament. We will be hosting our 3rd Annual Industry Appreciation Picnic at Chapman Park on Wednesday, July 13th—bring your family and enjoy!

DOUG MONTER SCHOLARSHIP

We would like to thank Art Holland, Stephanie Chandler, Jason Tillman, Roger Mix and Matt Seger for their time in interviewing the Doug Monter Scholarship applicants this year. We had 5 great applicants this year—the committee is pleased to offer a scholarship to each of the applicants. Christopher Nix from Sierra Grande High School was the winning candidate and will receive the 4-year \$7,000 Doug Monter Scholarship (photo will be sent when received), Connor Holmes (Sargent HS) and Ethan Larsen (Sanford HS) will both receive a 1 year \$1,500 Scholarship and Dante Gonzales Jr. (Alamosa HS) and Daylon Maze (Sargent HS) will receive a 1 year \$500 Scholarship. Christopher plans to attend Adams State University in the Fall, where he will wrestle and study Business with an emphasis in Agriculture.

CPAC COMMITTEE ELECTION

The new CPAC committee will start its term on June 1st. The election was held at the Southern Colorado Rocky Mountain Ag. Conference at the CPAC booth in February. We are also looking for any interested industry members to join one of our sub-committees which include: Research, Policy & Finance, Governmental Affairs, Promotion, Education, Industry-Community Relations, and Inspection Advisory. Please contact the CPAC office if you are interested in participating in our work.

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| Independent Handler: Jason Tillman, member Jared Smith, member Stephanie Chandler, alternate Matt Smartt, alternate | Bulk Shipper: Brian Harrison, member Molli McBride, alternate |
| Saguache County: Kent Palmgren, member Andrew Price, alternate | Costilla & Conejos Counties: Trey Jones, member Byron Kunugi, alternate |
| Alamosa County: Tyler Mitchell, member Miguel Diaz, alternate | Rio Grande County: Roger Mix, member Jason McCoy, alternate |

LATE BLIGHT QUARANTINE IMPORTED SEED & CULL PILE MANAGEMENT

Anyone who imported seed potatoes, your planting reports are due by 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 with 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.

MEXICAN MARKET UPDATE- INTERIOR NOW OPEN FOR U.S.A. POTATOES

This is an exciting opportunity for our growers and shippers in Colorado. A big thanks to Potatoes USA, NPC, USDA, APHIS, the CDA markets division, Senator Michael Bennet, Senator John Hickenlooper, and John Salazar for all their hard work over the last twenty plus years to reach this point. We hope that this agreement will remain durable over time and we will be able to take advantage of this pool of potentially seventy million new customers.

Please see the APHIS press release below;

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Mexico’s national plant protection organization (SENASICA) announce that the United States has begun exporting potatoes beyond the 26-kilometer border zone that previously marked the limit of their export. The two countries reached an agreement late last year to expand that market access for U.S. potatoes, something that the United States has sought for more than 25 years.

“Through this accomplishment, we are delivering better markets for U.S. farmers, supporting economic growth, and providing access to our southern neighbors to the high-quality and safe products our farmers work hard every day to grow and sustain. USDA will continue to fight for new and expanded markets for American products as we help the nation build back better,” said U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

The U.S. potato industry estimates that this access for U.S. fresh potatoes to all of Mexico will provide a market potential of \$250 million per year, in five years. This is an increase of \$190 million from the current export value of \$60 million.

JOHN TOASPERN RETIRING JUNE 1

It seems fitting that John Toaspern is retiring from Potatoes USA as Chief Marketing Officer right when the U.S. potato industry has gained full-access to the interior of Mexico after a twenty plus year struggle to gain full market access to Mexico. John has served the potato industry tirelessly over a twenty-five-year career. Thank you so much for your dedication to the potato industry. Your knowledge and dedication will be hard to replace. We wish you the very best.

CPAC PROMOTION IN MEXICO

The CPAC committee has been promoting Colorado Potatoes at retail in the border region in 2021-2022. Currently, we have shippers at the ANTAD trade show in Guadalajara, Mexico with the Colorado Department of Ag’s markets division. The CPAC committee is committed to additional promotion in the interior of Mexico moving forward.



NPC SUMMER MEETING

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) in Nashville, Tennessee on June 16th-17th.

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. The business of NPC will be conducted at committee meetings and Board of Directors meeting. [Summer Meeting Registration & Information](#)

The day after the Summer Meeting, on Saturday, June 18, there will be a PILI Alumni Summit and a Potato LEAF Pedal Bar Party. Stay for the weekend to make the most of your trip. Find out more [here](#).

RESEARCH

Dr. Courtney Jahn and Dr. Jane Stewart with the Agricultural Biology department of the College of Ag Sciences have been conducting soil health research with the Specialty Crop Research Initiative Potato Soil Health project. They are working in conjunction with numerous other researchers and states. To learn more about this project visit the; [Potato Soil Health website](#)

Colorado State University recently had the grand opening of the new Nutrien Agricultural Sciences building. The amazing new building



will serve as agriculture's new home on campus for the College of Agricultural Sciences. The building features state-of-the-art research laboratories, new research equipment, classrooms, technological innovation, and collaboration spaces. A big thanks to Nutrien for their generous donation to CSU to help make this possible for the next generation of ag students.

AG NEWS

- [John Deere & Technology Innovation for Farmers](#)
- [NASA Data Tools for Agriculture](#)
- [Mexican Potato Market](#)

MEETING CALENDAR:

- 5/19 CPAC meeting 7:00 PM
- 6/17(tentative date) CPAC meeting 7:00 PM

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| | | <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 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 3.7 | 3.3 | |
| All Russet Varieties | Percentage of Crop | 77.9 | 78.0 | 78.2 | 73 | 76.7 | 80.1 | 84.9 | 80.1 | |
| Yellows | Percentage of Crop | 13.7 | 11.3 | 9.9 | 15.2 | 12.2 | 10.2 | 9 | 13.6 | |
| Other Varieties | Percentage of Crop | 3.2 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 3.1 | |
| U.S. No. 1 | Percentage of Crop | 55.3 | 48.7 | 57.8 | 53.4 | 51.1 | 57.3 | 57.8 | 57.3 | |
| U.S. No. 2 | Percentage of Crop | 3.6 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 8.0 | 7.5 | |
| U.S. Commercial Grade | Percentage of Crop | 26.2 | 33.5 | 26 | 26.5 | 27.7 | 24.7 | 20.2 | 22.0 | |
| Seed | Percentage of Crop | 14.9 | 3.8 | 10.9 | 14.5 | 14.7 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 13.2 | |
| Bulk | Percentage of Crop | 46.7 | 7.9 | 41.8 | 40.6 | 47.8 | 41.1 | 43.9 | 39.9 | |
| Total Rail Shipments | 480 CWT Equivalent | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 116 | 116 | 138 | |
| Total Truck Shipments (Fresh) | 480 CWT Equivalent | 2912 | 2795 | 2784 | 3074 | 2405 | 2702 | 2555 | 2812 | |
| Total Truck Shipments (Processing) | 480 CWT Equivalent | 294 | 207 | 225 | 356 | 247 | 358 | 378 | 249 | |
| Total Monthly Shipments | 480 CWT Equivalent | 3219 | 3002 | 3009 | 3430 | 2708 | 3176 | 3049 | 3199 | |
| Total YTD Shipments | 480 CWT Equivalent | 23890 | 24013 | 23770 | 23611 | 22980 | 23309 | 23416 | 23180 | |

AVERAGE F.O.B. PRICES FOR APRIL

(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> |
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| Reds | U.S.#1 A 5# | n/a | 13.5 | | 12.75 | 14.00 | 18.00 | | 10.77 |
| Yellows | 5# | n/a | 14 | 18.42 | 12.00 | 11.00 | 12.38 | 13.64 | 2.38 |
| All Russets | U.S. #1 Size A | 9.50 | 8.35 | 9.76 | 7.95 | 8.25 | 5.13 | 5.52 | 3.68 |
| All Russets | U.S. #2 | n/a | | 6.25 | 6.67 | 6.50 | 4.41 | 4.50 | 3.25 |
| Russet | U.S. Commerical Grade | n/a | | 13.52 | 9.98 | 10.00 | 6.73 | 6.69 | 5.32 |