

Prices of largest spuds on the rise

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IDAHO FALLS — Idaho growers finally see reasons for optimism about fresh potato prices in the home stretch of what's been an unprofitable season.

In the past few weeks, carton prices for large potatoes have nearly doubled, as shippers are exhausting inventories of big Russet Burbanks from a 2016 crop heavy on smaller tubers.

Prices of smaller spuds, however, remain sub-par.

Growers also anticipate weather challenges affecting the current crop will limit yields and delay this season's harvest, strengthening the prices of both remaining 2016 supplies and new-crop spuds.

On May 24, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service reported 50-pound cartons containing 60 Russet Burbank potatoes originating from Idaho's Twin Falls-Burley District were selling for \$13 to \$14, compared to \$6.50 to \$8.50 on March 15.

Commercial sack prices declined slightly, with prices of five 10-pound film sacks at \$2.50 to \$3.50 on May 24, compared to \$3 to \$4.50 on March 15.

"We're glad to see carton prices go up, but the main reason they are is there just aren't very many of them," said Oakley grower Randy Hardy, chairman of the board for Sun Valley Potatoes. "It's better than nothing, but it hasn't made much difference to a guy's bottom line because



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Seed potatoes are loaded into a truck in Rockland, Idaho, in early May to be transported for cutting and planting. Prices of large, fresh spuds from the 2016 crop are on the rise, and Idaho potato growers anticipate less production from this season's crop.

there's not that much big stuff around."

Hardy explained big potato prices started increasing once the supply of Russet Norkotahs was exhausted, due to the smaller size profile of the Burbank crop. But he's optimistic the next crop will be more profitable, as growers throughout the state have reported cold and wet soil conditions and planting delays have their spuds at least a week behind last season's development.

"If there's a bright spot, I think Mother Nature is taking care of any overabundances we're going to have this year," Hardy said.

Rexburg fresh grower Lynn Wilcox said demand for large spuds has boosted total grower returns by a couple of dollars per hundredweight, and he believes the likelihood of a delayed harvest should further strengthen 2016 crop prices.

"This great big huge pile

we thought we had that we'd never get all the way through, by the time you delay the start of the new crop by seven to 14 days, we have plenty of room to move the old crop and get some money," Wilcox said. "We need to be asking a lot more money for the crop we have left."

Wilcox said many spud acres in Eastern Idaho sustained another likely yield setback recently, when 70 mph wind gusts blew away sandy soils and exposed many tubers.

Idaho Potato Commission President and CEO Frank Muir said demand for Idaho spuds has been strong, as evidenced by shipping rates that have been well ahead of last year's pace and could set a volume record for the year.

Muir said he's been "be-fuddled" by low 2016 crop prices, but he's optimistic for the future. Muir said all indications point to flat or decreased 2017 acreage.

Massive Canadian snowmelt causes Washington flooding

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WENATCHEE, Wash. — An abnormally large mountain snowmelt in Canada is swelling rivers in Northcentral Washington and may flood shorelines along the Okanogan River from Oroville to Brewster all summer.

"Property owners with low-lying lawns and fields and folks who recreate in the river should take heed and prepare for the highest river levels we've seen in 20 years," said Al Josephy, of the state Department of Ecology's water resources program.

Okanogan River flows could be two to three times greater than normal through summer, he said.

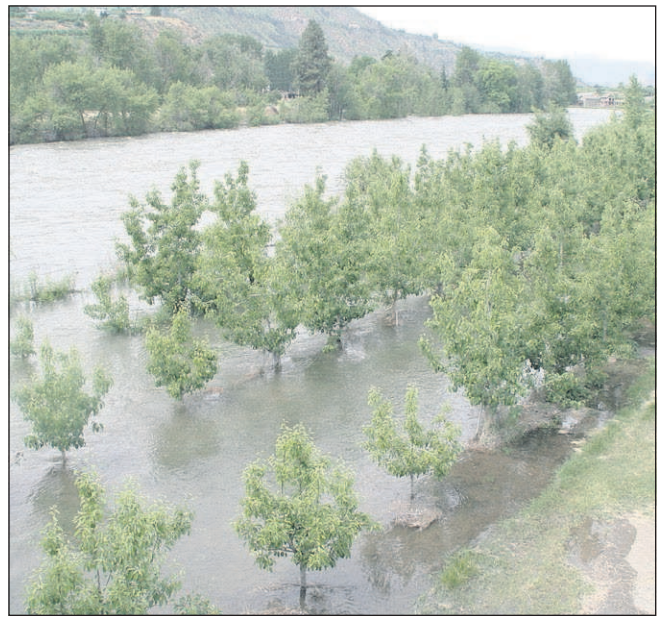
Large mountain snowpack in British Columbia is putting tremendous pressure on Canadian water managers to maintain optimal levels in reservoirs and lakes, Josephy said.

Lake Osoyoos on the U.S.-Canada border likely will remain above normal operating levels for much of the summer, causing periods of flooding on the lake shore and farther downstream, he said.

Roughly 100 acres of pasture between Oroville and Tonasket and a couple hay fields near Tonasket flooded, said Jay O'Brien, manager of Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District.

"Guys had first cutting down, grass and alfalfa, and had it raked but never got it baled," O'Brien said.

The river was 1.34 feet above flood stage at Tonasket on May 25, he said. That amount of flooding is not unusual but the anticipated duration through summer is unusual, he said.



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The Wenatchee River floods several rows of a pear orchard at the Old Monitor Bridge northwest of Wenatchee, Wash., on May 30. Prolonged high water will kill the trees.

O'Brien said he didn't know of any orchard flooding.

The Methow, Entiat and Wenatchee rivers are all full and above their banks in places. Several rows of a pear orchard at the Old Monitor Bridge northwest of Wenatchee were underwater from the swollen Wenatchee River on May 30.

Pear trees can handle high water better than apple trees but neither can survive it too many days, said Howard Schell, director of field services at Chelan Fruit Cooperative in Chelan.

Roots can't get air and if that lasts too long, trees will die, he said.

Driving from Chelan to Omak, on May 28, Schell said he saw no orchards flooded but did see low-lying hay ground flooded near the town of Okanogan.

The Columbia River reservoir behind Wells Dam had

been lowered to make room for additional flows from the Okanogan and Methow rivers, "both of which are roaring torrents right now of lots of water," he said.

John Baile, assistant orchard manager at Auvil Fruit Co. in Orondo, said company orchards along the Columbia at Orondo are OK but that he didn't know about company orchards farther south at Vantage. They are more prone to flooding, he said. There's a lot of silt in the river from the heavy runoff so employees are constantly checking automated irrigation pump filters to make sure they are working, he said.

Larry Letts, a Baker Flats orchardist near East Wenatchee, said the Columbia is 10 feet below the high water mark for his orchard and that his irrigation pump would be jeopardized if it reaches that level.

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SAIF increases discount for AgLink members

PORTLAND — SAIF's discount to Oregon AgLink members for supplemental workers' comp coverage has been increased to 6 percent effective July 1, the association has announced.

The current discount is 2 percent.

"This is a big deal," Geoff Horning, executive director of AgLink, said. "At a time when so many in the agricul-

tural community are looking or ways to save money, this program saves our members money on a service they are required to have."

The discount is calculated by the state each year, and is a ratio of actual losses divided by expected losses.

"The group continues to earn a discount as long as the collective members' performance is better than what the rating bureau would have expected," Pat Morrill, Agency and Group Program coordinator for SAIF, said.

To be eligible for the discount an agricultural entity must be a member of Oregon AgLink at the time of their renewal and have a mod rate of 1.0 or better. The discount does not take effect until the company's renewal date, but is good for one calendar year

regardless of the July recalculation. Thus, a member who has an October renewal, for instance, would not receive the increased discount until October, but would keep the discount until their next renewal. At that time the new recalculated discount would take effect.

"We're proud of the partnership we have with SAIF," Horning said. "They are an organization committed to providing agricultural workers with a safer work environment. They've helped us develop numerous safety videos, and their ag seminars are a staple throughout Oregon. At the end of the day, the discount is just the cherry on top. Agriculture comes with a fair amount of risk to our employees, and the important thing is creating an environment where all of our workers come home safely to their families every night. SAIF really is committed to making that happen."

Anybody with questions can contact the Oregon AgLink office at info@aglink.org, or join the association at www.aglink.org/membership/join.

LEGAL PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 6/13/2017. The sale will be held at 10:00am by STAYTON TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE 1794 W. IDA, STAYTON, OR 2008 Malibu 21 ft. boat VIN=MB2K8737A808 Amount due on lien \$55,900.00 Reputed owner(s) GAVIN CHAMBERS KEY BANK USA NA CORY & SUSIE DENT HEALTH & POSTAL EMP C.U.

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LEGAL SECRETARY OF STATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING

Oregon Department of Agriculture, Market Access and Certification Program, Administrative Rules Chapter #603, Sue Gooch, Rules Coordinator, (503) 986-4583. AMEND: OAR 603-048-0700 and Repeal: 603-048-0700, f.3-14-17, cert.ef.3-15-17 thru 9-10-17. **RULE SUMMARY:** This rule makes permanent the temporary rule filed January 18, 2017, set to expire on July 16, 2017, that increased annual registration fees for industrial hemp growers, handlers, and seed producers. The industrial hemp program (program) is financially insolvent. Current registration fees do not generate funds sufficient to over the cost to pay for administration of the program. Without sufficient funds, the program will go further in debt, the program's ability to register and regulate registrants will be impaired, and the new industry will be prejudiced. The only mechanism available for financing the program under the current statute (ORS 571.300 to 571.315, as modified by Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 71) is annual registration fees. The proposed fee change increases annual registration fees for industrial hemp as follows: Industrial hemp grower registration increases from \$500 to \$1300; Industrial hemp handler registration increases from \$50 to \$1300; Agricultural hemp seed producer registration increases from \$25 to \$120. Hearing date: June 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Location: Oregon Department of Agriculture Building, 635 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR. Last day for public comment is June 7, 2017.

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LEGAL OREGON SHEEP COMMISSION Notice of Public Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held pursuant to ORS 576.416 (5) on Friday, June 16, 2017, regarding the proposed budget for the operation of the Oregon Sheep Commission for fiscal year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. The meeting will begin at 1:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Oregon Farm Bureau, 1320 Capitol Street NE, Suite 200, Salem, Oregon.

At this hearing, any Oregon sheep producer has a right to be heard with respect to the proposed budget, a copy of which is available for public inspection, under reasonable circumstances, in each of the county Oregon State University Extension Services offices. Copies of the proposed budget and tentative agenda are also available for public inspection in the Commission office located at 1270 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, OR and may be requested by calling 503.364-5462 or sending a message to: info@sheeporegon.com. Written comments regarding the budget may also be submitted to the Commission office by June 16, 2017.

The Oregon Sheep Commission complies with the American with Disabilities Act. If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please call the Commission office 48 hours in advance, 503.364-5462.

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