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## POTATO SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION FOR Friday, March 16, 2007

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### SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT AND DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS

#### ---UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT,

**IDAHO (Idaho Falls)** Idaho Falls, ID Mostly Cloudy 38/53

Twin Falls, ID Clear 34/66. DEMAND U.S. TWO & CARTONS

40-80S GOOD, 90-100S & BALED FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET

U.S. TWO SLIGHTLY HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.

**Russet Burbank** U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Min

baled 5 10-lb mesh sacks non sz A 40%

5-oz min 5.00-5.50

mostly 5.00-5.25 occas higher & lower

baled 5 10-lb film bags non sz A 40%

5-oz min 4.50-5.00

mostly 4.50-4.75 occas higher & lower

baled 10 5-lb mesh sacks non sz A 40%

5-oz min 6.00-6.50

mostly 6.00-6.25 occas higher & lower

baled 10 5-lb film bags non sz A 40%

5-oz min 5.25-5.75

mostly 5.25-5.50 occas higher & lower

50 lb cartons

40-80s 7.75-8.25

mostly 8.00 few higher occas lower

90s 7.00-7.75

mostly 7.25-7.50 few 8.00

100s 7.00-7.50

some 7.75 occas higher & lower

U.S. Two 50 lb sacks

6 oz min 4.00-5.00

mostly 4.50-5.00

10 oz min 5.00-6.00

mostly 5.50-6.00

#### ---CENTRAL WISCONSIN (Idaho Falls) Stevens Point, WI

Mostly Cloudy 19/35. DEMAND LIGHT. MARKET STEADY.

Russets include Goldrush and occasional Burbanks.

**Russet Norkotah** U.S. One

baled 5 10-lb film bags

sz A 5.50-6.50

mostly 6.00-6.50 occas higher

non sz A 5.00-5.75

mostly 5.50-5.75 occas higher

5-9 oz 7.00-8.00

occas higher & lower

baled 10 5-lb film bags

sz A 6.25-7.25

mostly 6.75-7.25 occas higher

non sz A 5.75-6.50

mostly 6.25-6.50 occas higher

5-9 oz 7.75-8.75

occas higher & lower

50 lb cartons

40s 7.00-8.00

mostly 7.50-8.00 occas higher & lower

50-70s 7.00-8.00

mostly 7.50-8.00 occas higher

80s 7.00-8.00

occas higher

90 & 100s 6.50-7.00

occas higher

#### ---COLUMBIA BASIN, WASHINGTON & UMATILLA

**BASIN, OREGON (Idaho Falls)** Moses Lake, WA Clear 35/45

Pasco, WA Partly Clear 39/54.

DEMAND LIGHT. MARKET STEADY.

**Russet Norkotah** U.S. One

baled 5 10-lb film bags non sz A 5.00-5.50

occas higher

baled 10 5-lb film bags non sz A 6.00-6.50

occas higher

50 lb cartons

40 & 50s 7.00-8.00

mostly 7.00-7.50 few 6.00-6.50

60-80s 7.00-8.00

occas higher

90-100s 7.00-8.00

mostly 7.00-7.50 occas higher & lower

U.S. Two 50 lb sacks 10 oz min 3.50-4.50

mostly 3.50-4.00 occas higher

#### ---FLORIDA (Idaho Falls) Lakeland, FL Mostly Cloudy 66/78

Immokalee, FL Partly Cloudy 64/82. DEMAND ROUND WHITE

SIZE B MODERATE, OTHERS GOOD. MARKET ROUND RED

FIRM, OTHERS STEADY.

Extra services included.

**Round Red** U.S. One 50 lb cartons

sz A 13.95-15.95

mostly 15.95

sz B 15.95-17.95

mostly 17.95

Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 35.45-40.45

mostly 35.45 occas lower

50 lb sacks

sz A 12.45-14.45

mostly 14.45

sz B 14.45-16.45

mostly 16.45

tote bags approx 2000 lbs per cwt

sz A 24.90-28.90

mostly 28.90

**Round White** U.S. One 50 lb cartons

sz A 23.95

sz B 16.95-21.95

mostly 18.95 few lower

Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 45.45-50.45  
 mostly 50.45 few 40.45  
 50 lb sacks  
 sz A 22.45  
 sz B 15.45-20.45  
 mostly 17.45 few lower  
 tote bags approx 2000 lbs per cwt sz A 44.90

**---KLAMATH BASIN, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND OREGON (Idaho Falls)** Klamath, OR Partly Cloudy 31/62  
 DEMAND MODERATE. **MARKET STEADY.**

Includes few Russet Burbanks.

**Russet Norkotah**

baled 5 10-lb film bags non sz A 5.00-6.50  
 mostly 5.00-5.50  
 baled 10 5-lb film bags non sz A 6.00-7.50  
 mostly 6.00-6.50  
 50 lb cartons  
 40 & 50s 7.00-9.00  
 mostly 7.50-8.50 occas higher & lower  
 60 & 70s 7.50-9.50  
 mostly 8.00-9.00 occas higher & lower  
 80s 7.50-9.50  
 mostly 8.00-8.50 occas higher & lower  
 90s 7.00-8.50  
 mostly 7.00-7.50 occas higher  
 100s 6.00-8.50  
 mostly 7.00 occas higher

**---MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA (Red River Valley)**

(Idaho Falls) Grand Forks, ND Partly Cloudy -09/22

DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. **MARKET STEADY.**

Wide range in color & appearance.

**Round Red U.S. One**

baled 5 10-lb film bags sz A 6.00-6.50  
 mostly 6.00-6.25 few including fair appearance lower  
 baled 10 5-lb film bags sz A 6.50-7.00  
 mostly 6.50-6.75 few including fair appearance lower  
 50 lb cartons  
 sz A 6.50-7.00  
 mostly 6.50-6.75 few including fair appearance lower  
 sz B 10.00-12.00  
 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher & lower  
 50 lb sacks  
 sz A 5.25-5.75  
 mostly 5.25-5.50 few including fair appearance lower  
 sz B 9.00-11.00  
 mostly 9.00-10.00 occas higher & lower  
 tote bags approx 2000 lbs per cwt sz A 9.00-10.00  
 mostly 9.00-9.50 few including fair appearance lower

**---NORTHWESTERN WASHINGTON (Idaho Falls)**

Mt Vernon, WA Clear 42/55

DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. **MARKET STEADY.**

**Round Red U.S. One 50 lb cartons**

sz A 12.00-14.00  
 occas higher fair appearance 7.00-9.00 occas lower  
 sz B 15.00-18.00  
 mostly 15.00-16.00 fair appearance 11.00-12.00  
 1" min 32.00-36.00  
 mostly 34.00 fair appearance 27.00-28.00

**---SAN LUIS VALLEY, COLORADO (Idaho Falls)**

Alamosa, CO Clear 18/59. DEMAND CARTONS MODERATE,

OTHERS LIGHT. **MARKET ABOUT STEADY.**

**Russet Norkotah U.S. One**

baled 5 10-lb film bags  
 sz A 5.50-6.50

occas lower  
 non sz A 5.00-6.00  
 occas lower  
 baled 10 5-lb film bags  
 sz A 6.50-7.50  
 occas lower  
 non sz A 6.00-7.00  
 occas lower  
 50 lb cartons  
 40s 7.00-8.00  
 mostly 7.00 occas lower  
 50s 7.00-8.00  
 mostly 7.00  
 60-80s 7.00-8.00  
 mostly 7.50 occas higher  
 90-100s 7.00-8.00  
 mostly 7.50  
 U.S. Two baled 5 10-lb film bags 4.25-5.00  
 few lower occas higher  
 U.S. Coml bulk per cwt sz A 7.00-7.75  
 occas higher

**---AROOSTOOK COUNTY, MAINE (Benton Harbor)**

Caribou, Me, Clear 3-21.

DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. **MARKET STEADY.**

Few Russet Goldrush and Russet Burbank

**Russet Norkotah U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags**

2" or 4 oz min 4.75-6.00  
 mostly 5.00-5.50 occas higher and lower  
**Round White U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags**  
 2 1/4" min 6.00-8.00  
 mostly 6.25-7.25 occas higher  
 2" min 5.00-6.00  
 mostly 5.00-5.50 occas higher and lower  
 10 lb open-window sacks loose  
 2 1/4" min 1.05-1.50  
 mostly 1.10-1.30 occas higher and lower  
 2" min .90-1.20  
 mostly .95-1.05 occas higher and lower

**---CANADA (NEW BRUNSWICK) CROSSINGS**

**THROUGH MAINE POINTS (Benton Harbor)**

Fredericton, New Brunswick, CD. Overcast (-10)-(-4)C / (14)-(24)F

DEMAND LIGHT. **MARKET STEADY.**

**Russet Norkotah U.S. No. 1 or Canada No. 1**

baled 10 5-lb film bags  
 2" or 4 oz min 4.75-6.00  
 mostly 4.75-5.25 occas lower  
 2 1/4" min 5.50-7.00  
 mostly 6.00-6.50 occas lower  
 tote bags approx 2000 lbs per cwt sz A 7.00-7.50

**---MICHIGAN (Benton Harbor)**

Saginaw, MI. Clear 23-33. DEMAND LIGHT. **MARKET STEADY.**

**Russet Goldrush and Russet Norkotah U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags**

sz A 7.25-7.75  
 occas best 9.75  
 10 lb film bags loose sz A 1.25-1.35  
 few best 1.50-1.65  
**Round White U.S. One**  
 baled 10 5-lb open-window sacks sz A 7.00-7.75  
 mostly 7.25-7.50 few best 9.75  
 10 lb open-window sacks loose sz A 1.20-1.30  
 mostly 1.20-1.25 few best high as 1.65

| POTATOES - TABLE SHIPMENTS - 1,000 CWT |              |                        |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |                |       |
|--|--------------|------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Areas currently shipping - Preliminary |              |                        |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |                |       |
| March                                  |              | Fri<br>9               | Sat<br>10  | Sun<br>11 | Mon<br>12  | Tue<br>13  | Wed<br>14  | Thu<br>15  | TTD           | TTD           | FINAL          |       |
|  |              |                        |            |           |            |            |            |            | THIS<br>SSN   | LAST<br>SSN   | LAST<br>SSN    |       |
| Idaho                                  | RL           | 30                     | 14         | 0         | 18         | 20         | 16         | 42         | 4,065         | 5,084         | 8,550          |       |
|  | TR           | 62                     | 33         | 0         | 105        | 77         | 120        | 70         | 13,734        | 11,920        | 21,926         |       |
|  | TR-EXPT      | 0                      | 0          | 0         | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 19            | 245           | 284            |       |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>92</b>              | <b>47</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>123</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>137</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>17,818</b> | <b>17,249</b> | <b>30,760</b>  |       |
| California                             |              |                        |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |                |       |
| Northern                               | TR           | 5                      | 1          | 0         | 5          | 2          | 2          | 3          | 555           | 459           | 832            |       |
|  | TR-EXPT      | 1                      | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 17            | 0             | 0              |       |
| Colorado                               | RL           | 4                      | 0          | 0         | 4          | 4          | 4          | 8          | 549           | 701           | 1,265          |       |
| Colorado District                      | TR           | 66                     | 0          | 0         | 63         | 55         | 60         | 69         | 8,118         | 8,853         | 15,267         |       |
|  | TR-EXPT      | W/E 2/10: 11           |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 227           | 224            | 224   |
| Northern                               | TR           | W/E 3/10: 2            |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 532           | 903            | 903   |
| Maine                                  | TR           | 17                     | 26         | 0         | 12         | 10         | 12         | 14         | 2,162         | 1,894         | 2,575          |       |
| Michigan                               | TR           | 5                      | 7          | 0         | 2          | 4          | 7          | 6          | 1,360         | 1,267         | 1,663          |       |
| Minnesota                              |              |                        |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |                |       |
| Big Lake                               | TR           | W/E 3/10: 4            |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 1,946         | 1,914          | 1,923 |
| Red River Valley                       | TR           | 8                      | 2          | 0         | 5          | 2          | 5          | 5          | 768           | 599           | 702            |       |
| Nebraska                               | TR           | W/E 3/10: 64           |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 2,427         | 1,937          | 3,169 |
|  | RL           | 0                      | 0          | 1         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 23            | 92            | 103            |       |
| Nevada                                 | TR           | W/E 3/10: 21           |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 521           | 526            | 916   |
|  | RL           | 0                      | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 12            | 22            | 41             |       |
| New Mexico                             | TR           | W/E 3/3: 9             |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 631           | 644            | 678   |
| Long Island, NY                        | TR           | W/E 3/10: 6            |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 628           | 732            | 732   |
| North Dakota                           | TR           | 23                     | 5          | 0         | 17         | 17         | 18         | 15         | 2,198         | 1,996         | 2,401          |       |
|  | RL           | 0                      | 1          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 178           | 222           | 228            |       |
| Oregon                                 | RL&PB        | 1                      | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 6          | 203           | 245           | 309            |       |
| Klamath Basin                          | TR           | 5                      | 1          | 0         | 6          | 6          | 5          | 3          | 668           | 470           | 630            |       |
|  | TR-EXPT      | 0                      | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 6             | 5             | 5              |       |
| Umatilla Basin                         | TR           | 4                      | 4          | 0         | 6          | 10         | 6          | 1          | 769           | 1,014         | 1,410          |       |
|  | TR-EXPT      | 1                      | 0          | 0         | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 221           | 216           | 339            |       |
| Washington                             | TR           | 17                     | 6          | 0         | 15         | 23         | 22         | 1          | 5,179         | 5,846         | 7,833          |       |
|  | TR-EXPT      | 6                      | 1          | 0         | 3          | 5          | 6          | 4          | 930           | 1,229         | 1,869          |       |
|  | RL&PB        | 2                      | 0          | 0         | 0          | 1          | 0          | 10         | 685           | 785           | 964            |       |
| Wisconsin                              | TR           | 36                     | 18         | 4         | 27         | 32         | 34         | 30         | 6,599         | 8,150         | 11,062         |       |
| Wyoming                                | TR           | W/E 2/24: 10           |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 111           | 0              | 0     |
| Canada (Commerce)                      | TR           | August through January |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 3,425         | 3,072          | 6,034 |
| <b>NEW CROP</b>                        |              |                        |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |                |       |
| California                             |              |                        |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |                |       |
| Kern                                   | TR           | W/E 3/10: 34           |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 462           | 518            | 3,824 |
|  | PB           | 0                      | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 7             | 0             | 70             |       |
| Southern                               | TR           | W/E 3/10: 3            |            |           |            |            |            |            |               | 83            | 103            | 625   |
| Florida                                | TR           | 35                     | 9          | 0         | 29         | 23         | 29         | 30         | 621           | 462           | 2,897          |       |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>328</b>             | <b>128</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>318</b> | <b>292</b> | <b>347</b> | <b>319</b> | <b>78,457</b> | <b>79,598</b> | <b>133,013</b> |       |

TTD = Total To Date, SSN = Season, RL = Rail, PB = Piggyback, TR = Truck, TR-EXPT = Truck Export, W/E = Week Ending.  
Contributors include: Colorado, Idaho & New Mexico Federal-State Inspection Services and U.S. Department of Commerce.

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**SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT AND DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS****---IDAHO & MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON**

(Idaho Falls) Ontario, OR Clear 29/61

DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. **MARKET ABOUT STEADY.****Yellow Spanish Hybrid U.S. One 50 lb sacks**

Super Col 34.00

few 35.00-36.00

col 30.00-32.00

occas higher &amp; lower

jbo 27.00-30.00

mostly 27.00-28.00

med 2 1/4"min 24.00

occas higher &amp; lower

**Red Globe Type U.S. One 25 lb sacks**

lge 20.00-22.00

occas higher

med 18.00-20.00

occas higher &amp; lower

**---COLUMBIA BASIN WASHINGTON**

(Idaho Falls) Pendleton, OR Clear 38/59

DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. **MARKET HIGHER.****Yellow Hybrid 50 lb sacks**

jbo 25.00-28.00

mostly 26.00-27.00 occas lower

med 20.00-24.00

mostly 22.00-23.00

**Red Globe Type 25 lb sacks**

jbo 16.00-20.00

mostly 18.00

med 16.00

occas higher &amp; lower

**---MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH SOUTH****TEXAS (Idaho Falls) Tampico, Mexico Mostly**

Cloudy F 72/82 C 22/28

DEMAND GOOD. **MARKET ABOUT STEADY.**

Previous commitments at lower prices.

Most loads mixed manifests.

**Yellow Grano 50 lb sacks**

Super Col 37.00

occas higher

col 35.00

occas higher

jbo 35.00

occas lower

med 35.00

**Grano Type 40 lb cartons**

col 35.00

occas higher

jbo 35.00

occas lower

**White 50 lb sacks**

jbo 50.00-55.00

mostly 55.00

med 50.00-55.00

mostly 55.00

**Red Globe Type 25 lb sacks**

jbo 25.00

occas higher &amp; lower

med 22.00

occas higher &amp; lower

**---WESTERN & CENTRAL NEW YORK****(Benton Harbor) Rochester, NY. Overcast 24-27**

SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND VERY

GOOD. **MARKET FIRM.****Yellow Globe Type U.S. One 50 lb sacks**

med 2 1/4"min 22.00-23.00

2" min 20.00-21.00

**master container 16 3-lb mesh sacks**

med 2 1/4"min 24.00-26.00

2" min 22.00-23.00

| ONIONS - SHIPMENTS & MEXICAN CROSSINGS - 400 CWT |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Area Currently Shipping - Preliminary March      |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            | TTD           |               | FINAL         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            | THIS          | LAST          | LAST          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            | SSN           | SSN           | SSN           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            | 9             | 10            | 11            | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 51  | 51  | 51  |
|  |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            | SSN           | SSN           | SSN           | SSN | SSN | SSN | SSN | SSN | SSN | SSN |
| <b>Idaho &amp; Malheur County, Oregon</b>        | TR           | 42           | 3          | 0         | 65         | 50         | 61         | 51         | 13,288        | 15,476        | 16,357        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | TR-EXPT      | 1            | 0          | 0         | 2          | 3          | 0          | 0          | 783           | 843           | 778           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | RL & PB      | 0            | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1,887         | 3,826         | 3,268         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>43</b>    | <b>3</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>67</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>61</b>  | <b>51</b>  | <b>15,958</b> | <b>20,145</b> | <b>20,403</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>California</b>                                |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Southern</b>                                  | TR           | W/E 3/10: 20 |            |           |            |            |            |            | 1,472         | 3,889         | 4,152         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | RL & PB      | 0            | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 132           | 77            | 98            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Colorado</b>                                  |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Colorado District</b>                         | TR           | 11           | 6          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 7,724         | 7,379         | 7,394         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Michigan</b>                                  | TR           | 6            | 3          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1,590         | 1,571         | 1,587         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>New York</b>                                  |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Western/Central</b>                           | TR           | 27           | 17         | 0         | 29         | 22         | 27         | 23         | 3,140         | 2,878         | 3,435         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Oregon</b>                                    |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Hermiston</b>                                 | TR           | W/E 3/10: 69 |            |           |            |            |            |            | 1,895         | 2,167         | 2,587         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | TR-EXPT      | W/E 3/10: 9  |            |           |            |            |            |            | 289           | 148           | 192           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | RL           | 0            | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 201           | 78            | 1,877         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Western</b>                                   | PB           | 1            | 0          | 0         | 1          | 0          | 0          | 3          | 218           | 405           | 479           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Washington</b>                                | RL & PB      | 3            | 0          | 0         | 1          | 0          | 0          | 40         | 1,571         | 1,245         | 1,393         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Columbia Basin</b>                            | TR           | 99           | 46         | 0         | 94         | 114        | 106        | 75         | 15,088        | 9,916         | 11,281        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | TR-EXPT      | 23           | 2          | 0         | 12         | 16         | 16         | 10         | 5,576         | 6,947         | 8,346         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Wisconsin</b>                                 | TR           | 3            | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1,159         | 1,737         | 1,746         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>IMPORTS</b>                                   |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Argentina</b>                                 | BT           | 0            | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 25            | 0             | 4             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Brazil</b>                                    | TR           | 0            | 6          | 0         | 4          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 150           | 0             | 0             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Canada</b>                                    |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Quebec</b>                                    | TR           | W/E 2/24: 43 |            |           |            |            |            |            | 1,315         | 829           | 1,036         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Chile</b>                                     | BT           | 5            | 5          | 0         | 22         | 0          | 0          | 13         | 605           | 443           | 508           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Colombia</b>                                  | BT           | 0            | 1          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 20            | 0             | 0             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Guatemala</b>                                 | BT           | 0            | 0          | 4         | 0          | 0          | 3          | 0          | 34            | 37            | 57            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Mexico</b>                                    |              |              |            |           |            |            |            |            |               |               |               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Imports thru Florida</b>                      | BT           | 0            | 0          | 3         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 3             | 0             | 0             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Crossings thru Otay M.</b>                    | TR           | 0            | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 18            | 14            | 53            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Crossings thru Texas</b>                      | TR           | 37           | 60         | 4         | 75         | 66         | 45         | 65         | 1,793         | 2,216         | 6,113         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>New Zealand</b>                               | BT           | 0            | 5          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 5             | 0             | 1             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Peru</b>                                      | I            | W/E 3/10: 3  |            |           |            |            |            |            | 2,289         | 2,704         | 2,722         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>258</b>   | <b>154</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>305</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>258</b> | <b>280</b> | <b>62,270</b> | <b>64,825</b> | <b>75,464</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

TTD = Total To Date, SSN = Season, RL = Rail, PB = Piggyback, TR = Truck, TR-EXPT = Truck Export, W/E = Week Ending, BT = Boat.

Contributors include: Idaho, Oregon, and New Mexico Federal-State Inspection Services; APHIS, USDA; Quebec-Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Week ending data NOT included in Saturday total.

*Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Ministerial Exemption  
March 16, 2007*

Certify For: Processing  
 Quantity: 5 Load  
 Product: Potato In Bulk  
 Grade: Field Run  
 Contract Number: 2007-0869-ME-POT-QC  
 From: Maine, United States  
 To: Quebec, Canada  
 Start Date: 03/01/2007  
 Cut off Date/Expiration: 03/31/2007

*Source: Canadian Food Inspection Agency*

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**WHOLESALE TERMINAL  
MARKET REPORTS FOR  
Friday, March 16, 2007**  
 Weather information is morning  
 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. sky conditions  
 temperatures and yesterday's  
 maximum

**POTATOES**

**BALTIMORE** Overcast/Rain  
39-73

---POTATOES: MARKET  
 ROUND REDS ABOUT  
 STEADY, OTHERS STEADY.  
 Russet Norkotah ID U.S. One  
 baled 5 10-lb sacks non sz A  
 12.00 baled 10 5-lb sacks non  
 sz A13.00-14.00 50 lb cartons  
 40s 14.00 occas 13.50 50s  
 14.00 occas 13.50 60s 14.00  
 occas 13.50 70s 14.00 occas  
 13.50 80s 14.00 occas 13.50  
 90s 14.00 occas 13.50 100s  
 14.00 occas 13.50 120s 14.00  
 occas 13.50 10 oz min 14.00  
 occas 13.50 U.S. Two 50 lb  
 sacks 6 oz min 10.00-12.00 10  
 oz min 10.00-12.00 mostly  
 12.00 OR U.S. One 50 lb  
 cartons 50s 12.00 70s 12.00  
 80s 12.00 90s 11.50 100s  
 11.00 Round Red CD Prince  
 Edward Island Canada No. 1 50  
 lb sacks sz A 12.00 FL U.S.  
 One baled 10 5-lb sacks 22.00  
 50 lb cartons sz A 21.00  
 Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 42.00-  
 45.00 50 lb sackssz A 18.00-  
 21.00 sz B 21.00 1" min 42.00

U.S. Two 50 lb sacks sz  
 A13.00-13.50 previous  
 commitments 12.00 sz B 16.00  
 WA U.S. One 50 lb cartonssz A  
 24.00 Round White CD Prince  
 Edward Island Canada No. 1 50  
 lb sacks sz A8.50 lge 9.00 FL  
 U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz B  
 28.00 Creamers 3/4-1  
 5/8"48.00 50 lb sacks sz A  
 27.00 sz B 26.00 U.S. Two 50  
 lb sacks sz A14.00-17.00 LI  
 U.S. One baled 5 10-lb sacks  
 non sz A 9.50 baled 10 5-lb  
 sacks non sz A 10.00 50 lb  
 sacks sz A 8.50 lge 9.00 10 lb  
 sacks loose non sz A 1.25 U.S.  
 Two 50 lb sacks sz A 5.25 ME  
 U.S. Onebaled 5 10-lb sacks  
 non sz A 9.50 occas higher  
 baled 10 5-lb sacks non sz  
 A10.00 occas higher 50 lb  
 sacks sz A 8.50 lge 9.00  
 Chef's Spec 10.00 Long White  
 CA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A  
 31.00 Yellow Type Yukon  
 Gold CD Prince Edward Island  
 Canada No. 1 baled 10 5-lb  
 sacks sz A 14.00 50 lb sackssz  
 A 11.00-13.00 FL U.S. One 50  
 lb sacks sz A 30.00 ME U.S.  
 Onebaled 10 5-lb sacks non sz  
 A 13.00 50 lb sacks sz A 13.00

**BOSTON** Overcast 28-53

---POTATOES: MARKET  
 ABOUT STEADY. Washed  
 unless otherwise stated  
 Russet Burbank ID U.S. One

baled 10 5-lb film bags non sz  
 A 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00 50  
 lb cartons 40s 14.00-15.00  
 mostly 14.50 50s 14.00-15.00  
 mostly 14.50 60s 14.00-15.00  
 mostly 14.50 70s 14.00-15.00  
 mostly 14.50 80s 14.00-  
 15.00 mostly 14.50 90s 14.00-  
 14.50 100s 13.00-14.50 mostly  
 13.50-14.00 120s 13.00-14.50  
 mostly 13.50-14.00 MT U.S.  
 One 50 lb cartons 40s 16.00-  
 17.00 mostly 16.00 prior  
 commitments 14.00 50s 16.00-  
 16.50 mostly 16.50 60s 16.50-  
 17.00 mostly 16.50 70s 16.50-  
 17.50 mostly 16.50-17.00 80s  
 16.00 90s 15.00 NV U.S. Two  
 50 lb sacks 10 oz min 15.00  
 Norkotah CD Prince Edward  
 Island Canada No. 1 baled 10  
 5-lb film bags non sz A 8.50-  
 9.50 mostly 9.00 50 lb cartons  
 60s 11.00-12.50 mostly 11.50  
 70s 11.00-12.50 mostly 11.50  
 80s 11.00-12.50 mostly 11.00-  
 11.50 90s 10.50-12.00 mostly  
 10.50-11.00 100s 10.00-11.00  
 mostly 10.00-10.50 120s 10.00-  
 11.00 mostly 10.00-10.50 50 lb  
 sacks 6-10 oz 7.00-8.00 mostly  
 7.50-8.00 occas 8.50 Quebec  
 Canada No. 1 50 lb cartons 70s  
 11.50-12.50 mostly 12.00  
 80s 11.50-12.50 mostly 12.00  
 90s 10.00-12.00 mostly 11.00  
 100s 10.00-11.00 mostly 11.00  
 120s 10.50-11.00 mostly 11.00  
 ID U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film  
 bags non sz A 13.00-14.00

mostly 13.00 50 lb cartons 40s  
 14.00-15.00 mostly 14.50 occas  
 higher 50s 14.00-15.00 mostly  
 14.50 occas higher 60s 14.00-  
 15.00 mostly 14.50 occas higher  
 70s 14.00-15.00 mostly 14.50  
 occas higher 80s 14.00-15.00  
 mostly 14.50 occas higher 90s  
 14.00-14.50 100s 13.00-  
 14.50 mostly 13.50-14.00 120s  
 13.00-14.50 mostly 13.50-  
 14.00 ME U.S. Onebaled 10 5-  
 lb film bags 2" or 4 oz min  
 8.00-8.50 mostly 8.50  
 occas higher 50 lb cartons 80s  
 10.00-14.00 mostly 10.00-  
 11.00 90s 10.00-13.00 mostly  
 10.00-11.00 100s 9.00-12.00  
 mostly 9.50 50 lb sacks 6-10 oz  
 6.00-7.00 mostly 6.00 occas  
 higher MT U.S. One 50 lb  
 cartons offerings insufficient to  
 quote WI U.S. One 50 lb  
 cartons 70s 12.00-12.50 80s  
 12.00-12.50 mostly 12.00 90s  
 11.00-12.00 mostly 11.00 100s  
 10.00-10.50 mostly 10.00  
 120s 10.00-10.50 mostly 10.00  
 Local Repack Norkotah U.S.  
 Onebaled 10 5-lb film bags non  
 sz A 9.00-12.00 mostly 9.00-  
 10.00 occas higher 6-10 oz  
 14.50-16.50 mostly 15.00 occas  
 lower cartons 12 4-lb film  
 bagssz A organic 23.00 Round  
 Red CD Prince Edward Island  
 Canada No. 1 50 lb sackssz A  
 8.00-10.00 mostly 8.50-9.00 sz  
 B 10.00-12.00 mostly 11.00-  
 11.50 Quebec Canada No. 1 50

lb sacks sz A 8.00-10.00 mostly 8.50-9.00 sz B 10.00-11.50 mostly 11.00-11.50 FL U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 18.00-20.00 mostly 19.00 occas higher sz B 20.00-24.00 mostly 24.00 Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 48.00-50.00 mostly 50.00 50 lb sacks sz A 17.00-20.00 mostly 18.00 occas lower sz B 20.00-25.00 mostly 23.00 occas lower U.S. Two 50 lb sacks sz A 13.00-14.00 mostly 13.50 sz B 16.00-17.00 mostly 16.00 MN/ND U.S. One 50 lb sacks sz A 11.00-13.00 mostly 12.00 sz B 17.00-20.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 No Grade Marks 50 lb sacks sz A 9.00-9.50 mostly 9.00 WA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 18.00-22.00 mostly 22.00 sz B 24.00-25.00 mostly 25.00 occas lower 1" min 48.00-50.00 mostly 48.00 occas lower Local Repack U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags sz A 12.50-14.00 mostly 13.00 cartons 12 4-lb film bags sz A organic 25.00 Round Red/Yellow Flesh WA U.S. One cartons 16 3-lb film bags sz B 22.00 Local Repack U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags sz B 30.00 Round White CD New Brunswick Canada No. 150 lb sacks lge 7.50-8.50 mostly 8.00 Prince Edward Island Canada No. 150 lb sacks sz A no offerings lge 8.00-9.00 mostly 8.00 med-lge 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.50 10 lb open-window sacks loose sz A 1.50-1.60 mostly 1.55-1.60 FL U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 30.00-31.00 sz B 29.00-33.00 mostly 30.00-31.00 Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 60.00-65.00 mostly 60.00 ME U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags 2 1/4" min 8.00-8.50 mostly 8.50 50 lb sacks sz A 6.50-7.00 lge 8.00 Chef's Spec 8.00-8.50 mostly 8.00 10 lb open-window sacks loose sz A 1.40-1.50 mostly 1.40-1.45 occas 1.70 Local Repack U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags 2 1/4" min 8.00-9.00 mostly 8.50 occas higher Long White CA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A offerings insufficient to quote Purple Type CA U.S. One 50 lb cartons 1" min 50.00-55.00

mostly 50.00 WA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 40.00 1" min 55.00-60.00 mostly 55.00 Yellow Type Local Repack U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags sz A organic 28.00 Yukon Gold CA U.S. One 50 lb cartons 1" min no offerings CD Prince Edward Island Canada No. 150 lb cartons med-lge 19.00 50 lb sacks sz A 15.50-18.00 mostly 17.00 occas lower sz B no offerings lge 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00 occas higher med-lge 9.00-11.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 FL U.S. One 50 lb cartons Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 65.00 occas lower 50 lb sacks sz A 30.00-32.00 mostly 31.00 sz B 28.00-33.00 mostly 29.00 ME U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags sz A 10.00 WA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 25.00-26.00 mostly 26.00 sz B 28.00-29.00 mostly 29.00 occas lower 1" min 55.00-60.00 mostly 60.00 No Grade Marks 50 lb sacks sz A 12.00 Local Repack Yukon Gold U.S. One baled 10 5-lb film bags sz A 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.50

#### CHICAGO Cloudy 31-38

---POTATOES: MARKET STEADY. (including few Burbanks) Russet Norkotah ID U.S. One baled 5 10-lb film bags non sz A 10.50-11.50 baled 10 5-lb film bags non sz A 12.00-12.50 50 lb cartons 50s 13.00-13.50 60s 13.00-13.50 70s 13.00-13.50 80s 13.00-13.50 90s 13.00-13.50 100s 13.00-13.50 120s 13.00-13.50 U.S. Two 50 lb sacks 6 oz min 12.00 few lower Round Red FL U.S. One 50 lb cartons Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 50.00 occas lower 50 lb paper sacks sz A 16.00-18.00 sz B 23.00-25.00 few 22.00 MN baled 5 10-lb film bags non sz A 11.00-11.50 baled 10 5-lb film bags non sz A 11.50-12.00 occas lower MN/ND U.S. One 50 lb paper sacks sz A 12.00-12.50 few 10.50 sz B 16.00-18.00 some 15.00 WA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 20.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 few lower sz B

23.00-24.00 few 26.00 1" min 46.00-48.00 few 50.00 Round White FL U.S. One 50 lb cartons Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 60.00 50 lb sacks sz A 28.00-29.00 sz B 26.00 Yellow Type Yukon Gold CA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 26.00-28.00 occas lower sz B 23.00 occas lower

#### LOS ANGELES Fog 53-72

---POTATOES: OFFERINGS WHITE LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. Russet Burbank ID U.S. One baled 5 10-lb film bags non sz A 6.50-7.50 baled 10 5-lb film bags non sz A 8.00-8.50 50 lb cartons 40s 13.00 50s 13.00 60s 13.00 70s 13.00 80s 12.50 90s 12.00 100s 12.00 120s 12.00 Norkotah WA U.S. One baled 5 10-lb film bags non sz A 7.00-7.50 baled 10 5-lb film bags non sz A 8.00-8.50 50 lb cartons 40s 11.00-12.00 50s 11.00-12.00 60s 11.00-12.00 70s 11.00-12.00 80s 11.00-12.00 90s 10.50-11.00 100s 10.50-11.00 120s 9.50-10.50 Round Red FL U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz B 23.00 50 lb paper sacks sz A 24.00 WA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 14.00-16.00 fr appear 12.00-13.00 sz B 18.00-19.00 fr appear 14.00-15.00 1" min 42.00-45.00 Long White CA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 25.00-26.00 sz B 18.00-19.00 1" min 44.00-45.00 Purple Type WA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 24.00 sz B 22.00 Yellow Type Yukon Gold WA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 17.00-18.00 sz B 16.00-17.00 1" min 42.00-43.00

#### PHILADELPHIA Rain 36-68

---POTATOES: MARKET FL 50 LB SACK ROUND WHITES HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. WASHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. Russet Burbank ID U.S. One baled 10 5-lb sacks non sz A 12.00-12.50 mostly 12.00 50 lb cartons 40s 14.00 60s 14.50-15.00 70s 13.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 80s

13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00 90s 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00 100s 13.00-14.00 mostly 14.00 120s 14.00 Goldrush ME U.S. One 50 lb cartons 40s 11.00 70s 11.00 80s 11.00 90s 11.00 100s 10.50-11.00 Norkotah CD Prince Edward Island Canada No. 150 lb cartons 50s 10.00-12.00 60s 10.00-12.00 70s 10.00-12.00 80s 10.00-12.00 mostly 11.00 90s 10.00-12.00 100s 10.00-11.00 mostly 10.50-11.00 ME Canada No. 1 50 lb cartons 70s 10.00-12.00 80s 10.00-12.00 90s 10.00-12.00 100s 10.00-12.00 Round Red CD Quebec Canada No. 1 50 lb sacks sz A 10.00-11.00 sz B 11.00-12.00 mostly 11.00 MN/ND 50 lb sacks sz A fr qual 8.00 U.S. One 50 lb sacks sz A 11.00-12.00 mostly 12.00 Round White CD Prince Edward Island Canada No. 1 50 lb sacks sz A 7.50-8.00 mostly 8.00 lge 9.00-9.50 PA U.S. One 50 lb sacks sz A 9.00 lge 10.00 Purple Type OR U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 35.00 Yellow Type Yukon Gold CA U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 25.00 sz B 22.00 ID U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 21.00 NEW CROP Round Red FL U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 20.00-22.00 mostly 22.00 sz B 23.00-24.00 mostly 24.00 Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 45.00 50 lb sacks sz A 16.00-18.00 mostly 17.00 sz B 19.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-22.00 Round White FL U.S. One 50 lb cartons sz A 32.00 sz B 28.00-30.00 fr qual 10.00 Creamers 3/4-1 5/8" 50.00 50 lb sacks sz A 25.00-28.00 sz B 25.00-30.00

### Onion Prices Reach Record Highs

Onion prices have reached historical high levels according to prices as reported by the USDA Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service. Market News reported on March 13<sup>th</sup> that white onions from Mexico were \$55.00 per 50-pound bag at the crossing point on the Mexican border in South Texas. Mexico onions from the Tampico area are one of the main sources supplying the U.S. markets at this time of year, as supplies of domestic onions in storage begin to decline. The previous high price at shipping point as reported by Market News Service was \$40 in March of 1998.

Rain in the southern growing areas (Tampico, Mexico, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas) is the immediate culprit for the higher prices. Another reason for the current high prices was growers' reactions to the glut of onions in the 2004 storage crop. Prices from that large crop dropped to as low as \$2.00-2.50 per bag for jumbo yellow onions from the Idaho-Eastern Oregon shipping district in March of 2005. Growers reacted to these extremely low prices by reducing their onion production. Storage onion production was 50.3 million hundredweight (cwt) in both 2005 and 2006, which was 15% less than the burdensome 2004 crop of 58.8 million cwt, according to the National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS).

The weather problems leading to the current tight onion supplies and record high prices started with the heat of last summer, and other weather factors have continued to impact onion production and supplies.

Heat during the summer of 2006 shortened the San Joaquin Valley, Calif., summer crop and also affected the summer storage crops (which get marketed from August to the following April) in Idaho-Eastern Oregon, the Columbia Basin of Washington, the northern and eastern Colorado and Utah. The problems from the summer heat were compounded by problems with thrips. Thrips are tiny sucking insects that attack the plants and spread the Iris Yellow Spot Virus, which can limit bulb size and tonnage in onions.

As of March 13, 2007, jumbo yellow onion prices are \$35.00 per 50-pound bag in South Texas (for onions crossing from Mexico). The next highest price recorded in the Market News Service Portal (which has records back to 1998) for jumbo yellow onions was \$30 in March-April of 2003. Rains damaging the crops in Southern growing areas were the primary problem that year.

Unfavorable weather conditions impacted the onion growing areas during the planting season earlier and now with rains. Parts of Tampico growing regions received up to 2 ½ inches of rain Monday, March 12th. South Texas and Winter Garden Texas growing areas, which will start harvesting this spring, had experienced above average rainfall during planting. As a result, NASS estimates that Texas acreage of onions at 12,000 acres is down 32 percent from last year's total of 17,700 acres. Some of the Texas growing areas experienced cooler than normal temperatures which are expected to result in below normal yields. The early part of the onion crop in the Imperial Valley of California, which also supplies the spring market, was set back by January frosts.

