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## Supply and Demand Committee Meeting Summary

The UPGA Supply and Demand Committee held its monthly meeting on May 13, 2022 to review potato supply conditions throughout North America and revise its Shipping Forecast where needed. The May 1 potato stocks for co-op growing areas, as well as other information, were also reviewed to make the following revisions to the Shipping Forecast:

Shipping Area	Forecast (000 cwt)	Change from April	Change from 2020-21
Idaho	30,653	-231	-5,974
San Luis Valley	14,004	0	+396
Columbia Basin	5,797	0	-1,934
Wisconsin	6,849	0	+749
Red River Valley	2,600	-100	-259
Michigan	2,500	-100	+280
Imperial Valley	200	-50	-59
Other Areas	20,597	+1	+222
<b>US Total</b>	<b>83,200</b>	<b>-481</b>	<b>-6,579</b>
Imports from Canada	6,900	0	+564



**US fresh-potato shipments for the 2021-22 marketing year are forecast at 83,200 million cwt, 481,000 cwt less than the April forecast, and 6.579 million cwt short of 2020-21 marketing season shipments. The Committee expects imports from Canada to reach 6.900 million cwt for the 2021-22 marketing year.**

**Idaho:** The State had 13.218 million cwt of potatoes left in storage on May 1. Shipments from the 2021 crop, prior to May 1, totaled 22.466 million cwt. This is the State's smallest crop-year shipments, through April 30, since 2008. Idaho's April fresh potato shipments totaled 2.600 million cwt, down 642,000 cwt from a year earlier. UPGI is forecasting crop-year shipments from the 2021 crop at 30.396 million cwt based on a 60% packout rate for this year's remaining potatoes, 231,000 cwt less than the April forecast. Total marketing year shipments are forecast to fall 5.974 million cwt short of 2020-21 shipments, a 16.3% decline.

**San Luis Valley:** The Valley had 6.041 million cwt of potatoes in storage on May 1, 1.476 million cwt short of last year's record holdings, a 19.6% decline. Through April 30, the Valley had shipped 9.836 million cwt of potatoes, up 48,000 cwt from comparable shipments from the 2020 crop. UPGC's Supply & Demand Committee is forecasting 2021-crop fresh potato shipments at 14.000 million cwt, leaving 4.164 million cwt of potatoes to be shipped after April 30, which is down 3.1% from last year's late-season movement. During 2021, Valley packers shipped 3.820 million cwt of storage potatoes during the same timeframe, but with a substantially larger August carryover than is forecast for this year. The Shipping Forecast currently is projecting a 406,000-cwt August carryover.

**Columbia Basin:** The forecast for Columbia Basin shipments from the 2021 crop was held at 5.600 million cwt. The Basin had shipped 4.945 million cwt of potatoes through April 30, down 23.6% from last year. April shipments fell 15.2% short of last year's pace.

**Wisconsin:** The State's co-op reports that packers had

1.214 million cwt of potatoes left in storage on May 1, 202,000 cwt less than the May 2021 inventory. Through April 30, shipments have exceeded the 2020-21 pace by 790,000 cwt. The State's April shipments exceeded last year's pace by 35.4%. The forecast of crop-year shipments was held at 6.800 million cwt. The additional 49,000 cwt in marketing year shipments reflects an adjustment to the State's expected carryover.

**Red River Valley:** The forecast for 2021-crop shipments was trimmed to 2.600 million cwt. The Valley had 170,000 cwt of potatoes left on May 1, 180,000 cwt less than they had in storage a year earlier, and not quite enough potatoes to reach forecast movement.

**Michigan:** Based on slower than expected movement through April 30, the forecast of crop-year shipments was reduced by 100,000 cwt, to 2.500 million cwt.

**Imperial Valley:** The forecast for the Imperial Valley's marketing year shipments was reduced by 50,000 cwt, to 2.00 million cwt, due to the season's slow start and reports that yields are down for the 2022 crop.

**Other Areas:** All other growing areas are expected to ship a total of 20.597 million cwt of potatoes during the marketing year, 1,000 cwt more than the previous forecast for these areas and 222,000 cwt more than they shipped a year ago. This month's adjustment is for the end-of-season revision for Central Minnesota.

**Canada:** The forecast of imports from Canada was held at 6.900 million cwt for the year ending July 31. Through March 31, the US had imported 4.583 million cwt of fresh potatoes from Canada, down 3.6% from year-earlier imports. The country reported that it had 6.834 million cwt of fresh potatoes in storage on May 1, 2.633 million cwt more than the year-earlier inventory, a 62.6% increase. It is the largest inventory on record for this time of year but import demand from the US has been strong. PEI fresh potato shipments to the US have resumed. PEI held 2.876 million cwt of fresh potatoes on May 1, more than double the May 1, 2021 inventory.



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## 2022 Outlook

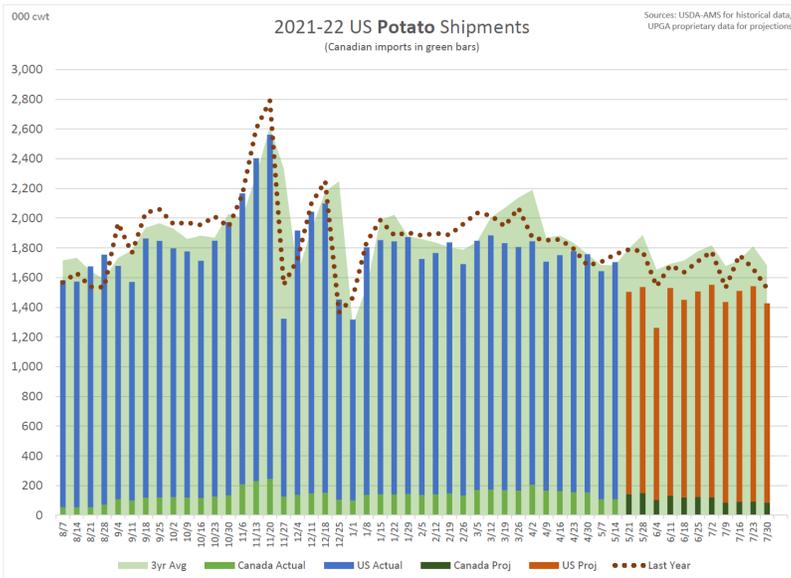
The Committee reviewed the 2022 potato acreage outlook in the major areas represented by United co-ops. Most growing areas are expecting little change in fresh potato acreage. Planting has been delayed by poor weather in several regions. In addition, cold weather has slowed crop development in most areas where growers have been able to plant on schedule. The outlook by growing area is as follows:

**Idaho:** Approximately 85%-95% of the State's potato crop has been planted. Crop development could be as much as two weeks behind due to colder than normal weather. Water is likely to be a challenge during the 2022 growing season. The Idaho Department of Water Resources has already notified groundwater pumpers in some areas of potential water curtailments.

**San Luis Valley:** Nearly all the Valley's potato crop has been planted. Temperatures have been hot during the day and often below freezing at night. Wind and dust have been worse this year than in the past. The San Luis Valley is experiencing a severe drought.

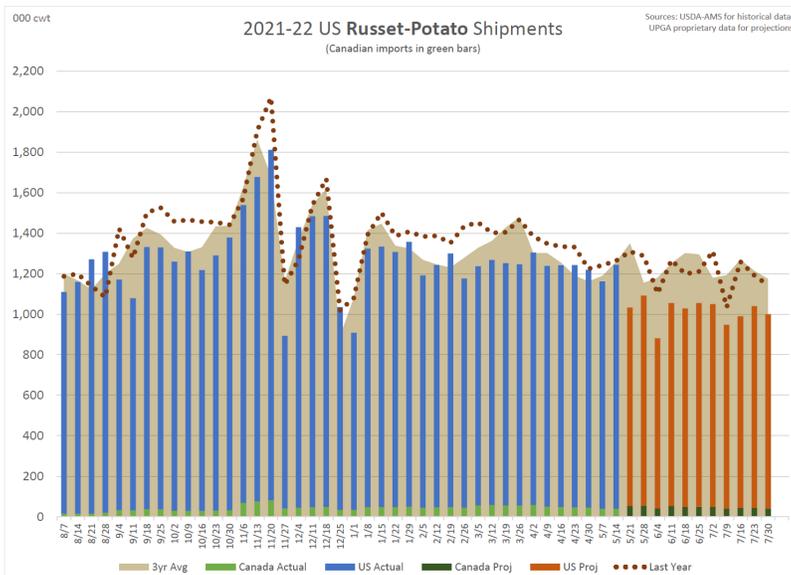
**Wisconsin:** Most of the potato crop has been planted in the Central Sands area. Planting is underway in other parts of the State. Overall, planting is approximately 7-10 days behind schedule.

**Red River Valley:** Flooding throughout the Valley this spring has not affected fresh potato acreage. Growers are waiting for temperatures to warm up and for the frost to leave the ground. The weather has been wet and cold. Some fresh potatoes growers are expected to begin planting this week.



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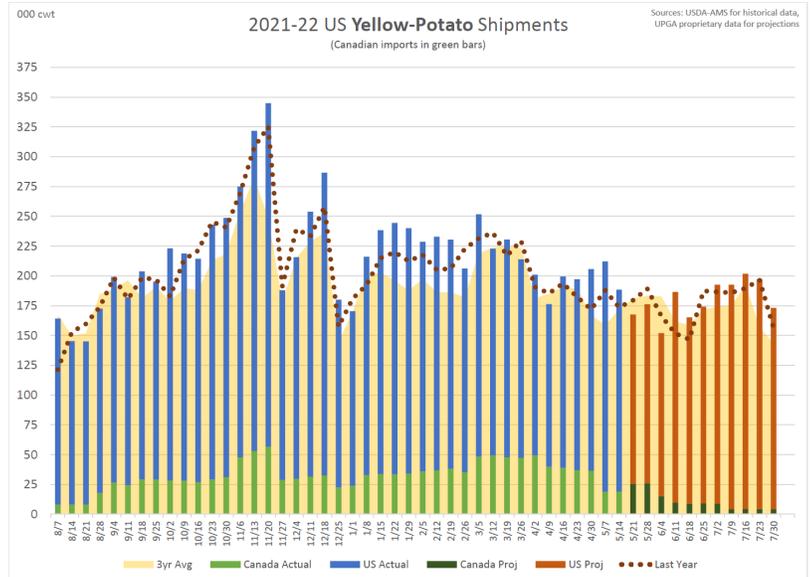
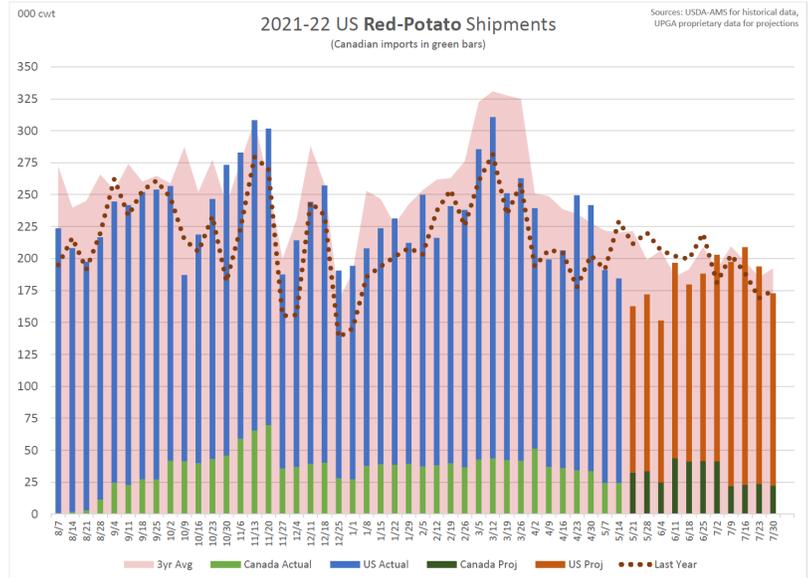


# Crop Transition Conference

**June 9-10, 2022**  
 Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 and on Zoom

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## In-Season Potato Protection

With potatoes mostly in the ground, it is time for growers to turn their attention to in-season disease control. The last thing a potato grower needs is to lose quality and yield with an onset of pest pressure. Whether you are combating diseases or insects it is crucial to get crop protection out on your fields, in a timely manner to best protect your potatoes.

If disease pressure is your biggest concern, like Black Dot, Early Blight, Late Blight, or Powdery Mildew, try a foliar application of AZterknot fungicide. A 3-in-1 biological + chemical + Allosperse fungicide, AZterknot combines the proven power of azoxystrobin and the plant health benefits of Reynoutria sachalinensis extract with the mixability of Allosperse. AZterknot is an excellent early season or late season application for growers that is cost effective and provides consistent results.

According to Jonathan Adamson, Western Region Sales Manager at Vive Crop Protection, “When growers are looking for disease control and plant health benefits to keep potatoes healthy and strong late into the season, they should look to a foliar application of AZterknot. In both research trials and from grower experience, we’ve seen that crops stay greener longer and have less disease later in the season.”

On the other hand, are yield-robbing nematodes your biggest pest? Apply a chemigation application of Averland FC nematicide/insecticide/miticide. Averland FC is great for nematode suppression when additional help is needed. Currently, many potato growers use Vydate® C-LV insecticide/nematicide through a chemigation system to suppress nematodes in-season, however Vydate C-LV is expensive and hazardous to handle. Trials have consistently shown that substituting Averland FC for two applications of Vydate C-LV improved overall suppression of nematodes. Along with the added suppression and a different mode of action, Averland FC is less money per acre compared to Vydate C-LV, keeping more money in your pocket.

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