FRESH PACK POTATO SYMPOSIUM

Symposium Program

NOVEMBER 17th 2026	
ACTIVITIES	**TIME**
Registration	08:00-09:00 am
Opening	09:00-09:10 am
Name: Gustavo Henrique Teixeira University of Idaho (U of I) Name: Shawn Boyle Idaho Grower Shippers Association (IGSA)	
Section I: Challenges for the internal market	
Every meal begins with TRUST Name: Wynn Peterson Walmart Fresh Produce	09:10-09:50 am
Consumer's requirements and trends Name: Nick Bartelme Institution: Potatoes USA	09:50-10:20 am
Break	10:20-11:00 am
Section II: Challenges for the export market	
Export market requirements for fresh-pack potatoes Name: Ross Johnson Institution: Idaho Potato Commission	11:00-11:30 am
Residual pesticides on potatoes Name: Alinne Oliveira Institution: Bryant Christie Inc.	11:30-12:00 pm
Lunch	12:00-01:00 pm
Section II: Production and management	
Fresh market traits for new varieties Name: Jonathan Whitworth Institution: ARS-USDA, Aberdeen	01:00-01:30 pm
Disease management for fresh potatoes: field, storage, and packing Name: Nora Olsen and Jeff Miller Institution: University of Idaho and Miller Research	01:30-02:00 pm
Break	02:30-03:00 pm
Section III: New technologies: packing-house and packaging	
Post-harvest storage solutions for the fresh pack industry Name: John Klimes Institution: Agri-Stor Companies	03:00-03:20 pm
Refrigerants in storage units Name: Ben Ingalls	03:20-03:40 pm

Institution: IVI Industrial Ventilation Inc.	
Modified atmosphere (MAP) design and packaging	
Name: Randolph Beaudry	03:40-04:10 pm
Institution: Michigan State University (MSU)	
Current research on potato coating	
Name: Sastry Jayanty	04:10-04:40 pm
Institution: Colorado State University (CSU)	
Section IV:	
Q & A Section	04:40-05:30 pm
Name: Nora Olsen, Jonathan Whitworth, Gustavo Teixeira	
Institution: University of Idaho, ARS-USDA.	
Event Reception‡	
Canyon Crest Event Center	06:00-09:00 pm

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ACTIVITIES	**TIME**
Technical tour – only 50 seats*	08:00-01:30 pm
Meeting point: Canyon Crest Event Center	08:00 am
Brent Funk Storages in Hansen, ID	08:30 – 09:30 am
Sun Valley Potatoes in Rupert, ID	10:10 – 11:10 am
Mart Produce in Rupert, ID	11:30 – 12:30 pm
Return to Canyon Crest Event Center	12:30 – 01:30 pm
End of the symposium	

‡*Included in the registration*. *Due to limitations regarding receiving a large group of people, the technical tour will only accommodate the first 50 attendees who express interest.

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