

I had the wonderful experience, in the past 6 weeks, to visit with many United members as I viewed their crops, studied their acreage records, and measured the majority of the fields with GPS.

Those selected for the "audit", if you want to call it that, were all of the Board of Directors and 25% of the remaining acreage. In total, I saw approximately 15,000 acres of potatoes from Blanca to Hooper to almost La Garita. There were not enough variances in the acreage reconciliations to even talk about.

The Valley's crop appears to be in good shape. I believe we'll have an adequate supply of high quality potatoes to deliver to the market at a reasonable price.

A big THANK YOU to all of the members who participated in this acreage study.

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**Harvest Is Just Around the Corner...**  
**...Let's have another SAFE season.**



The shipper appreciation golf tournament was held Friday, July 28 at the Rio Grande Club in South Fork. With so many summer events taking place that weekend, such as Stampede, some of our devoted shippers had other obligations. We hope it was a nice break and gave the sales staff a fresh outlook on the 2006 crop which will be running through warehouses soon.

Colorado State Fair, Pueblo August 25 – September 4