

North Dakota State Potato Council

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REPORT TO THE 2021 NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SENATE AND HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES

LEADERSHIP

The North Dakota State Potato Council is composed of one participating grower elected from each of five districts. The chairman is elected annually from among the members. Every elected council member must be a citizen of the state and resident of the participating grower in the district he represents. The term of each elected member is three years and begins on July first of the year of election. If at any time during a member's term he ceases to possess any of the qualifications, his office is deemed vacant and the council shall appoint another qualified participating grower for the remainder of the term. All such elections must be conducted in the month of June. No elected member of the council is eligible to serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

RELATED PARTIES

The Northern Plains Potato Growers Association located in East Grand Forks, Minnesota is a related party of the North Dakota State Potato Council. The Northern Plains Potato Growers Association contracts with the North Dakota State Potato Council to provide promotion, advertising, research and development of Irish potatoes grown in North Dakota. The Northern Plains Potato Growers Association is made up of nearly 400 growers and associate members.

SERVICES

Better methods of research, production, processing, marketing, advertising and promoting Irish potatoes grown in North Dakota are important to the general welfare of the people of the state of North Dakota. North Dakota is the fourth largest potato producing state in the United States and potato growers in our area live in a unique environment where we are able to produce four potato types, seed, fresh table, chipping and fry potato products. Most of the fresh table, chipping and seed potatoes are grown in non-irrigated conditions in rich black clay soils. Processing potatoes, along with some chip and some seed potatoes are produced under irrigation on sandy soils within our region.

A top priority of the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association and the North Dakota State Potato Council is providing quality research. Providing research for producers on control of insects, weeds and diseases, as well as better cultural and storage practices. Provide market information to producers so that they may more profitably sell their crop. Provide advertising and promotion for better identification of North Dakota products.

FUNDING

Currently, an assessment rate of three and a half cents per hundredweight is levied and imposed upon all potatoes grown in the state of North Dakota or sold to a designated handler. Growers may claim a refund on their assessments paid to the Council by writing two letters of his intention not to participate.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Andy Moquist – Crystal, ND	District I
Nick Desautel – Grafton, ND	District II
Kameron Collette – Grafton, ND	District III
Michael Hoverson – Larimore, ND	District IV & Chairman
Corrie Enander – Grenora, ND	District V
Diane Peycke, Grand Forks, ND	Exe. Director (218) 773-3633

NORTH DAKOTA STATE POTATO COUNCIL
Grand Forks, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF PROJECTED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
For the Two-Year Period Ended June 30, 2020
(UNAUDITED)

Prepared by the North Dakota State Potato Council

	2019-2021 <u>Biennium</u>	Projected 2021-2023 <u>Biennium</u>
REVENUES:		
Potato Assessments	\$ 1,154,727	\$ 1,250,000
Less Refunds	- 9,106	- 20,000
Interest Income	<u>5,137</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 1,150,758	\$ 1,236,000
EXPENDITURES:		
Audit	\$ 6,188	\$ 8,000
Liability Insurance	1,370	1,800
Misc. Contractual Fee	1,033,949	1,100,000
Office Supplies/Postage	312	1,000
Travel	936	1,000
Utilities	<u>1,499</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,044,254</u>	<u>\$ 1,113,800</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 106,504</u>	<u>\$ 122,200</u>