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*News from Northland Potato Growers Association
Serving the potato industry in North Dakota and Northwest Minnesota.*

Potatoes USA Exec Committee Visits the Region



Nine members of the Potatoes USA Executive Committee, including Leah Halverson from Grand Forks, toured our region last week. Other members from around the country included Chairman Shelley Olsen and Dennis Wright, both from Washington, Mike Carter and Wendy Dykstra from Wisconsin, Trevor Belnap and Steve Effering from Idaho, Ed Staunton from California and Dave Masser from Pennsylvania. Potatoes USA staff members Blair Richardson, Chelsea Gray and Erin Christian led the tour.

Stops included the RDO corporate office in Fargo, the Hoverson Farm at Larimore, H&S FreshPak in Hoople, Black Gold in Grand Forks, the Dagen Farm at Karlstad, MN, the RDO farm at Park Rapids, the Shearer Foods at Perham and the Ewing's at Big Lake before departing from Minneapolis.

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Below you will find some photos from their visit to the area.



Casey Hoverson briefs the group on their farm operation.



Blair Richardson chats with Sara and Casey Hoverson on a field tour.



Above: T J Hall gives a wash plant tour at H&S FreshPak in Hoople. **Right:** Mike Brue snaps a group photo in a Halls potato field.



Left: Blair Richardson from Potatoes USA visits with Eric Halverson at the Black Gold office. **Above:** The grower outreach gathering at Gregg Halverson's home in Grand Forks.



Shelley Olsen checks out seed samples at the Dagen Farm.



Blair Richardson visits with Sander Dagen.



New storage under construction at the Offutt Farm near Park Rapids.



A field tour at the Offutt Farm.



Group photo 1 at the Shearer Foods snack producing plant in Perham, MN.



Group 2 photo at the Shearer plant.