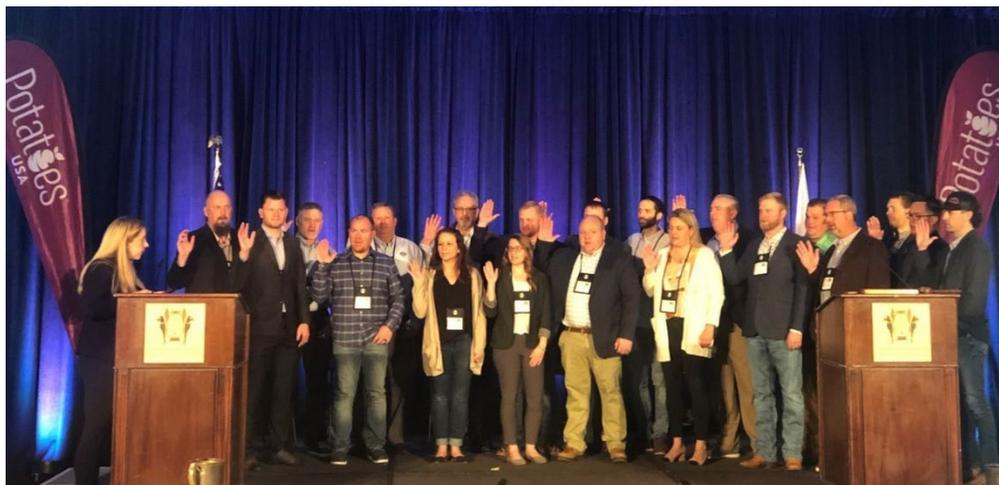


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Alex Caryl from USDA swears in Potatoes USA Board members during the Board's annual meeting

USDA swears in 33 members to Potatoes USA's Board

Denver (April 5, 2022) – On March 8, 2022, the Department of Agriculture swore in 33 members to Potatoes USA's Board during its Annual Meeting.

This year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture appointed 13 new members and reappointed 20 members to the Board to serve three-year terms. They were sworn in by Alex Caryl, Branch Chief of the Market Development Division of the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service's Specialty Crops Program.

Each year, Board Members are nominated by the industry and are then appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Potatoes USA's Board has 104 members this year, consisting of growers, importers, and one public member.

New Board Members

Kurtis Crapo, Idaho;
Eric Jensen, Idaho;
Jordan Johns, Idaho;
Alison Sklarczyk, Michigan;
Erwin J. Styma, Michigan;
Peter A. Ewing, Minnesota;
Jocelyn Schlichting, Minnesota;
Martin H. Kimm, Montana;
Kory Hansen, Oregon;
Matthew Linehan, Vermont;

Jennifer Bunger, Washington;
Andrew Hyer, Washington; and
Norbert Bomm, Illinois.

Reappointed Members

Ed Staunton, California;
Les Alderete, Colorado;
Bevan Lenz, Colorado;
Jason Tillman, Colorado;
Tyson Funk, Idaho;
Taylor Grant, Idaho;

Braden R. Lake, Idaho;
Rick S. Miller, Idaho;
Adam Nielsen, Idaho;
Jeff VanOrden, Idaho;
Colin Szawlowski, Massachusetts;
Leah Halverson, North Dakota;
Nathan Bender, Nevada;

Luke Robison, Oregon;
Benjamin Zechmann, South Dakota;
Daniel Gundersen, Washington;
Rod Schutte, Washington;
Samueal Stahl, Washington;
Marvin Wollman, Washington; and
Jon Gay, West Virginia.

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About Potatoes USA

Potatoes USA is the national marketing and promotion Board for the 2,000 potato farming families operating in the United States. Potatoes USA, the largest vegetable commodity board, was established in 1971 by potato farmers to promote the benefits of eating potatoes. For more information on Potatoes USA's mission to "Strengthen Demand for Potatoes," visit PotatoesUSA.com.

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