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# U.S. Fresh Potatoes Begin Export To Mexico

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## Program Update

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Mexico's national plant protection organization (SENASICA) announce that the United States has begun exporting potatoes beyond the 26-kilometer border zone that previously marked the limit of their export. The two countries reached an agreement late last year to expand that market access for U.S. potatoes, something that the United States has sought for more than 25 years.

"Through this accomplishment, we are delivering better markets for U.S. farmers, supporting economic growth, and providing access to our southern neighbors to the high-quality and safe products our farmers work hard every day to grow and sustain. USDA will continue to fight for new and expanded markets for American products as we help the nation build back better," said U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

The U.S. potato industry estimates that this access for U.S. fresh potatoes to all of Mexico will provide a market potential of \$250 million per year, in five years. This is an increase of \$190 million from the current export value of \$60 million.