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OREGON POTATO INDUSTRY MEMBERS JOIN TOGETHER TO FUND A FULL TIME PROFESSORSHIP AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

CORVALLIS, Oregon – November 17, 2012 – Marty Myers Chairman and Bill Brewer, President & CEO of the Oregon Potato Commission along with Dan Chin, Commissioner Representative Klamath District and Dan Walchli, Commissioner Representative Hermiston – Blue Mountain District; presented a check for \$168,000 to Dr. Dan Arp, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Oregon State University (OSU); Dr. Russell Karow, Head of the Crop and Soil Science Department OSU and Dr. Sabah Randhawa OSU Foundation Provost this Saturday.



The \$168,000 check represents the intent of the Oregon Potato Industry to contribute a total of \$500,000 to the OSU Foundation before 2017. This money along with a Provost Endowed Faculty match will fund an endowment that will support a perpetual Potato Research/Extension Endowed Professorship at OSU.

With the recent 14% budget reductions required at OSU departments and experiment stations, this timely endowed professorship will ensure potato research, extension and education will continue at the University's College of Agricultural Science.

Any potato industry professionals interested in supporting the endowment can contact Bill Brewer for details.

About the Oregon Potato Commission

The Oregon Potato Commission was formed in 1949 to represent the state's five potato growing regions (Blue Mountain, Central Oregon, Klamath, Malheur and Willamette Valley) in educational, trade development, research, legislative affairs, and public relations activities. Development of sales and markets for Oregon's potato crop is one of the Commission's roles. Programs are designed to improve Oregon's market share in-state and in other prominent West Coast markets. Export markets for processed potato products and, increasingly, fresh potatoes and raw product are also included in market development and promotional programs in the Pacific Rim and other market areas. The Commission's largest focus is on a series of ongoing research programs in cooperation with Oregon State University. The results of these programs place Oregon among the top in the United States in potato production volume and yield per acre. For more information, visit www.OregonSpuds.com.

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