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Pickers May Pick Up Some Cold Cash



Weather certainly has taken a toll on the potato farming business. The excess snow and rains this spring caused a lot of potato farmers to scratch their heads and wonder when they would ever get their potatoes planted. C-W Valley Coop is the proud event sponsor of this event.

Potato Days Board has been able to partner with R.D. Offutt Company in Park

Rapids, Minnesota to locate enough potatoes for all of the events.

There is no entry fee for the event. Pickers may choose to bring their own baskets or baskets will be available

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at the event. Registration will be limited to the first 12 contestants. Entries will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the event. \$250 will be awarded to the first finisher,

\$150 for second place, \$75 for third place, \$25 for fourth place and \$10 for fifth place.

For the older generation this is a time to reminisce and also to let the younger

generation experience how potato picking was done long before the machines took over. It is back-breaking work!

The rules for today's Potato Picking contest are the same as those used in 1938 when Barnesville was the site of the National Potato Picking contest. Men and women will choose their rows and pick as many potatoes as they can, by hand.

Past Winners Of The Potato Picking Contest

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| 1994 | Willie Kahler |
| 1995 | Kelly Peppel |
| 1996 | Doug Schenck |
| 1997 | Doug Schenck |
| 1998 | Harold Schenck |
| 1999 | Clay Schenck |
| 2000 | Clay Schenck and Louella Lovato |
| 2001 | Doug Schenck and Laura Johnson |
| 2002 | Louella Lovato and Doug Schenck |
| 2003 | Tie-Doug Schenck, Elmer Peterson and Louella Lovato |
| 2004 | Wayne Nosal |
| 2005 | Wayne Nosal |
| 2006 | Clay Schenck |
| 2007 | Kelly Peppel |
| 2008 | Kelly Peppel |
| 2009 | Elmer Peterson |
| 2010 | Kelly Peppel |
| 2011 | Brent Maesse |
| 2012 | Brent Maesse |
| 2013 | Brent Maesse |
| 2014 | Brent Maesse |
| 2015 | Brent Maesse |
| 2016 | Trevor Nelson |
| 2017 | Barney Czech |

