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## I am a Vegetable...Not Really

*What Is a Potato?*

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*Administrator*

As was stated by a famous Toy Story movie star, Mr. Potato Head, "I am only a vegetable. " The State of Idaho did join in with declaring the potato the state vegetable. A potato is a tuber that grows underground. Potatoes are known for their starch content.

Potatoes are cooked in a variety of ways. Popular items are potato chips and fries. There are other ways to serve them though. Potatoes are baked, mashed, boiled, grilled, stewed and made into potato salad. Time and time again the variety of methods to enjoy this crop continue to this date.

### More Spud Information

Potatoes were grown in Idaho as early as 1838. This would be in  
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## Professor Beatrice Beehive

*Field trip coordinator and more*

**Erin**

*Administrator*

Once upon a time there was a more than average tuber who wanted to get out of the farmer's field and into the field of education. Yes, it is our spokes spud. Prof. B. She has been

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### The Triops Project

What is a triops and why did it become a project? Well a triops is a member of the crustacean and is a branchiopoda. These little aquatic creatures breathe with their feet. As part of the science portion of the museum several kits have been purchased and this is one of them that was tried.

Currently, these creatures inhabit a ten-gallon aquarium. More photos will be available on the website soon.

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*Professor Beatrice Beehive*

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Southern Idaho though. Northern Idaho has been mostly known for timber and mining and less for farming attributes.

Two thirds of the potato crop now comes from Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Colorado and Maine in the United States. Idaho still maintains the Famous Potato standard on its license plates.

Here is a list of some varieties of potatoes.

- Anya
- Arran Victory
- Atlantic
- Belle de Fontenay
- BF-15
- Bintje
- Cabritas
- Camota
- Chelina
- Chiloé<sup>[64]</sup>
- Cielo
- Clavela Blanca
- Désirée
- Fianna
- Fingerling
- Flava
- Golden Wonder
- Jersey Royal
- Kerr's Pink
- Kestrel
- King Edward
- Kipfler
- Lady Balfour
- Maris Piper
- Nicola
- Pachacoña
- Pink Eye
- Pink Fir Apple
- Primura
- Red Norland
- Red Pontiac
- Rooster
- Russet Burbank
- Russet Norkotah
- Shepody
- Spunta
- Vivaldi
- Yukon Gold

Some of these potatoes are white inside with the standard brown colored skin. Please be aware that they could be red, yellow, blue, purple or a blend of these attributes. The skins also may vary in color. Much research is still being done on this wonderful plant. Thus it is a tuber and not a vegetable. It does have some vitamins and minerals but is full of starch. ❖

touring North Idaho recently and preparing her pictures for display on the website. The Silver Valley of North Idaho has been her main discovery zone. SO many pictures were taken we could not fit them all online.

Please keep checking for new views and more places to be visited. Prof. B is glad winter arrived so she could take a break and have time to prepare her pictures for you to take a look.

There is more excitement ahead as plans come together for the next stops on her tour of the region. Be assured there will be some surprises as well. ❖

### More about the Museum Staff

Regrettably, since everyone was very busy, the interviews for the museum staff were not completed. Next issue will have at least one interview. Please accept our apologies for this inconvenience. ❖

### Newsletter Changes

After much discussion, we have decided to have the newsletter be prepared twice a year instead of quarterly. Another feature will be added to the website to inform of any special updates. The calendar access will be available in the next few weeks. ❖

## FUTURE ARTICLES

We will be introducing you to the Idaho State Gem and other Field Trip Events next Newsletter. A newsletter for June will be completed and then the Tuber Times will only be offered in June and January.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NO CURRENT SPECIAL EVENTS AS OF TODAY

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