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MONTE VISTA, COLORADO

June 14 - 1947

Miss Laura Gilpin
Santa Fe N.M.

Dear Miss Gilpin

I received your letter of May 29 asking
for a little information about our potato
deal in the San Luis Valley

The entire harvesting of potatoes is done by
machinery except the picking this is done by
hand, a power sifter can handle seven good picks
it takes ~~two~~ ^{three} men to grade and 1 man to run
the rocks and three men to haul the potatoes
to car or storage as you know all the potatoes
are sacked in the field, that 100 lb sacks

As to the average yield its hard to say the
field you took of ^{our} the Son irrigating run 400 x
Per acre I would guess the average yield in
the Valley around two hundred sacks

Now about the irrigation when we have
plenty of water we sub irrigate, that raising the
water level high enough to feed the plants from
the bottom, last year we was short water and now
we had
irrigate that has to be done about every two week
or five times during growing season

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The acreage in the Vally is around ³⁵⁰⁰⁰ acres
Rio Grande County having 20,000 of the total
acreage or better than half

I hope this gives you the information you
need if there is any thing else you want
I would be glad to furnish it if possible
Dont forget we have wonderful fishing and
a real summer climate. if you get up
in this part of the County drop in
and see us.

Yours Truly
Raymond Metz

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