



Caption: The potato plays an important role in contemporary Quechua cultural traditions. In traditional rural Andean communities, when a couple wants to get married, the man's mother presents the prospective daughter-in-law with a potato named for its ability to "make women cry." The daughter-in-law must carefully peel the knobby tuber. If she removes more skin than is necessary, she will not be allowed to marry the woman's son. Photo by Doug McMains, NMAI, 2014.