

1994-crop raw cane sugar shall be 18.00 cents per pound. The national (weighted-average) loan rate for 1993-crop refined beet sugar shall be 23.62 cents per pound and for 1994-crop refined beet sugar shall be 23.43 cents per pound.

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 31, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Colacicco, Consolidated Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415, telephone 202-720-7788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be economically significant and was reviewed by OMB under Executive Order 12866.

Final Regulatory Impact Analysis

The Final Regulatory Impact Analysis describing the impact of implementation of this rule is available on request from the above-named individual.

Federal Assistance Program

The title and number of the federal assistance program, as found in the catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance, to which this final rule applies are Commodity Loans and Purchases—10.051.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

It has been determined that the Regulatory Flexibility Act is not applicable because the CCC is not required by 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other provision of law to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to the subject matter of this rule.

Environmental Evaluation

An Environmental Evaluation with respect to the price-support loan program has been completed. It has been determined that this action will not adversely affect environmental factors such as wildlife habitat, water quality, air quality, land use, and appearance. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

Executive Order 12372

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. See the Notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115 (June 24, 1983).

Paperwork Reduction Act

The amendments to 7 CFR part 1435 set forth in this final rule do not contain information collections that require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 35).

Executive Order 12778

This final rule has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12778. The provisions of this final rule: preempt State laws to the extent such laws are inconsistent with the provisions of this final rule; are not retroactive; and are not subject to administrative appeal remedies.

Background

This final rule amends 7 CFR part 1435 to set forth the 1993 and 1994 national price-support levels for use in administering CCC sugar price-support programs. Section 206 of the 1949 Act provides that the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) shall support the price of the 1991 through 1997 domestically grown crops of sugarcane and sugar beets through nonrecourse loans. Section 206 further provides that the Secretary shall support the price of domestically grown sugarcane at such level as the Secretary determines appropriate, but not less than 18 cents per pound for raw cane sugar, and that the Secretary shall support the price of domestically grown sugar beets at such a level that reflects an amount that bears the same relation to the support level for sugarcane as the weighted average of producer returns for sugar beets bears to the weighted average of producer returns for sugarcane for the most recent 5-year period for which data are available, plus an amount that covers sugar beet processor fixed marketing expenses.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1435

Loan programs/agriculture, Price-support programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sugar.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 1435 is amended as follows:

PART 1435—SUGAR

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1435 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1421, 1423, 1446g; 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c.

2. Section 1435.4 is amended by redesignating paragraph (c) as paragraph (e) and adding new paragraphs (c) and (d) to read as follows:

§ 1435.4 Method of support and loan rates.

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(c) The basic (weighted average) loan rates for the 1993 crops of domestically grown:

(1) Sugarcane shall be 18 cents per pound of raw cane sugar; and

(2) Sugar beets shall be 23.62 cents per pound of refined beet sugar.

(d) The basic (weighted average) loan rates for the 1994 crops of domestically grown:

(1) Sugarcane shall be 18 cents per pound of raw cane sugar; and

(2) Sugar beets shall be 23.43 cents per pound of refined beet sugar.

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Signed in Washington, DC, on January 26, 1995.

Grant Buntrock,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 51

[Docket No. 94-093-2]

Brucellosis in Cattle and Bison; Payment of Indemnity

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that increased the amount of Federal indemnity for brucellosis reactor and brucellosis-exposed cattle and bison destroyed during herd depopulation, and that increased the amount of Federal indemnity for cattle and bison destroyed after being sold or traded from a herd subsequently found to be affected with brucellosis. These actions were necessary to give owners sufficient financial incentive to promptly destroy brucellosis-affected cattle and bison, in order to accelerate the eradication of brucellosis in the United States and to protect other cattle and bison from brucellosis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 2, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. M. J. Gilsdorf, National Brucellosis Epidemiologist, Cattle Diseases and Surveillance Staff, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, P.O. Drawer 810, Riverdale, MD 20738. The telephone number for the agency contact will change when agency offices in Hyattsville, MD, move to Riverdale, MD, during February 1995. Telephone: (301) 436-4918 (Hyattsville); (301) 734-7708 (Riverdale).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective and published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 1994 (59 FR 52233-52235, Docket No. 94-093-1), we amended the regulations regarding payment of indemnity in 9 CFR part 51 to increase the amount of Federal indemnity for brucellosis reactor and brucellosis-exposed cattle and bison destroyed during herd depopulation, and to increase the amount of Federal indemnity for cattle and bison destroyed after being sold or traded from a herd that is subsequently found to be affected with brucellosis.

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before December 16, 1994. We did not receive any comments. The facts presented in the interim rule still provide a basis for the rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12778, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 51

Animal diseases, Cattle, Hogs, Indemnity payments, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

PART 51—ANIMALS DESTROYED BECAUSE OF BRUCELLOSIS

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 9 CFR part 51 and that was published at 59 FR 52233-52235 on October 17, 1994.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 111-113, 114, 114a, 114a-1, 120, 121, 125, and 134b; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.51, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of January 1995.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Environment, Safety and Health

10 CFR Part 602

Epidemiology and Other Health Studies Financial Assistance Program

AGENCY: Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environment, Safety and Health (EH) is issuing a rule to implement an Epidemiology and Other Health Studies Financial Assistance Program. The rule will support EH use of financial assistance awards when they are the appropriate instruments for programmatic activities. The rule will also facilitate a fully open and competitive process for obtaining financial assistance awards. This action is taken to support EH's mission to protect the health of DOE workers, as well as other individuals associated with energy production, transmission, and use.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The final rule is effective March 2, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Heather Stockwell, Acting Director, Office of Epidemiology and Health Surveillance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585; facsimile: 301-903-4677; telephone: 301-903-3721.

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I. Introduction

DOE is amending chapter II of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) by adding a new part 602 for use of financial assistance awards to support the EH program of epidemiology and other health-related research. EH health-related financial assistance awards previously were made under provisions of the generally applicable DOE Financial Assistance Rules (10 CFR part 600). Part 600 provides basic DOE procedures for the award and

administration of financial instruments, but does not contain program-specific requirements for particular types of financial assistance awards. Part 602 builds on and supplements part 600 by describing the special needs and requirements of the EH Epidemiologic and Other Health Studies Financial Assistance Program. Because the rules work together, it is necessary to refer to both part 600 and this proposal to obtain a comprehensive picture of program procedures. The rule, in conjunction with part 600, provides a framework for an ongoing, comprehensive program for the receipt, review, and evaluation of award applications, and provides specific guidance for pre- and post-award administration. A discussion of the major provisions of the rule, organized by rule section, follows.

II. Discussion of Comments on Proposed Rule

DOE issued a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 1993, [58 FR 53671] to amend existing regulation 10 CFR part 600 to support EH use of financial assistance awards when they are the appropriate instruments for programmatic activities. The proposed rule was to also facilitate a fully open and competitive process for obtaining financial assistance awards. Comments were requested through November 17, 1993. DOE received written comments from two university research administration offices.

One commentator stated that the proposed rules appear reasonable and expressed willingness to work productively with DOE. The other commentator expressed concern about EH having a financial assistance rule separate from other DOE program offices. The correspondent noted that Federal agencies are now required to eliminate unnecessary internal management regulations and questioned the need for the proposed EH rule. The commentator urged DOE to withdraw the proposed rule and to administer the Epidemiology and Other Health Studies Financial Assistance Program under the existing Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Rule (10 CFR part 605). Noting that the proposed rule is similar to 10 CFR part 605, the commentator suggested that EH issue annual program announcements under that existing rule.

DOE has decided not to withdraw the rule for three reasons. First, DOE needs program-specific financial assistance rules to address unique mission requirements. Section 602.5, for example, describes specific EH program areas. Focusing upon the health of the