

Proposed Rules

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 905

[Docket No. FV95-905-1]

Referendum Order for Marketing Order No. 905 Covering Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Referendum order.

SUMMARY: This document directs that a referendum be conducted among eligible producers of Florida citrus fruit to determine whether they favor continuance of the marketing order regulating the handling of oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, and tangelos grown in the production area.

DATES: The referendum will be conducted from October 1 through October 31, 1995. To vote in this referendum, growers must have been producing Florida citrus during the period August 31, 1994, through September 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the marketing order may be obtained from the office of the referendum agent at P.O. Box 276, Winter Haven, Florida, 33883-2276, or the Office of the Docket Clerk, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525-S, Washington, DC, 20090-6456; telephone (202) 720-5053.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Marketing Order No. 905 [7 CFR part 905], hereinafter referred to as the "order" and the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended [7 U.S.C. 601-674], hereinafter referred to as the "Act", it is hereby directed that a referendum be conducted to ascertain whether continuance of the order is favored by the producers. The referendum shall be conducted during the period October 1, through October 31, 1995, among Florida citrus producers in the production area. Only producers that were engaged in the production of Florida citrus during the period of August 31, 1994, through September 1, 1995, may participate in the continuance referendum.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that continuance referenda are an effective means for ascertaining whether producers favor continuation of marketing order programs. The Secretary would consider termination of the order if less than two-thirds of the producers voting in the referendum and producers of less than two-thirds of the volume of Florida citrus represented in the referendum favor continuance. In evaluating the merits of continuance versus termination, the Secretary will not only consider the results of the continuance referendum. The Secretary will also consider other relevant information concerning the operation of the order; the order's relative benefits and disadvantages to producers, handlers, and consumers; and whether continued operation of the order would tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

In any event, section 8c(16)(B) of the Act requires the Secretary to terminate an order whenever the Secretary finds that a majority of all producers affected by the order favor termination, and such majority produced for market more than 50 percent of the commodity covered under such order.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 [44 U.S.C. chapter 35], the ballot materials used in the referendum herein ordered have been submitted to and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and have been assigned OMB No. 0581-0094 for Florida citrus. It has been estimated that it will take an average of 10 minutes for each of the approximately 11,970 producers of

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Florida citrus to cast a ballot. Participation is voluntary. Ballots postmarked after October 31, 1995 will not be included in the vote tabulation.

Doris Jamieson and Christian D. Nissen of the Southeast Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, are hereby designated as the referendum agents of the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct such referendum. The procedure applicable to the referendum shall be the "Procedure for the Conduct of Referenda in Connection With Marketing Orders for Fruit, Vegetables, and Nuts Pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as Amended" [7 CFR Part 900.400 et. seq.]

Ballots will be mailed to all producers of record and may also be obtained from the referendum agents.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 905

Grapefruit, Marketing agreements, Oranges, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Tangerines, and Tangelos.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

Dated: April 13, 1995.

Patricia Jensen,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 308, 310, 318, 320, 325, 326, 327, and 381

[Docket No. 95-014N]

Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems—Notice of Scientific/Technical Conference

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will hold a scientific/technical conference, "An Evaluation of the Role of Microbiological Criteria in Establishing Food Safety Performance Standards in Meat and Poultry Products," on May 18-19, 1995, at the Georgetown University Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, Washington, DC. The purpose of the conference is to explore scientific issues related to