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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration; Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In response to the need for advice on concentration and vertical integration in the agricultural sector, the Secretary of Agriculture established an advisory committee on agricultural concentration. The purpose of the committee is to provide advice regarding whether agricultural concentration exists and if so, the causes and effects of such concentration. Further, the committee is to provide advice related to the need for new legislation.

DATES: The second meeting of this committee will be Monday, March 25, at 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 1996. The Committee has set aside Monday, March 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. to hear public views. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes; written statements may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn at St. Louis Airport, 9600 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63164.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested parties wishing to provide oral or written statements should contact Barbara Claffey, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, at (202) 720-4276. Written statements may be mailed to Room 3069 South Bldg., 14th & Independence Ave S.W., Washington, D.C. 20096-6456. Written statements up to 10 pages in length may also be faxed, to the attention of Barbara Claffey, (202) 205-8023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the committee is to make

findings and recommendations regarding the need for modification of laws to address any identified concentration or vertical integration in the agricultural sector, regarding the adequacy of price discovery or reporting in the livestock and poultry industries, regarding any necessary modification to departmental programs in order to address concentration, and regarding actions to take to ensure adequate rail car availability throughout the year.

The committee consists of 21 members including: a Chairperson; two Vice Chairpersons; nine representatives of producers from the cattle, hog, lamb, poultry, and grain sectors; two representatives of packers and processors from the livestock, poultry, and grain sectors; two representatives of shippers, handlers, and transporters consisting of one each from grain elevator and railroad sectors; one representative of the retailing sector; one individual with expertise in economics, competition, and/or finance; and three representatives of State government.

The committee is in the public interest in connection with the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture. Concentration in the agricultural sector is receiving increased attention in terms of its effect throughout the entire food industry.

Dated: March 5, 1996.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-007-1]

National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee; Notice of Solicitation for Membership

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that we anticipate renewing the National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee for a 2-year period. The Secretary is soliciting nominations for membership for this Committee.

DATES: Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before April 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Nominations received should be addressed to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bill Clay, Director, Operational Support Staff, ADC, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-7921 or e-mail: A347ADCOSS@ATTMAIL.COM.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee (Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Animal Damage Control (ADC) program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the ADC program to have a voice in the program's policies.

The Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members.

Terms will expire for the current members of the Committee in June 1996. We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals to replace members on the Committee. An organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership. The Secretary will select members to obtain the broadest possible representation on the Committee, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regulation 1041-1. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Done in Washington, DC, this 4th day of March 1996.

Lonnie J. King,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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