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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-97-01]

#### Public Hearing Regarding Establishment of a New Tobacco Auction Market

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing regarding an application to combine the Tabor City and Whiteville, North Carolina, tobacco markets.

*Date:* November 6, 1996.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. local time.

*Place:* Dales Family Seafood and Steakhouse, 100 701 Bypass, Tabor City, North Carolina.

*Purpose:* To hear testimony and to receive evidence regarding an application for tobacco inspection and price support services to a new market, which would be a consolidation of the currently designated markets of Tabor City and Whiteville, North Carolina. The application was made by Donald B. Watson, H.B. Buffkin, Jr., and Joey E. Coleman, warehousemen, Tabor City Tobacco Market, Tabor City, North Carolina; and Emory Smith, Dial Gray, Jack Cox, Wayne Miller, J.T. Smith and J.D. Gore, warehousemen, Whiteville Tobacco Market, Whiteville, North Carolina.

This public hearing will be conducted pursuant to the joint policy statement and regulations governing the extension of tobacco inspection and price support services to new markets and to additional sales on designated markets (7 CFR §§ 29.1 through 29.3), issued under the Tobacco Inspection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 511 *et seq.*) and the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 714 *et seq.*).

Dated: October 24, 1996.

Kenneth C. Clayton,  
*Acting Administrator.*

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### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Disaster Reserve Assistance Program

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is announcing the availability of assistance under the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program to relieve the distress of livestock producers whose production of livestock feed has been adversely affected by natural disasters.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority set forth in section 813(c) of the Agricultural Act of 1970, as amended, it has been determined that:

1. Severe and prolonged drought conditions and other natural disasters adversely affecting livestock producers across the country warrant implementing a Disaster Reserve Assistance Program to alleviate the distress caused by natural disaster conditions.

2. Given the need to act expeditiously, the terms and conditions setting forth the suspended Emergency Livestock Assistance Program in 7 CFR Part 1439 will be used to administer the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program. The following list explains how the provisions of 7 CFR Part 1439 will apply to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program:

Section 1439.1. The Disaster Reserve Assistance Program shall provide feed assistance to livestock owners only in a county where a livestock feed emergency has been determined to exist.

Section 1439.2. All provisions of this section are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.3. For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, feed available means the owner's current year feed production available anytime during the feeding period. Feeding period means for all livestock (except fish for food) the period beginning and ending on the date determined according to the following conditions.

The period shall begin on: (1) the first day of the 1996 crop year in counties approved and contiguous for 1995 or 1996 Livestock Feed Program and in counties in which natural disaster conditions existed before the beginning of the 1996 crop year, if natural disaster conditions are continuing; or (2) the date the producer filed an application, for progressive natural disaster, such as drought, in counties where the occurrence began or became apparent after the beginning of the 1996 crop year; or (3) the date of the occurrence for sudden natural disasters, such as tornados, earthquakes, etc., that occurred after the beginning of the 1996 crop year.

Section 1439.4 (a). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, requests submitted by a county committee for a livestock feed emergency determination must be submitted to the State committee and must contain: (1) for counties approved or contiguous to an approved county for 1995 or 1996 Livestock Feed Program: (a) a report of existing feed production conditions, and (b) a certification by the county committee and a State committee representative, of continuing natural disaster conditions; (2) for all other counties: (a) a County Feed Loss Assessment Report, Form CCC-654; (b) rainfall data by month expressed in inches and percent of normal for the current calendar year and the 2 previous calendar years if the request is due to the occurrence of drought or excess moisture; and (c) a report of an on-site visit by the county committee and a State committee representative stating existing production conditions.

Section 1439.4 (b). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, for county requests received in the State office by July 19, 1996, the State committee shall make a determination and advise the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs. For county requests received in the State office after July 19, 1996, the State committee shall forward the request with a recommendation of whether the request should be approved to the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs.

Section 1439.4 (c). This provision is applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.4 (d). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, owners in any county contiguous to a county that