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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

7 CFR Part 5

RIN 0560-AF08

Update of the Parity Price Regulations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule revises the regulations regarding commodity definitions applicable to parity price determinations under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. The revisions update commodity definitions and incorporate recent reorganizational changes within USDA. This action is being taken as part of the National Performance Review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 25, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This final rule has been determined not to be significant under Executive Order 12866 and therefore has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule contains no Federal mandates under the regulatory provisions of Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) for State, local, and tribal governments or the private sector. Thus, this rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of UMRA.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act is not applicable to this rule because the Secretary of Agriculture 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

This action will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

Federal Assistance Program

The title and number of the Federal Assistance Program, as found in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, to which this rule applies, is: Agricultural Statistics Reports (Agricultural Estimates)—10.950.

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12988. The provisions of this rule do not preempt State laws, are not retroactive, and do not require the exhaustion of any administrative appeal remedies.

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 Subtitle A Part 5 set forth in this rule do not contain information collections that require clearance by OMB under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3507.

Background

This final rule updates the definition of "Wool and Mohair" and "Sugar Crops" commodities for which a marketing season average price is determined; and revises the regulations to incorporate recent reorganizational changes within USDA.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 5

Calendar year price, Marketing season average price, Parity index, Parity price.

For reasons set out in the preamble, 7 CFR part 5 is amended as follows:

PART 5—DETERMINATION OF PARITY PRICES

1. The authority citation is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1301, 1375.

2. In 7 CFR part 5 all references to "Statistical Reporting Service" are revised to read "National Agricultural Statistics Service", all references to "Consumer and Marketing Service" are revised to read "Agricultural Marketing Service", all references to "Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service" are revised to read "Farm Service Agency", and all references to "Office of Hearing Examiners of the United States Department of Agriculture" are revised to read "Office of Administrative Law Judges."

§ 5.2 [Amended]

3. In § 5.2, the entry under the heading "Wool and Mohair" is revised to read "Wool and Mohair." and the entry under the heading "Sugar Crops" is revised to read "Sugar beets and sugarcane for sugar."

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 12, 1997.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary.

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Food and Consumer Service

7 CFR Part 250

RIN 0584-AB55

Food Assistance in Disaster and Distress Situations

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the provisions of the Food Distribution Program Regulations and Policies that relate to food assistance provided in response to Presidentially declared disasters and in situations of distress. The amendments contained in this rule address the simultaneous issuance of commodities and disaster food stamp benefits in a disaster, distribution of commodities to households in situations of distress, authorization for providing commodity assistance, reporting requirements, and the replacement of