

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-066-1]

#### Horse Protection Certified Designated Qualified Person (DQP) Programs and Licensed DQP's

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the general public and the horse industry of the Designated Qualified Person (DQP) programs currently certified by the Department of Agriculture, and the currently licensed DQP's under each certified program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Dick Watkins, Initiatives Coordinator, Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-7712; or e-mail: ace@aphis.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The practice known as "soring" is the causing of suffering in show horses to affect their performance in the show ring. In 1970, Congress passed the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1821-1831), referred to below as the Act, to eliminate the practice of soring by prohibiting the showing or selling of sored horses. Exercising our rulemaking power under the Act, we issued regulations at 9 CFR part 11, referred to below as the regulations, that prohibit devices and methods that might sore horses.

In 1979, in response to an amendment to the Act, we established regulations under which show management must, to avoid liability for any sore horses that are shown, appoint individuals trained to conduct preshow inspections to detect or diagnose sored horses. The individuals, referred to as Designated Qualified Persons (DQP's), are trained

and licensed under industry sponsored DQP programs that we certify and monitor. The requirements for DQP programs and licensing of DQP's are set forth in § 11.7 of the regulations.

Section 11.7 also requires that, at least once each year, we publish in the **Federal Register** a current list of certified DQP programs and licensed DQP's. Following is that list:

Heart of America Walking Horse Association, Route 2, Box 6B, Barry, IL 62312

Licensed DQP's: Chadwick Campbell, Jennifer Campbell, Larry Carriger, William H. Cox, A.L. Fogey, Lawanda Foust, R. Dewey Foust, Robert Foust, Fred Gebbany, Billy Grooms, Floyd Hampsmire, Phillip Manker, Steve Mullins, Ted Nichols, Wendell Pig, Billie Schafer, Linda Scrivner, Scott Skopec, Charlie Smartt, Robert H. Smith, William Stotler, John Williams

Horse Protection Commission, Inc., P.O. Box 1330, Frazier Park, CA 93225

Licensed DQP's: Donna Benefield, Larry Connelly, Kathy Hester, Tom Hester, Sebastian Kolbusz, Robert Lauer, Donna Moore, Cherie Pitts, Chad Shepherd

Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1027, Ava, MO 65608

Licensed DQP's: Richard Carr, Daryl L. Caswell, Pat Harris, Edward Lee, Ken Williams, Lee Yates,

National Horse Show Commission, Inc., P.O. Box 167, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Licensed DQP's: Lonnie D. Adkins, Melanie Allen, Nolan Benton, Johny Black, Ray Cairnes, Ronnie Campbell, Rick Carl, Richard Carr, Harry Chaffin, John Cordell, Joe L. Cuningham, Sr., Eddie Ray Davis, Jessie Davis, Jerry Eaton, William Edwards, Robert Estes, Anthony Eubanks, James Fields, Bob Flynn, Kathy Givens, Iry Gladney, Grover Hatton, Jimmy House, Dave Jividen, Gary Kimmons, Dana Kyte, Larry R. Landreth, William (Bill) Lones, Malcom G. Lutrell, John Marsee, G. K. Mease, Earl Melton, Andy Messick, Lonnie Messick, Richard Messick, Percy Moss, Cary C. Myers, Harlan Pennington, Curtis Pittman, Ted Poland, Barney Porter, Dickey Reece, Ricky D. Rutledge, Vernon Shearer, Ronnie Slack,

Ricky L. Statham, Don Steen, J. N. Syrcle, Charles Thomas, Mark Thomas, Steven Thomas, Virginia Wagner, Arnold "Sarge" Walker, Doug Watkins, Tommy Willett, Willie Gene Williams, John F. Wilson

Spotted Saddle Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association, P.O. Box 1046, Shelbyville, TN 37162

Licensed DQP's: Earl M. "Marty" Coleman, Danny Ray Davis, Boyd Melton, Lucky Thornton, Don Woodson

Western International Walking Horse Association 18525 SE 346, Auburn, WA 98092,

Licensed DQP's: Larry Corbett, Don Douglas, Ross Fox, Dennis Izzi, Terry Jerke, Dave Swingley, Kim Swingley.

Done in Washington, DC, this 19th day of June 1998.

**Craig A. Reed,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders Regarding the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, creates a new research, education, and extension program called the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems (the Initiative). By this notice, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), acting on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture, is soliciting public comment from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension or education regarding the priorities to be addressed by this new program as required by Section 401(f)(1)(D) of the Act. The Initiative is authorized with mandatory funds at the level of \$120 million per year from fiscal year 1999 through fiscal year