

how markets for economic information on agricultural commodities operate by identifying the primary uses for and sources of this information and by determining the types of information that managers and decision makers in the agribusiness sector value most. The data will be used to evaluate the role of USDA in the information market by examining how USDA information is used, where it overlaps with that of other information suppliers, where it is unique, and how it is valued by market participants. The purpose of the data is to develop insights into the most effective role for USDA, and particularly for ERS, in the provision of economic information on agricultural markets.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1010.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 271.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 10 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is June 25, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 802 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (The Farm Bill) authorized the creation of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 30 members, each representing a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first

appointed in September 1996 with staggered 30 terms of 1, 2, and 3 years.

As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms for 10 of the 30 members who represent 10 specific categories will expire September 30, 1999. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for all 10 of the vacant categories are sought. Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership, and relevancy to a category. The 10 vacancies are:

B. Farm Cooperatives

D. Plant Commodity Producers

G. National Aquaculture Associations

J. National Food Science Organizations

L. National Nutritional Science Societies

M. Land-Grant Colleges and Universities—1862

R. Scientific Community not closely associated with Agriculture

AA. An agency of USDA lacking Research Capabilities

BB. Research agency of the Federal Government other than USDA

DD. National Organization directly concerned with REE—

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must fill out a form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person below) and will be vetted before selection. Send nominee's name, resume, and their completed AD-755 to the Office of the Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics, Room 3918 South Building, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-2255 no later than June 25, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199, or e-mail: lshea@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of May 1998.

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Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Special Cotton Import Quota Announcements Numbers 1 Through 10

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Ten special import quotas for upland cotton equal are established in accordance with section 136(b) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act) under Presidential Proclamation 6301 of June 7, 1991, and Presidential Proclamation 6948 of October 29, 1996. The quotas are referenced as the Commodity Credit Corporation Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Numbers 1 through 10 and are set forth in subheadings 9903.52.01 through 9903.52.10, subchapter III, chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

DATES: Each of the special quotas is subject to an established date and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than 90 days from the established date and entered into the United States not later than 180 days from the established date. Dates applicable to each individual special import quota are contained in this notice under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene S. Rosera, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0518, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20013-0518 or call (202) 720-3452.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1996 Act requires that a special import quota for upland cotton be determined and announced immediately if, for any consecutive 10-week period, the Friday through Thursday average price quotation for the lowest-priced U.S. growth, as quoted for Middling 1-³/₃₂ inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe (U.S. Northern Europe price), adjusted for the value of any cotton user marketing certificates issued, exceeds the Northern Europe price by more than 3.00 cents per pound. This condition was met for 10 consecutive 10-week periods.