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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following Federally owned inventions are available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service intends to grant to the University of Hawaii of Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Cornell Research Foundation of Ithaca, New York, an exclusive license to the following papaya varieties.

“UH Rainbow,” as disclosed in U.S. Plant Patent Application Serial No. 09/301,389, filed on April 28, 1999; and

“UH Sunup,” as disclosed in U.S. Plant Patent Application Serial No. 09/300,960, filed on April 28, 1999; and

“Laie Gold,” as disclosed in U.S. Plant Patent Application Serial No. 09/446,769, filed on November 22, 1999; and

“Poamoho Gold,” as disclosed in U.S. Plant Patent Application Serial No. 09/490,039, filed on January 24, 2000.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1158, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's intellectual property rights to these inventions are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license these

inventions as the University of Hawaii and the Cornell Research Foundation have submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,
Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

National Drought Policy Commission

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Commission's final meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Drought Policy Commission (Commission) shall conduct a thorough study and submit a report to the President and Congress on national drought policy. This notice announces a meeting to be held on May 16, 2000. The Commission will submit the final report and discuss its final recommendations and future activities. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Commission will conduct a meeting on May 16, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. (EDT)

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Leona Dittus, on 202-720-3168, Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, or Internet: leona.dittus@usda.gov, by COB May 9, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Williamsburg Room, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 12th and Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC. Comments and statements should be sent to Leona Dittus, Executive Director, National Drought Policy Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room

6701-S, STOP 0501, Washington, DC 20250-0501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leona Dittus (202) 720-3168; FAX (202) 720-9688; Internet: leona.dittus@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice and recommendations to the President and Congress on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy, designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies. Tasks for the Commission include developing recommendations that will: (a) Better integrate Federal laws and programs with ongoing State, local, and tribal programs, (b) improve public awareness of the need for drought mitigation, prevention, and response and (c) determine whether all Federal drought preparation and response programs should be consolidated under one existing Federal agency, and, if so, identify the agency.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 28, 2000.

Robert D. Springer,
Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; National Survey on Recreation and the Environment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to request an extension of a currently approved, multi-agency-sponsored information collection. This collection is necessary to ensure that the Forest Service and other land managing agencies meet the recreational needs of the public, understand the public's attitudes and preferences for management of public lands and the environment, and meet Congressionally mandated reporting requirements for the Renewable Resources Planning Act and the Government Performance and Results Act. Information will be