

Category D. Plant Commodity Producers  
 Category G. National Aquaculture Associations  
 Category J. National Food Science Organizations  
 Category L. National Nutritional Science Societies  
 Category M. 1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities  
 Category R. Scientific Community not closely associated with Agriculture  
 Category U. Food and Fiber Processors (1-year term)  
 Category AA. An Agency of USDA lacking Research Capabilities  
 Category BB. Research Agency of the Federal Government other than USDA  
 Category 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 throughout the country. 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. In your nomination letter, 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 or may be printed out from the following Web site: <http://www:fs.fed.us>, then search AD-755). All nominees will be vetted before selection. Appointments to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Send nominee's name, resume, and their completed AD-755 to USDA, Office of the Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344-A, JL Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255, postmarked no later than June 3, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344-A, JL Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Advisory Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the

Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Done at Washington, DC, this 26th day of February 2002.

**Joseph J. Jen,**

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, U.S. Department of the Agriculture.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

**AGENCY:** Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127), has scheduled a National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board general meeting and focus session from March 28, 2002—March 29, 2002. This meeting is entitled, Food and Agriculture Biosecurity: Research and Education Implications. It will be held at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Also, a pre-meeting reception with special guest speakers, including the President of the Council of Scientific Society Presidents, Dr. Martin Apple, will be held the evening of Wednesday March 27 from 7-8 p.m. at the same location.

On Thursday, March 28, 2002, the morning session will begin with opening remarks by the Chair of the Advisory Board, Dr. Victor Lechtenberg. Dr. Michael Osterholm, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota, will provide the keynote address. The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Jim Moseley, has been invited to provide an overview on Food and Agricultural

Biosecurity at USDA. Additional remarks on USDA's key research activities will be given by Dr. Joseph Jen, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics. There will also be a panel on "Homeland Security in USDA Agencies," followed by a panel on "Preparedness Plans." A mid-afternoon panel at 3 p.m. will address "Biosecurity Education and Protection for the American Public." The floor will be open to the public, as time permits, prior to the day's adjournment. A buffet reception will be held that evening (Thursday, March 28) from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. with an invited guest speaker from the Office of Homeland Security.

On Friday, March 29, 2002, the Advisory Board will reconvene with a panel that addresses "Biosecurity in the Food and Agriculture Industries Involved in the Food Supply Chain," and include topics such as grain handling and transportation, meat production, food processing, retail, food service, and fresh produce. Dr. John Marburger, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, has been invited to speak during lunch on high priority research and development issues, interagency collaborations, and public and private sector partnerships with regard to homeland security in food and agriculture. The afternoon panel session focuses on "Research Implications for Biosecurity." Guest speakers at this meeting are representative of the broad food and agriculture stakeholder community across the country. Prior to the wrap up of the meeting and as time permits, the floor will be open for public comments. The Board will discuss in detail findings of this 2-day meeting on Food and Agriculture Biosecurity and begin to develop research and education recommendations that will be tendered as advice to the Secretary of Agriculture. Written comments will be accepted at the USDA Advisory Board Office for public record up to 2 weeks following the Board meeting.

This meeting is open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. Should an attendee at this meeting require any special needs, please contact the USDA Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office cited below.

**DATES:**

March 27 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Pre-Meeting Reception with Guest Speaker

March 28 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.—Focus Session

March 28 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—  
Public Comments and Adjournment  
for the Day

March 28 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—  
Working Reception with Guest  
Speaker

March 29 8 a.m. to 12 noon—Advisory  
Board Meeting and Focus Session

March 29 12 noon to 1:15 p.m.—  
Working Lunch with Guest Speaker

March 29 1:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Focus  
Session and Discussion

March 29 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.—Public  
Comments, Wrap-up and  
Recommendations, and Adjournment  
of Meeting

*Place:* Washington Court Hotel, 525  
New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington,  
D.C.; Atrium Ballroom and Executive  
Room (Receptions Only).

*Type of Meeting:* Open to the Public.

*Comments:* The public may file  
written comments before or up to two  
weeks after the meeting with the contact  
person. All statements will become a  
part of the official records of the  
National Agricultural Research,  
Extension, Education, and Economics  
Advisory Board and will be kept on file  
for public review in the Office of the  
Advisory Board; Research, Education,  
and Economics; U.S. Department of  
Agriculture; Washington, DC 20250–  
2255.

**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 344–A, Jamie L. Whitten  
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:  
SMORGAN@reeusda.gov. Done at  
Washington, DC, this 26th day of  
February 2002.

**Joseph J. Jen,**

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and  
Economics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCIES:** Commodity Credit  
Corporation and Farm Service Agency,  
USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this  
notice announces the intent of the  
Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC),  
through the Farm Service Agency (FSA),  
to request an extension and revision of  
the currently approved information  
collection for the regulation used in  
support of the CCC Conservation  
Reserve Program (CRP). This renewal  
includes revisions incorporated in the  
proposed rule, “Cropland Eligibility and  
Private Sector Technical Assistance,”  
including revisions to amend total  
burden hours to reflect ongoing CRP  
activity as authorized by the Federal  
Agriculture Improvement and Reform  
Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104–127, and Title  
XI of the Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug  
Administration, and Related Agencies  
Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub. L. 106–  
387.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be  
received on or before May 14, 2002 to  
be assured consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, AND TO FILE  
COMMENTS, CONTACT:** Comments may be  
sent to Robert Stephenson, Director,  
Conservation and Environmental  
Programs Division, USDA, FSA, CEPD,  
STOP 0513, 1400 Independence  
Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–  
0513, telephone (202) 720–6221;  
facsimile (202) 720–4619; or e-mail at  
crppra@wdc.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* (7 CFR part 1410) Conservation  
Reserve Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560–0125.

*Expiration Date:* October 31, 2002.

*Type of Request:* Extension and  
Revision of a Currently Approved  
Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The information collected  
under Office of Management and Budget  
(OMB) Control Number 0560–0125, as  
identified above allows FSA to  
effectively administer the regulations  
under the CRP. The CRP regulations at  
7 CFR part 1410 and formerly at 7 CFR  
part 704 set forth basic policies,  
program provisions, and eligibility  
requirements for owners and operators  
to enter into and carry out long-term  
CRP contracts with financial and  
technical assistance and for making  
cost-share and annual rental payments  
under the program. All information  
collection under 7 CFR part 704 has  
ceased. This regulation was removed by  
the final CRP rule published February  
19, 1997, which revised 7 CFR part  
1410. CRP information collection

requirements will continue under 7 CFR  
part 1410.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting  
burden for this collection of information  
is estimated to average 6.7 minutes per  
respondent.

*Respondents:* Owners, operators, and  
other producers on eligible cropland.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
160,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses per  
Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden  
Hours on Respondents:* 153,861.

*Comments are sought on these  
requirements including:* (a) Whether the  
collection of information is necessary  
for the proper performance of the  
functions of the agency, including  
whether the information will have  
practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the  
agency’s estimate of the burden  
including the validity of the  
methodology and assumptions used; (c)  
ways to enhance the quality, utility, and  
clarity of the information to be  
collected; and (d) ways to minimize the  
burden of the collection of information  
on those who are to respond, including  
using appropriate automated, electronic,  
mechanical, or other technological  
collection techniques or other forms of  
information technology. These  
comments should be sent to the Desk  
Officer for Agriculture, Office of  
Information and Regulatory Affairs,  
Office of Management and Budget,  
Washington, DC 20503 and to Robert  
Stephenson, Director, Conservation and  
Environmental Programs Division,  
USDA, FSA, 1400 Independence  
Avenue, SW., STOP 0513, Washington  
DC 20250–0513.

Comments will be summarized and  
included in the request for OMB  
approval of the information collection.  
All comments will also become a matter  
of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 28,  
2002.

**James R. Little,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency and  
Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit  
Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Tobacco Marketing Quota Referenda Results: Burley and Flue-Cured Tobaccos, 2001

**AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.