

payment of feed provided to the producers.

XII. Misrepresentation, Scheme or Device

A person shall be ineligible to receive assistance under this part, and be subject to such other remedies as may be allowed by law, if, with respect to such program, it is determined by an official of FSA, that such person has:

- (a) Adopted any scheme or other device that tends to defeat the purpose of the program operated under this Notice;
- (b) Made any fraudulent representation with respect to this program; or
- (c) Misrepresented any fact affecting a program determination.

XIII. Liens and Claims of Creditors

Any benefit or portion thereof due any person under this program shall be allowed without regard to questions of title under State law, and without regard to any claim or lien in favor of any person, including agencies of the U.S. Government.

XIV. Power of Attorney

In those instances in which, prior to the issuance of this Notice, a producer has signed a power of attorney on an approved form FSA-211 for a person or entity indicating that such power shall extend to all programs listed on the form, without limitation, such power will be considered to extend to this program unless by September 6, 2000, the person granting the power notifies the local FSA office for the control county that the grantee of the power is not authorized to handle transactions for this program for the grantor.

XV. Administration

Where circumstances preclude compliance due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control, the county or State FSA committee may request that relief be granted by the Deputy Administrator under this Notice. In such cases, except for statutory deadlines and other statutory requirements, the Deputy Administrator may, in order to more equitably accomplish the goals of this Notice, waive or modify deadlines and other program requirements if the failure to meet such deadlines or other requirements does not adversely affect operation of the program and are not prohibited by statute.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 27, 2002.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

2002-Crop Sugar Marketing Allotments and Cane Sugar Allotment Hearing

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of 2002-crop sugar marketing allotments and public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is issuing this notice to advise the public that CCC has established the overall allotment quantity for sugar for the 2002 crop year and will hold a public hearing regarding the 2002-crop cane State sugar marketing allotments and the allocation of cane State sugar marketing allotments to processors, as requested by affected sugar processors and growers. CCC will also use this forum to entertain comments on the overall structure and implementation of the sugar allotment program.

DATES: The public hearing will be held September 4, 2002, in the Jefferson Auditorium of USDA South Building, 1400 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC. The hearing will start at 10 a.m. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

ADDRESSES: Thomas Bickerton, Economic Policy and Analysis Staff, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0516, Washington, DC 20250-0516; telephone (202) 720-6733; FAX (202) 690-1480; e-mail: Thomas.Bickerton2@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Bickerton at (202) 720-6733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has established the overall allotment quantity for sugar for the 2002 crop year as required by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. USDA earlier had announced that domestic marketing allotments would be in effect for the upcoming marketing year and this notice establishes the quantity involved.

On August 1, USDA made preliminary estimates of 2002-crop

consumption, reasonable carryover stocks, carry-in stocks, production and imports in accordance with provisions of the new Farm Bill. These estimates were reevaluated following the release of more current market information in the August 12, 2002 USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report.

Based on the allotment formula guidelines in the farm bill, USDA has calculated the overall allotment quantity for sugar based on the estimated domestic deliveries for food use and beginning sugar stocks from the August 12 WASDE report.

The farm bill further requires that USDA establish the allotments so that no sugar is forfeited under the program and that the overall program can be operated at no-net cost to taxpayers. Market uncertainties such as changes in consumption and imports and 2001-crop sugar carryover not subject to allotments, also factored into the estimate of reasonable ending sugar stocks.

The overall allotment quantity determined in this manner is 7.700 million tons, short tons, raw value (STRV), for the 2002 crop year (Fiscal Year 2003). The resulting sector allocations are 4.185 million STRV for beet sugar and 3.515 million STRV for cane sugar.

USDA will closely monitor consumption, beginning stocks and reasonable ending stocks and all other program variables on an ongoing basis. Appropriate adjustments can be made at any time to the overall allotment quantity, as required, both to avoid forfeitures and to ensure an adequate sugar supply for the domestic market in FY 2003.

Public Hearing

USDA will hold a public hearing as required by the new statute regarding the 2002-crop cane State sugar marketing allotments and the allocation of cane State sugar marketing allotments to processors, as requested by affected sugar processors and growers. CCC will also use this forum to entertain comments on the overall structure and implementation of the sugar allotment program. Attendance is open to sugarcane growers, sugarcane processors, cane sugar refiners, sugar beet growers, sugar beet processors, sugar users, and all other interested parties.

The hearing will be held on September 4, 2002 from 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) to 4 p.m., in the Jefferson Auditorium of USDA South Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC.

Anyone wishing to make an oral statement may do so, time permitting. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Those wishing to make an oral statement should submit a request to Thomas Bickerton (address follows). A sign-up sheet for statements will also be available one hour before the hearing begins. Oral statements will be made in the order the request was received. Also, written statements may be submitted in lieu of an oral statement and must be received by the close of business on September 4, 2002. These should be sent to Thomas Bickerton, Economic Policy and Analysis Staff, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 0516, Washington, DC 20250-0516; Telephone: (202) 720-3008; Fax: (202) 690-1480; e-mail: Thomas.Bickerton2@usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations to attend or participate in the meetings should contact Thomas Bickerton.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 27, 2002.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Madera County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Sierra National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee for Madera County will meet on Monday, September 16, 2002. The Madera Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the Spring Valley Elementary School in O'Neals, CA. The purpose of the meeting is to review presentation for the Madera County Board of Supervisor's meeting September 17, 2002, update RAC committee outreach, and view presentation: "History and Future of Sierra Forest" CD, 30 minute presentation—Oregon State University, by Thomas Bonickerson, Texas A&M.

DATES: The Madera Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, September 16, 2002. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Madera County RAC meeting will be held at the Spring Valley Elementary School, 46655 Road 200, O'Neals, CA 93645.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Martin, U.S.D.A., Sierra National Forest, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643 (559) 877-2218 ext. 3100; e-mail: dmartin05@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review presentation for the Madera County Board of Supervisor's meeting September 17, 2002, (2) update on RAC committee outreach, and, (3) view presentation "History and Future of Sierra Forest"—a 30 minute CD presentation—Oregon State University, by Thomas Bonickerson, Texas A&M. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: August 25, 2002.

David W. Martin,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[02-02-C]

Opportunity To Comment on the Applicants for the Springfield (IL) Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas assigned to Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield).

DATES: Comments must be postmarked, or electronically dated by October 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. Electronic mail users may send comments to:

Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the June 3, 2003, **Federal Register** (67 FR 38249), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Springfield area to submit an application for designation. There were two applicants for the Springfield area: Springfield and Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk). Springfield applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Keokuk, a designated official grain inspection agency operating in Iowa and Illinois, applied for designation to provide official services in Cass and Schuyler Counties, Illinois.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

Dated: August 13, 2002.

Donna Reifschneider,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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