

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted a petition filed by a group of freshwater prawn producers from Kentucky for trade adjustment assistance. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of farmed shrimp contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices by more than 20 percent during the marketing period beginning January 2002 and ending December 2002. If the determination is positive, all Kentucky freshwater prawn producers will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, email: [trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov](mailto:trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov).

Dated: February 6, 2004.

**A. Ellen Terpstra,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.* [FR Doc. 04-3804 Filed 2-20-04; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted a petition filed by the National Alfalfa Alliance, Kennewick, Washington. The alliance represents non-certified (common) alfalfa seed producers in the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of non-certified (common) alfalfa seed contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices by more than 20 percent during calendar year 2002. If the determination is positive, all alfalfa seed producers in the above listed impacted States will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance payments.

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**A. Ellen Terpstra,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted a petition filed by the North Carolina Fisheries Association, New Bern, North Carolina, for trade adjustment assistance. The association represents North Carolina shrimpers. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of farmed shrimp contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices by more than 20 percent during the marketing period beginning January 2002 and ending December 2002. If the determination is positive, all North Carolina shrimpers will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance payments.

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payments based on their shrimp landings.

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**A. Ellen Terpstra,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.* [FR Doc. 04-3800 Filed 2-20-04; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today announced that a group of apple growers in Rappahannock County, Virginia, has filed a petition for trade adjustment assistance. The growers produce apples for processing and have requested a public hearing to present evidence that concentrated apple juice is a like or directly competitive product. A hearing will be held on March 2, 2004, at 2 p.m. e.t. in Room 5066, South Agricultural Building, 1400 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The petition maintains that during July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003, increasing imports of apple juice concentrate contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices by more than 20 percent. To support their contention, the growers submitted published price lists of local processors. Having filed this petition, the Administrator has 40 days to determine whether or not the apple producers are eligible for trade adjustment assistance. If the determination is positive, they will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance payments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers,

FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: [trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov](mailto:trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov).

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**A. Ellen Terpstra,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted a petition filed by the Southeastern Fisheries Association, Tallahassee, Florida, for trade adjustment assistance. The association represents Florida shrimpers. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of farmed shrimp contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices by more than 20 percent during the marketing period beginning January 2003 and ending December 2003. If the determination is positive, all Florida shrimpers will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance payments based on their shrimp landings, excluding rock shrimp.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: [trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov](mailto:trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov).

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**A. Ellen Terpstra,**  
*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted a petition filed by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc., representing a group of fresh lychee

producers from Florida for trade adjustment assistance. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of lychees contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices by more than 20 percent during the marketing period beginning May 2003 and ending July 2003. If the determination is positive, all lychee producers will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: [trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov](mailto:trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov).

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**A. Ellen Terpstra,**  
*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted a petition filed by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc., representing a group of fresh longan producers from Florida for trade adjustment assistance. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of longans contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices by more than 20 percent during the marketing period beginning July 2003 and ending September 2003. If the determination is positive, all longan producers will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and adjustment assistance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: [trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov](mailto:trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov).

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**A. Ellen Terpstra,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Invasive Plant Treatment Project—Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests; Oregon

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to document and disclose the potential environmental effects of proposed invasive plant treatment activities on the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forest. This project evaluates site specific treatments of invasive plants, including manual, mechanical, chemical and biological control treatment methods.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of this analysis should be received no later than April 5, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: Invasive Plant Team, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eugene Skrine, Team Leader, Invasive Plant EIS Project, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623 or by calling (503) 808-2685.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Need for the Proposal

Approximately 10,000 acres of forests and grasslands are degraded on the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests by infestations of invasive, non-native plants. These infestations are situated on about 2500 individual locations or sites. These infestations have a high potential to expand and further degrade forests and grasslands. Infested areas represent potential seed sources for further invasion onto neighboring lands.

Invasive plants are compromising our ability to manage the National Forests for a healthy native ecosystem. Invasive plants create a host of environmental and other effects, most of which are harmful to native ecosystem processes, including: displacement of native plants; reduction in functionality of habitat and forage for wildlife and livestock; loss of threatened, endangered, and sensitive species; increased soil erosion and reduced water quality; alteration of physical and biological properties of soil, including reduced soil productivity; changes to the intensity and frequency of fires; high cost (dollars spent) of controlling invasive plants; and loss of recreational opportunities.