

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Commodity Credit Corporation****Domestic Sugar Program—2008-Crop Cane Sugar and Beet Sugar Marketing Allotments and Company Allocations**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is issuing this notice to publish the 2008-crop state sugar marketing allotments and company allocations to sugarcane and sugar beet processors, and changes to allotments that have occurred since the establishment of the fiscal year 2009 (FY 2009) overall allotment quantity (OAQ). This applies to all domestic sugar marketed for human consumption in the United States from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. Although CCC already has announced most of the information in this notice through United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) news releases, CCC is required to publish the determinations establishing, adjusting, or suspending sugar marketing allotments.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Initial FY 2009 State Allotments and Company Allocations**

On September 30, 2008, CCC announced the distribution of the FY 2009 beet sugar allotment of 4,850,738 short tons, raw value (STRV) (54.35 percent of the OAQ) to sugar beet processors. In addition, CCC announced the distribution to sugarcane processors of the 4,074,262 STRV cane sugar allotment (45.65 percent of the OAQ).

CCC also granted Andino Energy Enterprises, L.L.C. (Andino) a FY 2009 cane sugar allocation of 25,266 STRV. This amount represented Andino's expected FY 2009 sugar production based on evidence provided to CCC demonstrating its ability to process, produce, and market 2008-crop raw cane sugar at its St. James Factory. CCC did not reduce allocations at the other Louisiana mills at that time because the

FY 2009 raw cane sugar allotment was expected to be considerably larger than the domestic raw cane sugar supply. Instead, CCC filled Andino's allocation need with surplus allotment expected from Hawaii. CCC will determine the permanent allocation level for Andino, and subtract allocation shares, on a pro rata basis, from the Louisiana mills when the time period opens in May for growers to request to transfer allocations.

In FY 2004, CCC declared that Puerto Rican processors permanently terminated operations because no sugar had been processed for two complete years. Since Puerto Rico is entitled to an allocation by law, the allocation of 6,356 STRV was reassigned to the mainland sugarcane-producing states. Hawaii was not expected to use all of its current cane sugar allotment. Therefore, Hawaii received none of the Puerto Rican reassignment and CCC reassigned 25,266 tons of Hawaiian allocation to Andino.

CCC determined that proportionate shares were not necessary in Louisiana in FY 2009 because the cane sugar sector was not expected to fill its allotment.

Additionally, based on the September 2008 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report (WASDE) indicating a FY 2009 ending stocks-to-use ratio of 4.6 percent, CCC determined that there would be no sugar available to implement provisions of the Feedstock Flexibility Program (FFP) in FY 2009. At this level, the prospect for sugar forfeitures in FY 2009, which triggers FFP, was determined to be very small.

**First FY 2009 Reassignment of State Allotments and Company Allocations**

In mid-year, CCC reviewed current inventories, estimated production, expected marketings, and other factors affecting a sugar beet or sugarcane processor's ability to market its full allocation. In a May 19, 2009, news release, CCC announced the reassignment of projected surplus beet sugar and cane sugar marketing allotments and allocations under the FY 2009 Sugar Marketing Allotment program. The reassignment, which transferred allocations from processors with inadequate supply to fulfill their allocations to processors with production in excess of their allocations, was expected to substantially increase the available

supplies of domestically produced refined beet sugar.

CCC also announced the redistribution of a portion of the American Crystal Sugar Company's allocation to the other sugar beet processors in response to legal proceedings contesting the transfer of sugar marketing allocation from the Pacific Northwest Sugar Company to the American Crystal Sugar Company. The redistribution is considered a "permanent" allotment transfer for future years. The legal proceedings resulted in an 82,425 ton net decrease in American Crystal Sugar's allocation, and a corresponding increase, on a pro-rata basis, to the other sugar beet processors.

As part of the domestic sugar program, CCC is required to reassign allocation to raw cane sugar imports if it is determined that processors will be unable to market their allocations and there is no CCC inventory. Data supplied by the processors in May 2009 indicated that the beet sugar sector would be unable to market 198,073 tons of its current sugar marketing allotment, while the raw cane sugar sector would be unable to market 561,510 tons of its sugar marketing allotment. Hence, the allotments were reduced to 4,652,664 tons for beet sugar and 3,512,752 tons for cane sugar, while 759,583 tons were reassigned to raw cane sugar imports already displayed in the WASDE report. It was expected at that time that further reassignments would be likely.

**FY 2009 OAQ Increase**

This notice also announces an increase in the FY 2009 OAQ to 9,235,250 million tons, which is 85 percent of the demand estimate published in the August 2009 WASDE report. The latest production forecasts indicate that the beet sugar sector is unable to fill 77,621 tons of its sugar marketing allotment, while the cane sugar sector is 171,417 tons short of filling its sugar marketing allotment. The total surplus allotment of 249,039 tons is reassigned to raw cane sugar imports already included in the WASDE report. CCC is reassigning the surplus allotment to raw sugar imports already expected because no additional raw sugar imports beyond the level already expected are needed at this time.

The current 2008-crop beet sugar and cane sugar marketing allotments to date are listed in the following table:

FY 2009 OVERALL BEET SUGAR AND CANE SUGAR ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

Distribution	9/30/2008 An- nouncement	5/19/2009 Announcement			9/8/2009 Announcement		
	Initial allocation	Redistribution of PNW	Reassign- ments	FY 2009 adjustment 5/19/2009	Adjusted OAQ due to change in food use	Reassign- ments	FY 2009 adjustment 9/8/2009
short tons, raw value							
Beet Sugar .....	4,850,738	0	- 198,073	4,652,664	168,621	- 77,621	4,743,664
Cane Sugar .....	4,074,262	0	- 561,510	3,512,752	141,629	- 171,417	3,482,964
Reassignment to Im- ports .....	0	0	759,583	759,583	0	249,039	1,008,622
<b>Total OAQ .....</b>	<b>8,925,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,925,000</b>	<b>310,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,235,250</b>
<b>Sugar Beet Processors' Allocations:</b>							
Amalgamated							
Sugar Co .....	1,010,626	27,954	- 241,742	796,838	36,103	14,722	847,663
American Crystal							
Sugar Co .....	1,865,642	- 82,425	104,646	1,887,863	62,167	- 62,278	1,887,751
Michigan Sugar Co							
Minn-Dak Farmers Co-op .....	487,479	13,484	127,681	628,643	17,414	9,389	655,446
So. Minn Beet							
Sugar Co-op .....	302,624	8,371	- 69,068	241,927	10,811	- 15,512	237,226
Western Sugar Co							
Sugar Co-op .....	637,074	17,621	- 99,306	555,389	22,758	- 21,550	556,597
Wyoming Sugar Co							
Western Sugar Co Wyoming Sugar Co	482,583	13,206	- 18,494	477,295	17,056	112	494,462
64,710	1,790	- 1,790	64,711	2,312	- 2,504	64,518	
<b>Total Beet Sugar .....</b>	<b>4,850,738</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 198,073</b>	<b>4,652,664</b>	<b>168,621</b>	<b>- 77,621</b>	<b>4,743,664</b>
<b>State Cane Sugar Allot- ments:</b>							
Florida .....							
Florida .....	2,018,559		- 427,364	1,591,196	70,369	- 70,369	1,591,196
Louisiana .....							
Louisiana .....	1,586,848		- 50,236	1,536,612	54,438	- 54,438	1,536,612
Texas .....							
Texas .....	175,477		- 21,284	154,193	6,117	- 6,117	154,193
Hawaii .....							
Hawaii .....	293,378		- 62,626	230,752	10,705	- 40,493	200,964
<b>Total Cane Sugar .....</b>	<b>4,074,262</b>		<b>- 561,510</b>	<b>3,512,752</b>	<b>141,629</b>	<b>- 171,417</b>	<b>3,482,964</b>
<b>Sugarcane Processors' Allocations:</b>							
Florida:							
Florida Crystals .....							
Florida Crystals .....	831,094		- 195,131	635,963	28,973	- 28,973	635,963
Growers Co-op. of FL .....							
Growers Co-op. of FL .....	363,109		- 61,292	301,817	12,658	- 12,658	301,817
U.S. Sugar Corp ...							
U.S. Sugar Corp ...	824,356		- 170,941	653,416	28,738	- 28,738	653,416
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,018,559</b>		<b>- 427,364</b>	<b>1,591,196</b>	<b>70,369</b>	<b>- 70,369</b>	<b>1,591,196</b>
Louisiana:							
Alma Plantation .....							
Alma Plantation .....	130,959		39,847	170,806	4,565	- 4,565	170,806
Cajun Sugar Co-op							
Cajun Sugar Co-op	157,902		- 37,601	120,301	5,505	- 5,505	120,301
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co .....							
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co .....	171,921		19,644	191,565	5,993	- 5,993	191,565
Lafourche Sugars Corp .....							
Lafourche Sugars Corp .....	108,896		- 12,060	96,837	3,796	- 3,796	96,837
Louisiana Sugar- cane Co-op .....							
Louisiana Sugar- cane Co-op .....	120,075		599	120,674	4,186	- 4,186	120,674
Lula Westfield, LLC							
Lula Westfield, LLC	234,165		- 8,554	225,611	8,163	- 8,163	225,611
M.A. Patout & Sons .....							
M.A. Patout & Sons .....	478,609		- 21,951	456,658	16,685	- 16,685	456,658
St. Mary Sugar Co- op .....							
St. Mary Sugar Co- op .....	159,055		- 21,895	137,160	5,545	- 5,545	137,160
Andino Energy .....							
Andino Energy .....	25,266		- 8,266	17,000	0	0	17,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,586,848</b>		<b>- 50,236</b>	<b>1,536,612</b>	<b>54,438</b>	<b>- 54,438</b>	<b>1,536,612</b>
Texas:							
Rio Grande Valley							
Rio Grande Valley	175,477		- 21,284	154,193	6,117	- 6,117	154,193
Hawaii:							
Gay & Robinson, Inc .....							
Gay & Robinson, Inc .....	67,345		- 5,594	61,751	2,457	- 8,196	56,013

## FY 2009 OVERALL BEET SUGAR AND CANE SUGAR ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS—Continued

Distribution	9/30/2008 An- nouncement	5/19/2009 Announcement			9/8/2009 Announcement		
	Initial allocation	Redistribution of PNW	Reassign- ments	FY 2009 adjustment 5/19/2009	Adjusted OAQ due to change in food use	Reassign- ments	FY 2009 adjustment 9/8/2009
Hawaiian Commer- cial & Sugar Company .....	226,033	.....	- 57,033	169,000	8,247	- 32,296	144,951
Total .....	293,378	.....	- 62,626	230,752	10,705	- 40,493	200,964

Signed in Washington, DC on September 2, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Meeting; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

**AGENCY:** Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Northwest Recreation Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Portland, OR. The purpose of the meeting is to review and provide recommendations on recreation fee proposals for facilities and services offered on lands managed by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in Oregon and Washington, under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 30, 2009, from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. A public input session will be provided at 10:30 a.m. on October 30, 2009. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be at the Residence Inn by Marriot, Lloyd Center, 1710 NE Multnomah St., Portland, Oregon 97232. Send written comments to Dan Harkenrider, Designated Federal Official for the Pacific Northwest Recreation RAC, 902 Wasco Street, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031, 541-308-1700 or [dharkenrider@fs.fed.us](mailto:dharkenrider@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Harkenrider, Designated Federal Official, 902 Wasco Street, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031, 541-308-1700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Recreation RAC discussion is limited to Forest Service and Bureau of Land

Management staff and Recreation RAC members. However, persons who wish to bring recreation fee matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. A public input session will be provided and individuals who have made written requests by October 26, 2009, to the Designated Federal Official will have the opportunity to address the Committee during the meeting on October 30, 2009, at 10:30 a.m.

The Recreation RAC is authorized by the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, which was signed into law by President Bush in December 2004.

Dated: September 1, 2009.

**Mary Wagner,**

*Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Chairman's Perspective, (5) FY09 RAC Proposal Presentations, (6) FY09 RAC Proposal Voting, (7) Next Agenda.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 17, 2009 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Pine Room, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. (530) 934-1269; e-mail [rjero@fs.fed.us](mailto:rjero@fs.fed.us).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by September 14, 2009 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: September 1, 2009.

**Eduardo Olmedo,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on September 18, 2009 at the US Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held September 18, 2009, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the US Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.