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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–FTPP–23–0008]

Proposed Posting and Posting of Stockyards

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is taking action to post stockyards under the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act). Specifically, we are proposing that 15 stockyards now operating subject to the P&S Act be posted. Also, we are posting 10 stockyards that were identified previously as operating subject to the P&S Act. We determined that the stockyards meet the definition of a stockyard under the P&S Act and, therefore, they have been posted.

DATES: For the proposed posting of stockyards, comments received on or before December 18, 2023 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning

this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Internet:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* (202) 690–3207.
- *Mail, hand delivery, or courier:* Dora Malykin, USDA, AMS, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2097–S, Washington, DC 20250–3601.

Instructions: All comments should reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available for public inspection. Please be advised that the identity of the individuals or entities submitting comments will be made public on the internet at the address provided above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: AMS administers and enforces the P&S Act of 1921 (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Section 302(a) of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 202(a)) defines the term “stockyard” as “any place, establishment, or facility commonly known as stockyards, conducted, operated, or managed for profit or nonprofit as a public market for

livestock producers, feeders, market agencies, and buyers, consisting of pens, or other enclosures, and their appurtenances, in which live cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats are received, held, or kept for sale or shipment in commerce.”

Section 302(b) of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 202(b)) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to determine which stockyards meet this definition, and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. Once the Secretary provides notice to the stockyard owner and the public, the stockyard is subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201–203 and 205–217a) until the Secretary de-posts the stockyard by public notice. To post a stockyard, we assign the stockyard a facility number, notify the stockyard owner, and send an official posting notice to the stockyard owner to display in a public area of the stockyard. This process is referred to as “posting.” The date of posting is the date that the posting notices are physically displayed at the stockyard. A facility that does not meet the definition of a stockyard is not subject to the P&S Act and therefore cannot be posted. A posted stockyard can be “de-posted,” which occurs when the facility is no longer used as a stockyard.

We are hereby notifying stockyard owners and the public that the following 15 stockyards meet the P&S Act’s definition of a stockyard and that we propose to designate these stockyards as posted stockyards.

Proposed facility No.	Stockyard name and location
AL–198	Rocking L Horse Sales LLC, Mount Hope, Alabama.
AL–199	Dennis Horse Sales, Audalusia, Alabama.
AR–185	Hilltop Acres Goat & Sheep Auction, LLC, Romance, Arkansas.
AR–186	Johnny Smith Livestock, Plumerville, Arkansas.
GA–238	Southern Blitz/Heart of Dixie Boer Goat Sale, Harlem, Georgia.
IN–169	Monroe Livestock Auction, LLC, Monroe, Indiana.
MO–290	Show Me Horse Sale, Barnett, Missouri.
MO–292	Lord S Nemo Auction, Kirksville, Missouri.
MO–291	Owensville Auction LLC, Owensville, Missouri.
MD–121	Wolfe Agricultural Actions, Inc., Thurmont, Maryland.
NY–180	Lakeview Sales Barn, Penn Yan, New York.
OH–161	BLT Livestock, Inc., Maryville, Ohio.
OK–226	D&D Auction Barn, LLC, Gans, Oklahoma.
TN–219	Prestige Horse Sales, LLC, Shelbyville, Tennessee.
VA–165	Cedar Grove Auctions, Charlotte, Virginia.

We are also notifying the public that the stockyards listed in the following table meet the P&S Act's definition of a stockyard and, therefore, we have posted these stockyards. On May 14, 2020, we published a notice in the

Federal Register (85 FR 28928) proposing to post these 10 stockyards. Since we received no comments to our proposal, we assigned the stockyards a facility number and notified the owners of the stockyard facilities. Posting

notices were sent to each stockyard owner to display in public areas of their stockyard. The table below reflects the date of posting for these stockyards.

Facility No.	Stockyard name and location	Date of posting
NY-178	Davis Livestock Sales, Inc., Gouverneur, New York	07/15/2020
NY-179	Argyle Livestock Station, LLC, Argyle, New York	07/15/2020
OK-266	Geary Livestock Market, LLC, Geary, Oklahoma	07/15/2020
OK-227	McDaniel Livestock Exchange LLC, Valliant, Oklahoma	07/15/2020
TX-358	Mort Livestock Exchange, Canton, Texas	07/16/2020
TX-359	Amarillo West Stockyards LLC, Wildorado, Texas	07/16/2020
PA-164	Double E. Auction Service LLC, Quarryville, Pennsylvania	07/16/2020
KY-190	Triple C. Auctions, Ewing, Kentucky	07/17/2020
FL-141	Cattleman's Market of Okeechobee LLC, Okeechobee, Florida	07/15/2020
ND-134	Bismarck Livestock Auction, LLC, Bismarck, North Dakota	07/15/2020

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 202.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by December 18, 2023 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day

Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Veterinary Accreditation Program Application Form.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0297.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act, (APHA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The APHA is contained in 7 U.S.C. 8301, *et seq.*, and were created the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is the agency charged with carrying out this disease prevention mission. For APHIS to conduct all its disease prevention tasks, it utilizes APHIS-certified private veterinarians to work cooperatively with Federal and State animal health authorities on the Agency's behalf. These veterinarians obtain their certification through the APHIS National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) which has an application and renewal process.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will use VS form 1-36A, National Veterinary Accreditation Program Application Form to collect

information to certify private veterinarians to work Federal and State animal health authorities to prevent disease and carry out disease surveillance on USDA's behalf. Applicants may appeal denial, revocation, or suspension of accredited status. The written appeal is prepared in letter format and signed by the denied veterinarian. If information from accredited veterinarians was collected less frequently or not collected, APHIS would lose access to professional and demographic data for more than 70,000 cooperators, and APHIS coverage of veterinary, plant, and agricultural activities would be proportionately reduced.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 24,820.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 9,929.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS-23-Telecom-0023]

Publication of Depreciation Rates for Telecommunications Plant

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) administers rural utilities programs, including the Telecommunications Program. Through this notice, RUS is announcing the