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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-089-1]

National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee; Notice of Solicitation for Membership

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary anticipates reestablishing the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee for a 2-year period. The Secretary is soliciting nominations for membership for this Committee.

DATES: Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before November 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be addressed to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Martin Mendoza, Director, Operational Support Staff, WS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737–1234; (301) 734–7921.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services program. In addition, the Committee serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the Wildlife Services program to have a voice in the program's policies.

The Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members.

Terms will expire for the current members of the Committee in September 2000. We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals to replace members on the Committee. An

organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership. The Secretary will select members to obtain the broadest possible representation on the Committee, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regulation 1041–1. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Done in Washington, DC, this 12th day of September 2000.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Meetings and Request for Comments Regarding Agricultural Risk Management Education Needs

AGENCY: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Announcement of meetings.

SUMMARY: Section 133 of Public Law 106–224, the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, amended the Federal Crop Insurance Act to add section 524, which requires the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) to establish a competitive grants program for the purpose of educating agricultural producers about the full range of risk management activities. These activities include the use of futures, options, agricultural trade options, crop insurance, cash forward contracting, debt reduction, production diversification, farm resources risk reduction, and other risk management strategies. CSREES will be conducting listening sessions at three separate locations to receive input about the full

range of risk management educational needs for agricultural producers. The stakeholder input requirements at 7 U.S.C. 7613(c) do not apply to the first request for proposals under a new program. This request for comments is independent of that provision. CSREES will not solicit additional stakeholder input in formulating the first request for proposals for this program, and thus encourages all interested parties to convey their comments at this time.

Dates and Locations

All comments must be received by CSREES by September 30, 2000. The three listening sessions will be convened from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be held on the dates noted below and at the following locations:

- September 20, 2000, McKimmon Center, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina 27695–7401, (919) 515–2277, (919) 515–6974 (Fax).
- September 25, 2000, Holiday Inn-Airport, 3300 Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705, (208) 344–8365, (208) 381–0608 (Fax).
- September 27, 2000, Holiday Inn-Airport, 11832 Plaza Circle, Kansas City, Missouri 64153, (816) 464–2345, (816) 464–2543 (Fax).

All sessions are open to the public. An agenda and information on local arrangements can be obtained from the Sessions Coordinators (listed as the agency contacts below). Lodging arrangements should be made by contacting the session venues directly.

Comments

Written comments, limited to five pages in 12-point pitch, will be accepted and can either be submitted in person at the time of the session or sent to the Sessions Coordinators at the address listed below. Those wanting to make oral comments, limited to five minutes, should preregister on or before the session date by contacting the Sessions Coordinators. CSREES will make a transcript of the oral comments received at each meeting. To the extent possible, CSREES will provide an oral summary of comments at the beginning of each meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Agnes Lamar or Donald A. West, Sessions Coordinators, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2210; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250–2210; Telephone, (202) 401–4318; fax number (202) 401–1706; e-mail address, rmea@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 12th day of September, 2000.

Charles W. Laughlin,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics

Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for

comments.

SUMMARY: We are making a correction to information published in a Notice that announced the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request approval for an information collection, the Childhood Agricultural Injury Study of Minority Farm Operators. The Notice was published in the Federal Register on June 21, 2000 on page 38498. The scope of the survey has been expanded and it is now the National Childhood Agricultural Injury and Occupational Health Survey of Minority Farm Operators.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 18, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250–2000, (202) 720–4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 21, 2000, we published in the Federal **Register** a Notice that announced the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request approval for an information collection described as the Childhood Agricultural Injury Study of Minority Farm Operators. Another survey, the Occupational Health Survey of Minority Farm Operators, has now been merged with the injury survey to reduce the number of contacts on the same target population. We have updated the abstract below and are extending the comment period to provide an additional 30 days for comment.

Title: National Childhood Agricultural Injury and Occupational Health Survey of Minority Farm Operators.

Type of Request: Intent to Seek Approval to Conduct an Information Collection.

Abstract: The National Childhood Agricultural Injury and Occupational Health Survey of Minority Farm Operators is designed to (1) provide estimates of childhood nonfatal injury incidence and description of injury occurring to children less than 20 years of age who reside, work, or visit farms operated by minorities and (2) describe the occupational health status of ethnic and racial minority farm operators, including African American, Native American, Hispanic, and other minority operators. In addition to these minority populations, female farm operators will be included in the survey and a smaller number of white male operators will be contacted as a comparison group. Data will be collected by telephone from all 50 states with 40,000 receiving the injury questionnaire, 10,000 receiving the health questionnaire, and 10,000 receiving both questionnaires. Data will relate to accidents, injuries and occupational health problems occurring during the 2000 calendar year. These data will be used by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health to (1) establish a measure of the number and rate of childhood injuries associated with production agriculture and study the specific types of injuries sustained and (2) describe the scope and magnitude of occupationally-related health problems of minority and female farm operators and their families. Reports will be generated and information disseminated to all interested parties concerning the finding of this study. These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 minutes per response for the injury questions and 25 minutes per response for the health questions. The injury instrument allows for screen-outs for non-farms and households with no children.

Respondents: Minority Farm Operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 13,503 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Ginny McBride, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 of the proposed collection of information 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Ginny McBride, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, D.C., August 9, 2000.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator. [FR Doc. 00–23909 Filed 9–15–00; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3410–20–P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the Fourth Quarter of 2000

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the fourth quarter of 2000.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the fourth calendar quarter of 2000.

DATES: These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning October 1, 2000, and ending December 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail P. Salgado, Management Analyst, Office of the Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4024— S, Stop 1560, 1400 Independence