

information related to tree-marking paint. This trip is open to any member of the public participating in the public meeting on May 25–26. However, transportation is provided only for committee members.

The main session of the meeting, which is open to public attendance, will be held on May 25–26.

Closed Sessions

While certain segments of this meeting are open to the public, there will be two closed sessions during the meeting. The first closed session is planned for approximately 9 to 11 a.m. on May 25. This session is reserved for individual paint manufacturers to present products and information about tree-marking paint for consideration in future testing and use by the agency. Paint manufacturers also may provide comments on tree-marking paint specifications or other requirements. This portion of the meeting is open only to paint manufacturers, the Committee, and committee staff to ensure that trade secrets will not be disclosed to other paint manufacturers or to the public. Paint manufacturers wishing to make presentations to the Tree-Marking Paint Committee during the closed session should contact the Acting Chairman at the telephone number listed at **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in this notice. The second closed session is planned for approximately 2 to 4 p.m. on May 26, 2005. This session is reserved for Federal Government employees only.

Any person with special access needs should contact the Acting Chairman to make those accommodations. Space for individuals who are not members of the National Tree-Marking Paint Committee is limited and will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: March 11, 2005.

Frederick L. Norbury,

Associate Deputy For National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

United States Standards for Beans

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is removing the special grade designation “off-color” from the United

States Standards for Beans. GIPSA will continue to offer assessments for color uniformity on a request basis. This action will facilitate the marketing of beans from many different regions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 20, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Giler, Deputy Director, Field Management Division, USDA, GIPSA, Room 2429–S, Stop 3632, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3632, telephone (202) 720–0252; or e-mail to: John.C.Giler@usda.gov.

The final United States Standards for Beans will be available through the address cited above or by accessing the GIPSA Home Page on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/reference-library/standards/standards.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices”. GIPSA is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities.

The United States Standards for Beans do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

On December 17, 2004, GIPSA published a notice in the **Federal Register**, (69 FR 75504) requesting comments on removing “off-color” from the United States Standards for Beans. GIPSA proposed to change the United States Standards for Beans using the procedures that appear at 7 CFR Section 868.102. GIPSA representatives worked closely with the National Dry Bean Council (NDBC) and others in the bean industry to examine the effectiveness of the U.S. Standards for Beans in today’s marketing environment. Through discussions, it appeared that the current standards continue to meet consumer/processor needs. However, the bean industry has indicated the special grade “off-color” in dry beans is not needed to market dry beans.

GIPSA received one comment from a bean industry association supporting the removal of “off-color” from the standards. Accordingly, GIPSA is removing the special grade designation “off-color” from the United States Standards for Beans. GIPSA will continue to offer assessments for color uniformity on a request only basis. This action will facilitate the marketing of beans from many different regions.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*

David R. Shipman,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Extend an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request approval to reinstate an information collection, the Conservation Effects Assessment Project Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 25, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250 or to gmcbride@nass.usda.gov or faxed to (202)–720–6396.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Allen, Deputy Administrator Programs and Products, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 690–8141.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Conservation Effects Assessment Project Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0245.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition. The goal of this NASS project is to collect land management information that will assist the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in assessing environmental benefits associated with implementation of various conservation programs and installation of associated conservation practices. The 2002 Farm Bill