

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Agricultural Marketing Service**

[Docket Number FV-05-305]

United States Standards for Grades of Globe Artichokes**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting comments on its proposal to revise the United States Standards for Grades of Globe Artichokes. AMS is proposing to include a U.S. No. 1 Long Stem grade along with an undersize tolerance of 5 percent in the standards. The new grade will have the same requirements as the U.S. No. 1 except that the stems must be smoothly cut to a minimum length of at least 8 inches, unless specified to a longer length in connection with the grade. AMS is proposing to further define "fairly compact" to include a definition for "slightly spread" to mean, "the outer scales may be slightly open, but the inner scales at the tip of the artichoke must be closely folded into the bud." The proposed revisions would bring the standards for globe artichokes in line with current marketing practices, thereby improving their usefulness in serving the industry.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240; Fax (202) 720-8871, E-mail FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov. Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours. The United States Standards for Grades of Globe Artichokes is available either at the above address or by accessing the Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/standards/stanfrfv.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheri L. Emery, at the above address or call (202) 720-2185; E-mail Cheri.Emery@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), 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." AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables not connected with Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is proposing to revise the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Globe Artichokes using procedures that appear in Part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36). These standards were last revised in 1969.

Background

Prior to undertaking research and other work associated with revision of the grade standards, AMS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 21391) on April 26, 2005, soliciting comments on the possible revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Globe Artichokes.

In response to our request for comments, AMS received one comment from an industry group. The comment was a request to revise the current standards to allow the standards to be used for "long stem" globe artichokes in addition to the traditional "short stem" globe artichokes. AMS is proposing to include a U.S. No. 1 Long Stem grade along with an undersize tolerance of 5 percent in the standards. The new grade will have the same requirements as the U.S. No. 1 except that the stems must be smoothly cut to a minimum length of at least 8 inches unless specified to a longer length in connection with the grade. The Agency has been asked to revise the standards to further define "fairly compact" to include a definition for "slightly spread." AMS is proposing "slightly spread" to mean, "the outer scales may be slightly open, but the inner scales at the tip of the artichoke must be closely folded into the bud." The Agency has also been asked about the current guidelines for scoring "frosted artichokes." The standards provide a definition for damage and serious damage based upon materially or seriously affecting the appearance, or the edible, or marketing quality of the globe artichoke. AMS believes that the

current definitions for damage and serious damage within the scoring guide are sufficient for determining the extent of frost injury to the globe artichoke.

This proposal will bring the standards for globe artichokes in line with current marketing practices, thereby improving their usefulness in serving the industry.

The official grade of a lot of globe artichokes covered by these standards is determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification, and Standards of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (7 CFR 51.1 to 51.61).

This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on changes to the standard.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: September 6, 2005.

Lloyd C. Day,*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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[Docket Number FV-05-306]

United States Standards for Grades of Lemons**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published a notice soliciting comments as to whether any changes were necessary to the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Lemons. No comments were received. The Agency has decided not to proceed further with this action due to lack of comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 12, 2005.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cheri L. Emery, Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1661 South Building, STOP 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240, Fax (202) 720-8871 or call (202) 720-2185; E-mail Cheri.Emery@usda.gov. The United States Standards for Grades of Lemons are available either through the address cited above or by accessing the Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/standards/stanfrfv.htm>.

Background

At a 2003 meeting with the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, AMS was asked to review all the fresh fruit and vegetable grade standards for usefulness in serving the industry. AMS had identified the United States Standards for Grades of Lemons for a possible revision. The United States Standards for Grades of Lemons were last amended December 27, 1999.

On April 26, 2005, a notice seeking comments regarding any revision to the lemon grade standards that may be necessary to better serve the industry was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 21392) with the comment period that ended June 27, 2005. During that sixty-day comment period, no comments were received.

The Agency has decided not to proceed further with this action.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: September 6, 2005.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Fanshaw Project Environmental Impact Statement**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice to rescind notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are rescinding the notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Fanshaw Project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tiffany Benna, Team Leader at Petersburg Ranger District, P.O. Box 1328, Petersburg, AK 99833, phone (907) 772-3871.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is rescinding the NOI published in the **Federal Register** on May 4, 2000 to prepare an EIS for the Fanshaw Project. The NOI is being rescinded because the project was based on the 1999 Tongass Land Management Plan Revision Record of Decision.

Dated: August 24, 2005.

Forrest Cole,

Tongass Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Notice of Tri-County Advisory Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest's Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, October 6, 2005, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Deer Lodge, Montana, for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Thursday, October 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center, 1002 Hollenback Road, Deer Lodge, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas W. Heintz, Designated Forest Official (DFO), Acting Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, at (406) 683-3973.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics for this meeting includes a review of projects approved and proposed for funding as authorized under Title II of Pub. L. 106-393, new proposals for funding, and public comment. If the meeting location is changed, notice will be posted in local newspapers, including The Montana Standard.

Dated: September 6, 2005.

Thomas W. Heintz,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Notice of Madison-Beaverhead Advisory Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest's Madison-Beaverhead Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Alder, Montana, for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Tuesday, October 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Fire Hall in Alder, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas W. Heintz, Designated Forest Official (DFO), Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, at (406) 683-3973.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda topics for these meetings include hearing and deciding on proposals for projects to fund under Title II of Pub. L. 106-393, hearing public comments, and other business. If the meeting location changes, notice will be posted in local newspapers, including the Dillon Tribune and The Montana Standard.

Dated: September 6, 2005.

Thomas W. Heintz,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****North Fork Cowanesque River Watershed, Potter County, PA**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the North Fork Cowanesque River Watershed, Potter County, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Robin E. Heard, State Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, One Credit Union Place, Suite 340, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-2993; Phone: 717-237-2200; Fax: 717-237-2239.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Robin E. Heard, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an