

commodities after harvest and before shipping to the consumer. Information from these data collection efforts is used extensively by government agencies in planning, farm policy analysis, scientific research, and program administration. NASS will suspend Fruit Chemical Use and Postharvest Chemical Use data collection as of May 2, 2007. NASS will not publish the two associated reports: The Agricultural Chemical Usage Postharvest Applications report previously scheduled for March 26, 2008 and the Agricultural Chemical Usage 2007 Fruit Summary report scheduled for July 30, 2008. The Agriculture Resource Management surveys portion of the information collection will continue unaffected.

**Authority:** These data are collected under 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:** There will be no further reporting burden for the annual collection of Postharvest Chemical Use or the biennial collection of Fruit Chemical Use data.

Signed at Washington, DC, April 4, 2007.

**Joseph T. Reilly,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of re-establishment of the Advisory Committee for Agriculture Statistics.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has re-established the Advisory Committee for Agriculture Statistics. Effective October 1, 1996, responsibility for the census of agriculture program was transferred to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) at USDA from the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. Effective February 2, 1997, NASS also received the transferred program positions and staff from the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. responsibility for the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, which is a

discretionary committee, was transferred, along with its allocated slot, to USDA with the census of agriculture program.

The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics has provided input and direction to the census of agriculture program since the committee was first established on July 16, 1962. It has been particularly critical to have the committee as a valuable resource to USDA during the transfer of the census from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The purpose of the committee is to make recommendations on census of agriculture operations including questionnaire design and content, publicity, publication plans, and data dissemination.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix II), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has re-established the charter for the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, hereafter referred to as Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the conduct of the periodic censuses and surveys of agriculture, other related surveys, and the types of agricultural information to obtain from respondents. The committee also prepares recommendations regarding the content of agriculture reports, and presents the views and needs for data of major suppliers and users of agriculture statistics.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the work of the Committee is in the public interest and relevant to the duties of USDA. No other advisory committee or agency of USDA is performing the tasks that will be assigned to the Committee.

The Committee, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, shall consist of 25 members representing a broad range of disciplines and interests, including, but not limited to, agricultural economists, rural sociologists, farm policy analysts, educators, State agriculture representatives, and agriculture-related business and marketing experts.

Representatives of the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, and Economic Research Service, USDA, serve as ex-officio members of the Committee.

The Committee draws on the experience and expertise of its members

to form a collective judgment concerning agriculture data collected and the statistics issued by NASS. This input is vital to keep current with shifting data needs in the rapidly changing agricultural environment and keep NASS informed of emerging developments and issues in the food and fiber sector that can affect agriculture statistics activities.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Signed at Washington, DC, March 14, 2007.

**R. Ronald Bosecker,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notification of appointment to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary of Agriculture announces members appointed to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The appointment for the twenty-five member committee, which has representation across seven categories which covers a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests, was signed on December 19, 2006. Appointed members, by their associated category are: Consumer and Information Organizations—John Baugh, West Lafayette, IN; Janice Gengenbach,