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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket Number: AMS-CN-07-0093; CN-07-007]

Advisory Committee on Universal Standards; Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces a forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards.

DATES: June 12, 2008, at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on June 13, 2008, at 9 a.m. until the review is complete.

Place: On June 12, at the Peabody Hotel, 149 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38103. Phone (901) 529-4000.

On June 13, at USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service, Cotton and Tobacco Programs office at 3275 Appling Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38133. Phone (901) 384-3000. The meeting is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Knowlton, Standardization and Engineering Branch, Cotton and Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA, 3275 Appling Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38133; Phone (901) 384-3030, facsimile (901) 384-3032, or e-mail at james.knowlton@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee includes representatives of all segments of the U.S. cotton industry and the twenty-three overseas associations that are signatories to the Universal Cotton Standards Agreement which is authorized under the United States Cotton Standards Act (U.S.C. 51-65). The purpose of the meeting is: (1) To recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture any changes considered

necessary to the Universal Standards; and (2) to review freshly prepared sets of Universal Cotton Standards for conformity with existing standards.

The meeting is open to the public. Written comments may be submitted in advance or following the meeting to Mr. Knowlton. Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law No. 92-463).

Dated: May 27, 2008.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV-08-378]

Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to notify all interested parties that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will hold a Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (Committee) meeting that is open to the public. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the Committee to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. This notice sets forth the schedule and location for the meeting.

DATES: Monday, September 8, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Committee meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Hatch, Designated Federal Official, USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs. Telephone: (202) 690-0182. Facsimile: (202) 720-0016. E-mail: andrew.hatch@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. II), the Secretary of Agriculture established the Committee in August 2001 to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. The Committee was re-chartered in July 2003, June 2005 and again in May 2007 with new members appointed by USDA from industry nominations.

AMS Deputy Administrator for Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Robert C. Keeney, serves as the Committee's Executive Secretary. Representatives from USDA mission areas and other government agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry will be called upon to participate in the Committee's meetings as determined by the Committee Chairperson. AMS is giving notice of the Committee meeting to the public so that they may attend and present their recommendations. Reference the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** section of this announcement for the time and place of the meeting.

Topics of discussion at the Committee meeting will include: The Market News reporting of fruits and vegetables, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act license fees, the restructuring of fresh fruit and vegetable grading services at terminal markets, USDA crop insurance programs, and Maximum Residue Levels for pesticides in food. Additional agenda items can be expected.

Those parties that would like to speak at the meeting should register on or before August 29, 2008. To register as a speaker, please e-mail your name, affiliation, business address, e-mail address, and phone number to Mr. Andrew Hatch at: andrew.hatch@usda.gov or facsimile to (202) 720-0016. Speakers who have registered in advance receive priority. Groups and individuals may submit comments for the Committee's consideration to the same e-mail address. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

The Secretary of Agriculture selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing suggestions and ideas on how USDA can tailor its programs to