

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Agricultural Marketing Service**

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**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:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, March 31, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**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 March 31, 2009 with new members appointed December 2009 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 are 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 date and address section of this announcement for the time and place of the meeting.

Topics of discussion at the advisory committee meeting will include the following: audit requirements, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act program, marketing agreements, food safety, local farmer/education initiatives, commodity purchasing programs, and work group assignments and orientation for the new members.

Those parties that would like to speak at the meeting should register on or before March 1, 2010. To register as a speaker, please e-mail your name, affiliation, business address, e-mail address, and phone number to Ms. Pamela Stanziani at: [Pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov) or facsimile to (202) 720-0016. Speakers who have registered in advance will be given 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. All presentations must be provided and displayed electronically, and submitted upon designated due date.

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 meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. Equal opportunity practices were considered in all appointments to the Committee in accordance with USDA policies.

If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please use either contact name listed above.

Dated: February 17, 2010.

**David R. Shipman,**

*Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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**BILLING CODE 3410-02-P****DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent and Trademark Office****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* Patent Cooperation Treaty.

*Form Number(s):* PCT/RO/101, PCT/RO/134, PCT/IB/372, PCT/IPEA/401, PTO-1382, PTO-1390, PTO/SB/61/PCT, PTO/SB/64/PCT.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0021.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 341,840 hours annually.

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*Frequency:* On occasion.

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