

study the scope and effectiveness of research, extension, and economics programs affecting the specialty crop industry. The congressional legislation defines "specialty crops" as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and nursery crops (including floriculture). In order to carry out its responsibilities effectively, the Committee is holding a stakeholder listening session. The listening session will elicit stakeholder input from industry and state representatives, researchers and educators, national organizations and institutions, local producers, and other groups about topics of relevance to research, extension or economics programs on which the Specialty Crop Committee is charged to report through the Board to the Secretary of Agriculture and Congress. The list of specific topics of interest is available on the Committee charge on the NAREEE Web site (<http://nareeeab.ree.usda.gov>). In addition, the Committee seeks input on the Specialty Crop Research Initiative priorities and program administration, as well as its interaction with any research undertaken by the state administered Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funded through the USDA. Several panel sessions will be organized to stimulate discussion, each relating to one or more specific issues delineated in the Committee's charge. Each panel will be followed with questions by Committee members and opportunity for brief presentations and general discussion from the floor. An open session for further brief presentations will be also be scheduled. Succinct written comments by attendees and other interested stakeholders will be welcomed as additional public input before and up to two weeks following the listening sessions. All statements will become part of the official public record of the Board's Specialty Crop Committee.

In order to encourage input from a wide array of interested parties and stakeholders from diverse regions of the country, the Committee will host an additional listening session focused on the same topics. This session will be held in Sacramento, CA on June 10, 2010. Details regarding this meeting will be announced in the near future.

Done at Washington, DC, June 2, 2010.

Ann M. Bartuska,

Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Solicitation for Members of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 9 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is July 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The nominee's name, resume, completed Form AD-755, and any letters of support must be sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 321-A, Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-0321.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Kelly, Acting Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 321-A, Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-0321, *telephone:* 202-720-4421; *fax:* 202-720-6199; *e-mail:* david.kelly@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1408 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3123) was amended by the Food, Energy and Conservation Act of 2008 by deleting six members of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board, to total 25 members. Since the inception of the Advisory Board by congressional legislation in 1996, each member has represented a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, non-land grant college or university with a historic commitment to research in the food and agricultural sciences, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture in September 1996 and one-third of its members were appointed for

one, two, and three-year terms, respectively to allow for approximately one-third of the Board to change each year. The terms for 8 members who represent specific categories will expire September 30, 2010. Nominations for these and other vacant categories are sought. All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to a category. Appointments will be made for two- or three-year terms to maintain the approximate one-third change in membership each year dictated by the original legislation.

The 9 slots to be filled are:

- Category F. National Food Animal Science Society
- Category G. National Crop, Soil, Agronomy, Horticulture, or Weed Science Society
- Category K. 1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities
- Category L. 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities
- Category P. American Colleges of Veterinary Medicine
- Category T. Rural Economic Development
- Category U. National Consumer Interest Group
- Category V. National Forestry Group
- Category W. National Conservation or Natural Resource Groups

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests throughout the country. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must fill out, sign, and return a form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person below or may be printed out from the following Web site: <http://www.ree.usda.gov/nareeeab/downloads/forms/AD-755.pdf>). All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Advisory Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Appointments to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Done at Washington, DC, June 2, 2010.

Ann M. Bartuska,

Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection; Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared, or Have Been Declared Incompetent

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) are requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved information collection. The CCC and FSA are using the collected information to determine whether representatives or survivors of a producer are entitled to receive payments earned by a producer who dies, disappears, or is declared incompetent before receiving payments or other disbursements.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 9, 2010 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Mike Sienkiewicz, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA, FSA, STOP 0572, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0572.

- *E-mail:* mike.sienkiewicz@wdc.usda.gov.
- *Fax:* (202) 720-0051.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Mike Sienkiewicz at the above addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Sienkiewicz, Agricultural Program Specialist, (202) 720-8959.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared, or Have Been Declared Incompetent.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0026.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Persons desiring to claim payment due a person who has died, disappeared, or has been declared incompetent must complete a form FSA-325 of Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared, or Have Been Declared Incompetent. This information is used by FSA county office employees to document the relationship of heirs or beneficiaries and determine the order of precedence for disbursing payments to survivors of the person who has died, disappeared, or been declared incompetent.

Information is obtained only when a producer eligible to receive a payment or disbursement dies, disappears, or is declared incompetent, and documentation is needed to determine if any survivors are entitled to receive such payments or disbursements.

Estimated Average Time to Respond: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours (30 minutes) per response. The average travel time, which is included in the total annual burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

Type of Respondents: Producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 2,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,000.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection and to help us to:

- (1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- (3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 3, 2010.

Carolyn B. Cooksie,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, and Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Annual List of Newspapers To Be Used by the Alaska Region for Publication of Legal Notices of Proposed Actions and Legal Notices of Decisions Subject to Administrative Appeal Under 36 CFR 215

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Alaska Region will use to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215 and to publish legal notices for public comment on actions subject to the notice and comment provisions of 36 CFR 215, as updated on June 4, 2003. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notice of actions subject to public comment and decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215, thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision or proposed action, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers begins on July 1, 2010. This list of newspapers will remain in effect until it is superceded by a new list, published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Ken Post, Appeals Specialist; Forest Service, Alaska Region; P.O. Box 21628; Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Post, Appeals Specialist; (907) 586-8796.