

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

**AGENCY:** Departmental Management, Office of Advocacy and Outreach, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Advocacy and Outreach is issuing this notice to advise the public that meetings of the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (Committee) will be held to discuss and explore USDA policy options designed to create and sustain "New and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers."

**DATES:** The public meetings will be held December 15th and 16th, 2010. Opportunities for public comment will be made available on December 15th, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The second meeting will be held on December 16th, 2010, from 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Requests to make oral statements should be received no later than 12 noon EDT on December 13th, 2010. For more information, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be located in Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW., Washington, DC 20008. Attendance is open to all interested persons but limited to space available. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should submit their request in writing (letter, fax, or e-mail) to Quinton N. Robinson, Designated Federal Official for the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Departmental Management, Office of Advocacy and Outreach, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 520 Whitten, STOP, Washington, DC 20250-0522; fax (202) 720-205-5490; phone (202) 720-3058; e-mail [Quinton.Robinson@dm.usda.gov](mailto:Quinton.Robinson@dm.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Quinton N. Robinson at 202-720-3058.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests to make oral statements should be received no later than 12 noon EDT on December 13th, 2010. Requests should include the name and affiliation of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. The floor will be open to oral presentations beginning at 1 p.m. on December 15th, 2010. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes, and presenters will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Section 5 of the Agriculture Credit Improvement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-554) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the New and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising the Secretary on: (1) The development of a program of coordinated financial assistance to qualified beginning farmers and ranchers required by Section 309(i) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (this program consists of Federal and State beginning farmer programs that provide joint financing to beginning farmers and ranchers); (2) methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through the program; (3) methods of encouraging States to participate in the program; (4) the administration of the program; and (5) other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities.

USDA's Departmental Management's Office of Advocacy and Outreach is responsible for the performance and oversight of the New and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 14013 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110-246.

If special accommodations are required, please contact Mr. Robinson at the address specified above, by COB December 3, 2010.

Signed in Washington, DC on November 19, 2010.

**Pearlie S. Reed,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on the following information collections for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 25, 2011.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5162, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. Fax: (202) 720-8435.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies information collections that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Michele Brooks, Director,