

proposes to revise the Blackeye bean inspection criteria by amending the Bean Inspection Handbook to change the sample grade tolerance for IWOFF in the Blackeye bean class only, from a count of two or more beans in 1,000 grams, to more than 0.10 percent on the basis of the representative sample as a whole, and remove clean-cut weevil-bore as a sample grade factor.

Blackeye Bean Sample Grade Tolerances for Insect Webbing or Filth

Representatives of dry bean industry stakeholders contacted AMS—FGIS to discuss ongoing issues with Blackeye beans, which grow predominately in California and Texas. The bean stakeholders told AMS the type of insect filth found in the Blackeye bean is not due to storage practices, but originates in the field, brought on by years of drought, and is the result of challenges associated with applying aerial pesticides. These elements have contributed to an increase of IWOFF (beans and pieces of beans which contain webbing, refuse, excreta, dead insects, larvae, or eggs) in the Blackeye bean crops for years. With the current sample grade factor tolerance, difficulty in meeting contract specifications is problematic. During meetings and discussions, bean stakeholders communicated the need to revise the Bean Inspection Handbook by changing Blackeye bean sample grade tolerances for IWOFF from count to percent. This would assist in moving the U.S. Blackeye bean market towards fewer quality complaints. The current sample grade tolerances for IWOFF in all classes of beans are determined on a count basis of two or more beans in 1,000 grams. This change will increase the actual count to at least three beans, and in some cases possibly four beans, depending on the variety size. These changes were recommended to AMS by the stakeholder organizations identified in the background section of this notice to facilitate the current marketing practices. AMS views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse public comment.

Removing Clean Cut Weevil Bore as a Sample Grade Factor

Dry bean representatives also discussed issues with the Blackeye bean determination of clean-cut weevil-bore (CCWB) beans as a sample grade factor. Currently, two or more clean-cut weevil-bored (beans and pieces of beans from which weevils have emerged, leaving a clean-cut open cavity free from any webbing, refuse, excreta, dead insect, larvae, or eggs) are considered sample grade/weevily in 1,000 grams. AMS

proposes to remove clean-cut weevil-bored as a sample grade criteria. This results in clean-cut weevil-bored beans considered only for damage and removes the weevily and sample grade determination based on the count of clean-cut weevil-bored beans for blackeye beans.

AMS grading and inspection services are provided through a network of federal, state, and private laboratories that conduct tests to determine the quality and condition of Blackeye beans. These tests are conducted in accordance with applicable standards using approved methodologies and can be applied at any point in the marketing chain. Furthermore, the tests yield rapid, reliable, and consistent results. The U.S. Standards for Beans and the affiliated grading and testing services offered by AMS verify that a seller's Blackeye beans meet specified requirements and ensure that customers receive the quality purchased.

In order for U.S. standards and grading procedures for Blackeye beans to remain relevant, AMS is issuing this request for information to invite interested parties to submit comments on the proposal to amend the sample grade interpretation for the class Blackeye beans. These changes do not revise or amend the Grade and Grade Requirements for the class Blackeye Beans in the U.S. Standard for Beans.

Proposed AMS Action

Based on input from stakeholder organizations in the Blackeye bean industry, AMS proposes to amend the Bean Inspection Handbook by revising the sample grade tolerances for Blackeye beans such that clean cut weevil bore is no longer a sample grade determining factor, and changing the Insect Webbing or Filth determination from a count to a percent basis.

AMS will solicit comments for 30 days. All comments received within the comment period will be made part of the public record maintained by AMS, will be available to the public for review, and will be considered by AMS before a final action is taken on this proposal.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2020–0091]

General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture has renewed the charter of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (Committee) for a 2-year period. The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Elena Behnke, Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, USDA, 1506 Klondike Road, Suite 101, Conyers, GA 30094; (770) 922–3496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (Committee) is to maintain and ensure industry involvement in Federal administration of matters pertaining to poultry health.

The Committee Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members. There are seven members on the Committee. The poultry industry elects the members of the Committee. The members represent six geographic areas with one member-at-large.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of September 2020.

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Committee Management Officer, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Child Nutrition Database

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.