

II. Request for Information

When considering whether crops and food available in a bioengineered form should be added to the List, AMS will consider two criteria: (1) whether the food has been authorized for commercial production somewhere in the world; and (2) whether the food is currently in legal commercial production for human food somewhere in the world. AMS uses resources such as GAIN Agricultural Biotechnology Annual Reports, information from food manufacturers, and international governmental information to track such authorizations and the status of commercial production.

AMS is soliciting comments including data, recommendations, and other information on the inclusion of several specific crops and foods it has determined are likely to meet the criteria to be added to the List. AMS also seeks information from the public on any additional crops or foods that may meet the criteria to be added to the List, any crops or foods that no longer meet the criteria and should be subtracted from the List, and any trade names, varieties or modifiers that should be considered for addition to or subtraction from the items currently appearing on the List. After reviewing the recommendations and information submitted in response to this notice, AMS will use that information, as well as input based on consultation with other government agencies responsible for oversight of the products of biotechnology, to determine whether it should initiate rulemaking to update the List. Any comments not directly related to updates to the List will not be considered, nor will recommendations that are not accompanied by data and other information to support the recommended action. AMS is providing 30 days for the submission of relevant information. Any changes to the List would be reflected in an amendment to 7 CFR part 66.

1. Should Dry Edible Beans (Event—EMB—PVØ51)^{1 2} be added to the List? If so, would you suggest that AMS use a modifier, trade name, variety, etc.?

2. Should Cowpea (Event—AAT709A)^{3 4} be added to the List? If so,

¹ <https://www.isaaa.org/gmapprovaldatabase/event/default.asp?EventID=23>.

² Agricultural Biotechnology Annual—2021—Brazil, https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Agricultural%20Biotechnology%20Annual_Brasilia_Brazil_10-20-2021.

³ Agricultural Biotechnology Annual—2021—Nigeria, https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Agricultural%20Biotechnology%20Annual_Lagos_Nigeria_10-20-2021.

would you suggest that AMS use a modifier, trade name, variety, etc.?

3. Should Wheat (Event—HB4)^{5 6} be added to the list? If so, would you suggest that AMS use a modifier, trade name, variety, etc.?

4. Should Rice (Event—GR2E, Production of provitamin A carotenoids),^{7 8} also known as Golden Rice, be added to the List? If so, would you suggest that AMS use a modifier, trade name, variety, etc.?

5. Should Purple Tomato (Event—Del/Ros1—N)⁹ be added to the List? If so, would you suggest that AMS use a modifier, trade name, variety, etc.?

6. Should Plums (Honeysweet, Event—ARS—PLMC5—6)¹⁰ be added to the List? If so, would you suggest that AMS use a modifier, trade name, variety, etc.?

7. Are there any other crops or foods that should be considered for inclusion on the List?

8. Are there any crops or foods currently on the List that should be considered for subtraction from the List?

9. Should any modifiers be added or changed for any of the crops or foods already on the List?

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*

Erin Morris,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Economic Research Service (ERS), Department of Agriculture (USDA).

⁴ <https://sciencenigeria.com/pbr-cowpea-revolutionising-nigerias-food-production-nabba-boss/>.

⁵ Argentina: Agricultural Biotechnology—Annual—2021, https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Agricultural%20Biotechnology%20Annual_Buenos%20Aires_Argentina_10-20-2021.

⁶ UPDATE 1—Argentina becomes first country to authorize planting GMO wheat | Reuters.

⁷ Philippines approves Golden Rice for direct use as food and feed, or for processing, <https://www.irri.org/news-and-events/news/philippines-approves-golden-rice-direct-use-food-and-feed-or-processing>.

⁸ https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Agricultural%20Biotechnology%20Annual_Manila_Philippines_RP2022-0058.pdf.

⁹ <https://www.cfsanappsexternal.fda.gov/scripts/fdcc/index.cfm?set=NewPlantVarietyConsultations&id=DelRos1-N>.

¹⁰ <https://www.isaaa.org/gmapprovaldatabase/event/default.asp?EventID=236>.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request to comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ERS is proposing a new information collection to study consumer's willingness to pay to prevent health effects of foodborne illness, "Foodborne Illness Prevention Valuation Survey."

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by May 28, 2024 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to julie.parker3@usda.gov and ers.pra@usda.gov identified by docket number 0536—NEW.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Julie Parker at ers.pra@usda.gov or 202–868–7945.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of collection: Foodborne Illness Prevention Valuation Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0536—NEW.

Type of Request: A new information collection.

Abstract:

Collection of Information for Foodborne Illness Prevention Valuation Survey

The proposed data collection will survey U.S. consumers to study the value consumers place on preventing pain and suffering from foodborne illnesses and their long-term outcomes. The survey sample will be drawn from a panel of individuals recruited to be representative of the U.S. public. USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service uses these estimates in cost-benefit analysis of proposed food safety regulations. They also use information on the value consumers place on avoiding a range of foodborne illnesses to help inform food safety program priorities.

This stated preference survey will enhance understanding of the value the public places on preventing foodborne illness. Like other cost of illness research, current cost of foodborne illness estimates includes cost of medical treatment, the value of lost time, and willingness to pay to reduce risk of death, but do not include the value consumers place on preventing the physical, emotional and social burden experienced from these illnesses. Economic theory supports the utility of measuring consumer willingness to pay for these non-monetary benefits of health protection, as demonstrated by recent survey

research in the United Kingdom and Australia. The proposed survey project will build upon these efforts.

Participation in the survey will be voluntary. Respondents will be recruited online and will respond to an online survey. Data will be analyzed using discrete choice models to estimate consumers' willingness to pay to prevent pain and suffering from foodborne illnesses and their long-term outcomes. Results from the survey will provide the first U.S. estimates of consumer willingness to pay to prevent pain and suffering from foodborne illnesses. Results will be published in academic journals and Federal research reports. This will help ensure stakeholder and public access to results regarding the benefits of food safety programs. This work will also inform future studies on valuing prevention of foodborne illness.

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of US Code (U.S.C.) 7 U.S.C. 2204(a) General duties of Secretary, advisory functions, research and development and 7 U.S.C 6971, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, as implemented under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 7 CFR 2.21 which delegates to the Under Secretary, as Chief Scientist, the responsibility for agricultural systems and technology, including emerging agricultural research, education, and extension needs. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (at 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. 5 CFR part 1320.

Confidentiality: All ERS employees and ERS contractors must also fully comply with all provisions of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2018, Title III of Public Law 115–435, codified in 44 U.S.C. ch. 35.

Estimate of Burden: The burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 30 minutes per respondent completing the survey.

Respondents: The respondents will be consumers across the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Up to 3,000 respondents completing the survey. This is based on a 30% response rate from a total of 10,000 sampled consumers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Up to 2,000 hours (inclusive of completed responses and contacts).

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of ERS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of ERS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information for respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to 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.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of virtual business meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that the Texas Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a series virtual business meeting via ZoomGov on the following dates listed below. These virtual business meetings are for the purpose of selecting and refining their next project topic.

DATES: These meetings will take place on:

- Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. CT
- Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. CT
- Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. CT
Zoom Webinar Link to Join (*Audio/Visual*)
- Wednesday, April 24 https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Z2vPBVG4TU2q6sJEdLqMw
- Wednesday, June 5 https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_X94mfqEwQGCsRs8k-umsSQ
- Tuesday, June 18 https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_OUBydKsbRk6y2Zk-bZQX3g

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brooke Peery, Designated Federal

Officer (DFO) at bpeery@usccr.gov or by phone at (202) 701–1376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committee meetings are available to the public through the videoconference link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email Angelica Trevino, Support Services Specialist, atrevino@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments can be sent via email to Brooke Peery (DFO) at bpeery@usccr.gov.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Texas Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at atrevino@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Committee Discussion
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

Dated: March 23, 2024.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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