AUTHENTICATED
U.S. GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION
GPO

Commodity to be reported	Unit of measure to be used in reporting	Beginning of marketing year	End of marketing year
Cotton, upland, raw, staple length 1 1/16 in and over	do	do	Do.
Cotton, upland, raw, staple length 1 in up to 1 1/16 in	do	do	Do.
Cotton, upland, raw, staple length under 1 in	do	do	Do.
Rice, long grain, brown (including parboiled)	Metric tons	do	Do.
Rice, medium, short and other classes, brown (including parboiled).	do	do	Do.
Rice, long grain, milled (including parboiled)	do	do	Do.
Rice, medium, short and other classes, milled (including parboiled).	do	do	Do.
Cattle hides and skins—Whole cattle hides, excluding wet blues.	Pieces	Jan. 1	Dec. 31.
Cattle hides and skins—Whole calf skins, excluding wet blues.	Pieces	Jan. 1	Dec. 31.
Cattle hides and skins—Whole kip skins, excluding wet blues	Pieces	Jan. 1	Dec. 31.
Cattle hides and skins—Cattle, calf and kip, excluding wet blues, cut into croupons, crops, dossets, sides, butts or butt bends (hide equivalent).	Number	Jan. 1	Dec. 31.
Cattle hides and skins—Cattle, calf and kip, excluding wet blues, in cuts not otherwise specified.	Pounds	Jan. 1	Dec. 31.
Cattle, calf and kip, wet blues—unsplit (whole or sided) hide equivalent.	Number	Jan. 1	Dec. 31.
Cattle, calf and kip, wet blues—grain splits (whole or sided) hide equivalent.	Number	Jan. 1	Dec. 31.
Cattle, calf and kip, wet blues—splits, excluding grain splits	Pounds	Jan. 1	Dec. 31.

[Amdt. 1, 41 FR 19951, May 14, 1976, as amended by Amdt. 5, 45 FR 24440, Apr. 10, 1980; Amdt. 6, 45 FR 83192, Dec. 18, 1980; 46 FR 32228, June 22, 1981; 48 FR 13955, Apr. 1, 1983; 51 FR 30203, Aug. 25, 1986; 62 FR 10412, Mar. 7, 1997]

PART 21—UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION FOR FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS

AUTHORITY: Sec. 231, Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91–646, 84 Stat. 1894 (42 U.S.C. 4601) as amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, title IV of Pub. L. 100–17, 101 Stat. 246–256 (42 U.S.C. 4601 note).

§ 21.1 Uniform relocation assistance and real property acquisition.

Regulations and procedures for complying with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91–646, 84 Stat. 1894, 42 U.S.C. 4601) as amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (title IV of Pub. L. 100–17, 101 Stat. 246–256, 42 U.S.C 4601 note) are set forth in 49 CFR part 24.

[52 FR 48017, Dec. 17, 1987 and 54 FR 8912, 8913, Mar. 2, 1989]

PART 22—RURAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION

Subpart A—General

Sec.
22.101 The Rural Development Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–419).
22.102 Summary of authorities.
22.103 Purpose.
22.104 General policy.

Subpart B—Roles and Responsibilities of Federal Government

22.201 Coordination.
22.202 Federal unit responsibilities.
22.203 Major responsibilities under title VI, Sec. 603.
22.204 Rural development committees.
22.205 Allocation of loan and grant funds.

Subpart C—Roles and Responsibilities of State Governments

22.301 Selection and designation.
22.302 Area eligibility.
22.303 Cooperation with Federal Regional Councils.
22.304 Multiyear planning and programming.
22.305 Conformance with OMB Circular No. A–95.
22.306 Financing rural development planning.
22.307 Program evaluation.

22.308 Project approval.
22.309 Seeking Federal review.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 301, 80 Stat. 379, 5 U.S.C. 301 and delegations of authority by the Secretary of Agriculture, 38 FR 14944–14948, 7 CFR 2.23, as amended by 38 FR 24633.

SOURCE: 38 FR 29020, Oct. 18, 1973, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General

§ 22.101 The Rural Development Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–419).

The Rural Development Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–419), herein called the Act consists of six titles designed to facilitate the development of rural communities through a series of authorizations including grants, loans, and administrative provisions. This Act adds new statutory rural development coordination responsibilities to certain Federal departments and agencies to be carried out under the leadership of the Secretary of Agriculture.

§ 22.102 Summary of authorities.

The purpose of this section is to give notice that certain authorities have been delegated by the Secretary of USDA agencies for implementation. New Secretarial delegations covering the Rural Development Act were effective May 31, 1973, and were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER June 7, 1973 (38 FR 14944–14953). These are as follows:

(a) Title I (38 FR 14948). Responsibility delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development. The responsibility for administering loan and grant authorities is redelegated to the Farmers Home Administration, except the responsibility for administering loan authorities with respect to rural electrification and telephone facilities and service which has been redelegated to the Rural Electrification Administration.

(b) Titles II (38 FR 14945–14948), III (38 FR 14945–14948), and V (38 FR 14945–14948. Responsibility delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research and Education and redelegated as follows:

(1) Titles II (38 FR 14951–14952) and III (38 FR 14951–14952) to the Administrator, Soil Conservation Service.

(2) Title V (38 FR 14949–14950) to the Administrators, Cooperative State Research Service and the Extension Service respectively.

(c) Title IV (38 FR 14945–14948). Responsibility delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research and Education and redelegated (38 FR 14950–14951) to the Chief of the Forest Service.

(d) Title VI, section 603 (38 FR 14948). Responsibility delegated to Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and redelegated (38 FR 14953) to the Administrator, Rural Development Service.

The Rural Development Act recognizes that many Federal departments and agencies of the executive branch of government administer programs and provide services which are applicable to the needs of rural communities. Section 603 of the Rural Development Act charges the Secretary of Agriculture with providing governmentwide leadership for, and with coordinating a nationwide rural development program. In such coordination, the Secretary shall seek measures that will achieve effective integration of relevant Federal services in rural areas as provided by Agriculture agencies and other Departments and agencies. This section also requires that the Secretary shall establish goals and report to the Congress on progress in complying with specified purposes of the Act. The Federal Regional Council will play a major role in coordination at the field level. An organic Act of the Department (7 U.S.C. 2201) has been amended to require the Secretary to add Rural Development to those purposes for which he is authorized to acquire and diffuse useful information.

§ 22.103 Purpose.

The purpose of these regulations is to establish the policies, procedures, and responsibilities required by section 603 of the Rural Development Act.

§ 22.104 General policy.

Federal implementation of the Act will be consistent with the President's policy of decentralized decisionmaking and administrative responsibility which gives fullest possible consideration to State and local rural development goals and priorities. As a result of section 817(4) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (Pub.

L. 93–86) which prohibits prior approval by any State officials of any loan or grant under any program authorized by title I of the Rural Development Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–419), it has been necessary to substantially modify the planned administration of programs under section 603 of the Rural Development Act.

Subpart B—Roles and Responsibilities of Federal Government

§ 22.201 Coordination.

The following identifies types and levels of coordination:

(a) Washington level interdepartmental and interagency coordination for purposes of the Act.

(b) Coordination for purposes of the Act among agencies within the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(c) Coordination among and between the field operations of Federal agencies for purposes of the Act.

(d) Coordination for purposes of the Act between levels of field operations of the Federal government and State governments.

§ 22.202 Federal unit responsibilities.

The following Federal units have major responsibilities in implementing the Act.

(a) Rural Development policy questions requiring resolution by the Committee on Community Development of the President's Domestic Council may be so referred by the Secretary of Agriculture, who will sit as a member and as Chairman of the Rural Development Committee.

(b) The Under Secretary of Agriculture will represent the Secretary in matters pertaining to rural development policy when such matters are of mutual concern to the Under Secretaries' Group for Regional Operations (Executive Order 11647 as amended by E.O. 11731) and the Federal Regional Councils, or at such other times that he or the Secretary may deem appropriate.

(c) The Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development will chair an Assistant Secretaries' Working Group consisting of interdepartmental and interagency members from Agriculture, Health, Education, and Welfare, Housing and Urban Development, Defense, Labor, Commerce, Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, Small Business Administration and others as appropriate. This working group will operate under the aegis of the Rural Development Committee of the Domestic Council. The purpose of this working group is:

(1) To develop and recommend rural development policy applicable to more than one executive department or agency.

(2) To develop cooperative procedures between and among executive departments and agencies in matters pertaining to rural development.

(3) To devise effective rural development strategies and to bring Federal resources and services to bear toward their realization.

(4) To advise the Under Secretaries' Group on involvement of Federal Regional Councils in rural development activities.

The Secretary of Agriculture may utilize the services of the Assistant Secretaries' Working Group in performing his rural development functions for the Rural Development Committee of the Domestic Council.

(d) The Administrator, Rural Development Service, under the policy direction of the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development shall coordinate rural development activities under section 603 of the Rural Development Act as directed by the Secretary. In the fulfillment of such responsibilities, he is authorized to communicate directly with other Federal department and agency officials of corresponding levels of authority and with State and Federal Regional Council officials.

(e) The Federal Regional Councils shall have primary responsibility for interagency program coordination at the field level and will provide assistance to and liaison with States in promoting rural development. Federal attention to this type of cooperation and coordination will be emphasized. In addition, the Federal Regional Councils, operating within policy determined at the Washington level, shall be responsible for performing an oversight function to assess how well the machinery is working in carrying out the Rural Development Act authorities. Each

Federal Regional Council shall create an appropriate management structure to accomplish the foregoing. This may include the creation of a Rural Development Committee. The Department of Agriculture will chair such Rural Development Committees or otherwise assume the lead in managing rural development activities of the Federal Regional Councils.

(1) Procedures for the coordination of rural development activities will be consistent with the policies expressed herein and with any specific Federal guideline based on these regulations or on Executive Order 11647, as amended by Executive Order 11731.

(2) Councils shall exercise authority under Executive Order 11647, as amended by Executive Order 11731, to promote in rural areas integrated program and funding plans involving several Federal agencies.

§ 22.203 Major responsibilities under title VI, Sec. 603.

(a) *Title VI, section 603*(*b*). (1) Section 603(b) of the Rural Development Act charges the Secretary of Agriculture with providing leadership in the development of a nationwide rural development program. Included in this program would be pertinent Federal departments and agencies which might contribute to this rural development mission. In carrying out his responsibilities, the Secretary shall report annually, prior to September 1, to the Congress on rural development goals for employment, income, population, housing, and quality of community services and facilities. To carry out the provisions of the Act specified above, the following major responsibilities are identified:

(i) The Rural Development Committee of the Domestic Council will assume responsibility for interdepartmental policy formulation and resolution of issues pertaining to this section of the Act as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. This committee consists of members of the Community Development Committee of the Domestic Council, to wit: The Secretary of Agriculture, Chairman of the Rural Development Committee; the Secretary of HUD, Chairman of the Urban Development Committee; the Secretary of Transportation, Chairman of the Transportation Policy Development Committee; the Secretaries of Treasury, Commerce, and Labor and the Director of OMB.

(ii) The Secretary of Agriculture shall be responsible for Washington level coordination pursuant to this section of the Act.

(iii) At the regional level, the Federal Regional Councils shall develop and implement procedures designed to identify and facilitate access to Federal resources appropriate for rural development purposes within States. Such procedures will be consistent with policies expressed or endorsed by the Under Secretaries' Group. The Councils shall also be responsible for monitoring the effectiveness with which the Rural Development Act is implemented within their respective regions.

(2) The Secretary of Agriculture is also authorized to initiate or expand research and development efforts related to solution of rural development problems including problems of rural water supply, rural sewage and solid waste management, and rural industrialization.

(3) The Rural Development Service will operate a rural development research program and may also participate in rural development research in cooperation with Federal, State, and private research units.

(b) *Title VI, section 603*(*c*) *of the Rural Development Act*. (1) Under guidance by the Under Secretaries' Group, and under the leadership of the U.S. Department of Agriculture member on each of the Federal Regional Councils, the Rural Development Committees of the Federal Regional Councils or other Federal Regional Council mechanisms assigned to work with rural development, shall be responsible for proposing to the appropriate Federal and State agencies actions in such areas as:

(i) Adjustment, where appropriate, of administrative boundaries used by field staffs of Federal and federally supported agencies to conform with boundaries of multicounty jurisdictions. ''Multicounty jurisdictions'' as used means substate planning districts or

other combinations of county jurisdictions as designated by States for State planning purposes.

(ii) Co-location of field units of Federal agencies and consolidation of offices in the vicinity of principal centers of local government administration (including multicounty jurisdictional administration), to encourage increased cooperation within and among different governmental levels.

(iii) Exchange of personnel between Federal and State agencies under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (Pub. L. 91–648), to supplement and broaden staffs administering rural development programs, and provide specific technical expertise for certain projects.

(iv) Interchange of personnel among Federal agencies for the purposes expressed in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section.

(2) In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture member on the Federal Regional Councils shall, by July 31, of each year, report to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development who shall in turn report to the Under Secretaries' Group and the Congress on progress made in carrying out the programs outlined in paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) through (iv) of this section and plans for programs to be implemented during the following fiscal year. The first report will be due to the Assistant Secretary by July 31, 1974.

§ 22.204 Rural development committees.

State rural development committees, consisting of USDA agency members and, in most instances, State governments and other Federal agency representatives are available to assist States in accomplishing their rural development objectives. Such assistance if requested by the State can take the form of technical assistance and cooperative services to States in carrying out their rural development priorities.

§ 22.205 Allocation of loan and grant funds.

(a) Title I grant funds and approved loan funding levels will be allocated among States by a formula designed to ensure equitable treatment. This applies to amounts made available for business and industrial loans, water, sewer and other community facilities except electrical and telephone facilities provided by or through the Rural Electrification Administration.

(b) During the second half of the fiscal year, the Secretary of Agriculture shall review State and multicounty jurisdictional rural development programs and projects so that unused allocations may be shifted from one State to another so as to enable the obligation of all available funds prior to the end of the fiscal year.

(c) The formula used for fund allocation will ensure that a minimum loan and grant level is established so that no State receives an amount too small to serve the purposes of the Act. A percentage of total loan and grant authority will be withheld from initial allocation to allow subsequent appropriate technical adjustments in amounts allocated to individual States.

(d) Title V funds shall be distributed by the Secretary under the formula specified in the Act. Title V activities will be consistent with the principle that States and multicounty jurisdictions have responsibility for the rural development planning and priority setting functions.

Subpart C—Roles and Responsibilities of State Governments

§ 22.301 Selection and designation.

Procedures for implementing the Act are designed to give the fullest possible consideration to planning and development goals and strategies at the State and multicounty jurisdictional levels. The governing bodies of multicounty organizations should include representatives of local governments contained within the respective multicounty jurisdictions. State development strategies and priorities shall be fully considered in the Federal administration of Rural Development Act authorities.

§ 22.302 Area eligibility.

Eligibility for programs under the Act will be based on the criteria of community size and location of population as specified in the Act. State designations of eligible areas will be duly considered by the Federal government in the determination of eligibility for loan and grant assistance.

§ 22.303 Cooperation with Federal Regional Councils.

States are urged to establish and maintain close and cooperative relationships with the Federal Regional Councils which will be in a position to assist the States and multicounty jurisdictions in the identification and application of available resources. States may authorize direct communications and liaison between the Regional Councils and multicounty jurisdictions within States.

§ 22.304 Multiyear planning and programming.

State and multicounty jurisdictions are encouraged to adopt multiyear planning and development programs. As administrative procedures for implementing the Act support the feasibility of such a process, these programs should consider joint State, Federal, and local budget planning factors and be refined to conform to the actual fund availability as annual budgets are finalized and allocated. Such programs, once initiated, will be extended by the annual addition of a new planning year until programs are completed or terminated.

§ 22.305 Conformance with OMB Circular No. A–95.

The State and multicounty jurisdictional rural development planning process must conform to the review requirements expressed in OMB Circular No. A–95 under parts I, III, and IV as appropriate.

§ 22.306 Financing rural development planning.

States will be required to finance rural development planning through their own resources, revenue-sharing allocations, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development planning and management assistance program or other available Federal planning programs.

§ 22.307 Program evaluation.

The Department of Agriculture is responsible for continuous program evaluation to determine if individual projects and the entire program is cost effective in terms of reaching rural development goals. As a result, USDA is responsible for conducting and reporting an annual evaluation of selected rural development projects and the overall rural development program. USDA shall include as a part of its evaluation Federal Regional Council assessment of the effectiveness of interagency coordination and delivery of services within the overall rural development program. States and multicounty districts are encouraged to participate in the joint preparation of such program evaluations. Copies of such evaluations should be supplied to the Administrator, Rural Development Service, Department of Agriculture and to the Federal Regional Councils, in sufficient time so as to arrive not later than July 1. The initial evaluation, due July 1, 1974, in addition to the requirements listed below, should include a background statement and should summarize first year program efforts and results. Annual evaluation should:

(a) Describe the process used in planning, project selection and priority setting, and the criteria and process used in evaluating program effectiveness.

(b) Describe the specific objectives of the programs.

(c) Describe and assess the cost and effectiveness of projects being pursued within individual multicounty jurisdictions.

(d) Express observations, conclusions and recommendations based on such evaluations which may contribute to the development of better management, coordination and planning procedures.

§ 22.308 Project approval.

State and multicounty jurisdictional planning is a State and local prerogative. Federal agencies will be responsive to State rural development strategies and priorities. However, determination of eligibility and feasibility and final approval of individual projects involving Federal funds must remain with the Federal government consistent with the Act and implementing regulations.

§ 22.309 Seeking Federal review.

States may, if they elect, submit multicounty development plans and proposals to the Federal Regional

Councils and to the Rural Development Service, USDA, for review and comment. Such review will neither obligate the Federal government with respect to such programs nor require States to conform with suggestions supplied by the USDA or the Federal Regional Council.

PART 23—STATE AND REGIONAL ANNUAL PLANS OF WORK

Subpart A—State Program

Sec.
23.1 General.
23.2 Administration.
23.3 Coordination.
23.4 State Rural Development Advisory Council.
23.5 Availability of funds.
23.6 Plan of Work.

Subpart B—Regional Program

23.9 General.
23.10 Administration.
23.11 Board of Directors.
23.12 Availability of funds.
23.13 Plan of Work.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 508, 86 Stat. 674 (7 U.S.C. 2668).

SOURCE: 38 FR 29023, Oct. 18, 1973, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—State Program

§ 23.1 General.

(a) Title V of the Rural Development Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–419) hereafter referred to as ''Title V'' is the Research and Education component of the Rural Development Act of 1972. Title V provides the opportunity to utilize and build upon the research, extension, and community service capability of public and private institutions of higher education in each State to expand scientific inquiry and education backup for rural development. The higher educational and research institutions in each State, including the Land Grant Institutions of 1890, are authorized to assist in developing and disseminating through the most appropriate manner, scientific information, technical assistance, and feasibility studies required to improve the rural development capability of local citizens, agencies, and governments. Programs authorized under title V shall be organized and conducted by one or more colleges or universities in each State to provide a coordinated program in each State which will have the greatest impact on accomplishing the objectives of rural development in both the short and longer term and the use of these studies to support the State's comprehensive program to be supported under title V.

(b) Title V operations will be consonant with the purpose that all Federal rural development activities be coordinated with other federally assisted rural development activities and with the State's ongoing rural development program. To effectuate such purpose, the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research and Education will implement title V plans and activities in close coordination with the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development.

§ 23.2 Administration.

(a) Title V will be administered by the Administrators of the Extension Service and the Cooperative State Research Service for extension and research programs respectively, in cooperation with the chief administrative officer of the State Land Grant University who will administer the program within his respective State. To assure national and State coordination with programs under the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 and the Hatch Act (as amended), August 11, 1955, the administration of the programs shall be in association with the programs conducted under the Smith-Lever Act and the Hatch Act as required by section 504(b) of the Act.

(b) Programs authorized under title V shall be conducted as mutually agreed upon by the Secretary and the chief administrative officer of the State Land Grant University responsible for administering said programs in a memorandum of understanding which shall provide for the coordination of the programs, coordination of these programs with other rural development programs of Federal, State, and local government, and such other matters as the Secretary shall determine.