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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-089-1]

#### National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee; Notice of Solicitation for Membership

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice that the Secretary anticipates reestablishing the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee for a 2-year period. The Secretary is soliciting nominations for membership for this Committee.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before November 2, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be addressed to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Martin Mendoza, Director, Operational Support Staff, WS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; (301) 734-7921.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services program. In addition, the Committee serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the Wildlife Services program to have a voice in the program's policies.

The Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members.

Terms will expire for the current members of the Committee in September 2000. We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals to replace members on the Committee. An

organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership. The Secretary will select members to obtain the broadest possible representation on the Committee, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regulation 1041-1. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Done in Washington, DC, this 12th day of September 2000.

**Craig A. Reed,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

#### Notice of Meetings and Request for Comments Regarding Agricultural Risk Management Education Needs

**AGENCY:** The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Section 133 of Public Law 106-224, the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, amended the Federal Crop Insurance Act to add section 524, which requires the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) to establish a competitive grants program for the purpose of educating agricultural producers about the full range of risk management activities. These activities include the use of futures, options, agricultural trade options, crop insurance, cash forward contracting, debt reduction, production diversification, farm resources risk reduction, and other risk management strategies. CSREES will be conducting listening sessions at three separate locations to receive input about the full

range of risk management educational needs for agricultural producers. The stakeholder input requirements at 7 U.S.C. 7613(c) do not apply to the first request for proposals under a new program. This request for comments is independent of that provision. CSREES will not solicit additional stakeholder input in formulating the first request for proposals for this program, and thus encourages all interested parties to convey their comments at this time.

#### Dates and Locations

All comments must be received by CSREES by September 30, 2000. The three listening sessions will be convened from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be held on the dates noted below and at the following locations:

- September 20, 2000, McKimmon Center, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina 27695-7401, (919) 515-2277, (919) 515-6974 (Fax).
- September 25, 2000, Holiday Inn-Airport, 3300 Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705, (208) 344-8365, (208) 381-0608 (Fax).
- September 27, 2000, Holiday Inn-Airport, 11832 Plaza Circle, Kansas City, Missouri 64153, (816) 464-2345, (816) 464-2543 (Fax).

All sessions are open to the public.

An agenda and information on local arrangements can be obtained from the Sessions Coordinators (listed as the agency contacts below). Lodging arrangements should be made by contacting the session venues directly.

#### Comments

Written comments, limited to five pages in 12-point pitch, will be accepted and can either be submitted in person at the time of the session or sent to the Sessions Coordinators at the address listed below. Those wanting to make oral comments, limited to five minutes, should preregister on or before the session date by contacting the Sessions Coordinators. CSREES will make a transcript of the oral comments received at each meeting. To the extent possible, CSREES will provide an oral summary of comments at the beginning of each meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Agnes Lamar or Donald A. West, Sessions Coordinators, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2210; 1400

Independence Avenue, S.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20250-2210;  
Telephone, (202) 401-4318; fax number  
(202) 401-1706; e-mail address,  
rmea@reusda.gov.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 12th day of  
September, 2000.

**Charles W. Laughlin,**

*Administrator, Cooperative State Research,  
Education, and Extension Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics  
Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** We are making a correction to  
information published in a Notice that  
announced the intent of the National  
Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to  
request approval for an information  
collection, the Childhood Agricultural  
Injury Study of Minority Farm  
Operators. The Notice was published in  
the **Federal Register** on June 21, 2000  
on page 38498. The scope of the survey  
has been expanded and it is now the  
National Childhood Agricultural Injury  
and Occupational Health Survey of  
Minority Farm Operators.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be  
received by October 18, 2000, to be  
assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:**  
Contact Rich Allen, Associate  
Administrator, National Agricultural  
Statistics Service, U.S. Department of  
Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue  
SW, Room 4117 South Building,  
Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202)  
720-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June  
21, 2000, we published in the **Federal  
Register** a Notice that announced the  
intent of the National Agricultural  
Statistics Service (NASS) to request  
approval for an information collection  
described as the Childhood Agricultural  
Injury Study of Minority Farm  
Operators. Another survey, the  
Occupational Health Survey of Minority  
Farm Operators, has now been merged  
with the injury survey to reduce the  
number of contacts on the same target  
population. We have updated the  
abstract below and are extending the  
comment period to provide an  
additional 30 days for comment.

*Title:* National Childhood Agricultural  
Injury and Occupational Health Survey  
of Minority Farm Operators.

*Type of Request:* Intent to Seek  
Approval to Conduct an Information  
Collection.

*Abstract:* The National Childhood  
Agricultural Injury and Occupational  
Health Survey of Minority Farm  
Operators is designed to (1) provide  
estimates of childhood nonfatal injury  
incidence and description of injury  
occurring to children less than 20 years  
of age who reside, work, or visit farms  
operated by minorities and (2) describe  
the occupational health status of ethnic  
and racial minority farm operators,  
including African American, Native  
American, Hispanic, and other minority  
operators. In addition to these minority  
populations, female farm operators will  
be included in the survey and a smaller  
number of white male operators will be  
contacted as a comparison group. Data  
will be collected by telephone from all  
50 states with 40,000 receiving the  
injury questionnaire, 10,000 receiving  
the health questionnaire, and 10,000  
receiving both questionnaires. Data will  
relate to accidents, injuries and  
occupational health problems occurring  
during the 2000 calendar year. These  
data will be used by the National  
Institute of Occupational Safety and  
Health to (1) establish a measure of the  
number and rate of childhood injuries  
associated with production agriculture  
and study the specific types of injuries  
sustained and (2) describe the scope and  
magnitude of occupationally-related  
health problems of minority and female  
farm operators and their families.  
Reports will be generated and  
information disseminated to all  
interested parties concerning the finding  
of this study. These data will be  
collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C.  
2204(a). Individually identifiable data  
collected under this authority are  
governed by Section 1770 of the Food  
Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276,  
which requires USDA to afford strict  
confidentiality to non-aggregated data  
provided by respondents.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting  
burden for this collection of information  
is estimated to average 12 minutes per  
response for the injury questions and 25  
minutes per response for the health  
questions. The injury instrument allows  
for screen-outs for non-farms and  
households with no children.

*Respondents:* Minority Farm  
Operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
60,500.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on  
Respondents:* 13,503 hours.

Copies of this information collection  
and related instructions can be obtained  
without charge from Ginny McBride, the  
Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202)  
720-5778.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on:  
(a) Whether the proposed 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 proposed 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 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. Comments may be sent to:  
Ginny McBride, Agency OMB Clearance  
Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture,  
1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room  
4162 South Building, Washington, D.C.  
20250-2000.

All responses to this notice will  
become a matter of public record and be  
summarized in the request for OMB  
approval.

Signed at Washington, D.C., August 9,  
2000.

**Rich Allen,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Municipal Interest Rates for the Fourth Quarter of 2000

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

**ACTION:** Notice of municipal interest  
rates on advances from insured electric  
loans for the fourth quarter of 2000.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service  
hereby announces the interest rates for  
advances on municipal rate loans with  
interest rate terms beginning during the  
fourth calendar quarter of 2000.

**DATES:** These interest rates are effective  
for interest rate terms that commence  
during the period beginning October 1,  
2000, and ending December 31, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gail  
P. Salgado, Management Analyst, Office  
of the Assistant Administrator, Electric  
Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S.  
Department of Agriculture, Room 4024-  
S, Stop 1560, 1400 Independence