

quota identifies a quantity of imports that is not subject to the over-quota tariff rate of a tariff-rate quota. The quota is not divided by staple length or by country of origin. The quota does not affect existing tariff rates or phytosanitary regulations. The quota does not apply to Extra Long Staple cotton.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1444-2 (a) and U.S. Note 6(a), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 8, 1996.

Dan Glickman,
Secretary.

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Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to The Fanning Corporation of Chicago, Illinois, an exclusive license for U.S. Patent No. 5,380,894 (Serial No. 07/662,606), issued January 10, 1995, entitled "Production of Hydroxy Fatty Acids and Estolide Intermediates," and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/382,554, filed February 2, 1995, entitled "Process for Converting Unsaturated Fatty Acids into Estolides." Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/662,606 was published in the Federal Register on July 3, 1991, and Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/382,554 was published in the Federal Register on December 14, 1995.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Baltimore Boulevard, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to these inventions are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license these inventions as The Fanning Corporation has submitted a complete and sufficient

application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

R.M. Parry, Jr.,
Assistant Administrator.

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Farm Service Agency

Farm Service Agency County Committees; Farm Credit Programs Loan Eligibility Determinations

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is announcing that its county and area committees will review all Farm Credit Programs direct and guaranteed loan applications and certain servicing requests for eligibility in accordance with applicable FSA regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Ropp, FSA, Senior Loan Officer, Direct Loan Making Branch, USDA, AG Box Code 0522, Room 5428-South, 14th and Independence SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: 202-690-4017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 226 of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-354) (the Act) transferred the farmer programs loan functions of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), and all the functions of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) to what is now the FSA. In addition, section 227 of the Act abolished the former FmHA county committees by removing section 332 and part of § 333 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1982 and 1983). Section 227 of the Act also amended section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) concerning State, county and area committees. In part, the amendment requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a county or area committee in each county or area in which activities are carried out under section 227 of the Act. The Secretary must use the services of such committees in carrying out programs

under section 227, the agriculture credit programs under the CONACT, and in considering administrative appeals. The Secretary may also use the services of such committees in carrying out programs under other authorities administered by the Secretary.

Under this authority, FSA will use FSA county or area committees to make the eligibility determinations related to Farm Credit Programs direct and guaranteed loan making and servicing that were made by FmHA county committees prior to passage of the Act. No changes are made to the substantive rights or duties of borrowers, applicants, or lenders. The following FSA regulations discuss the new role of the FSA county and area committees:

7 CFR part 1900, subpart D, § 1900.155(b) (processing loan assistance to employees, relatives and associates).

7 CFR part 1910, subpart A, §§ 1910.4 (processing applications) and 1910.6(a) and (b) (notification of applicant).

7 CFR part 1924, subpart B, § 1924.74(b) (borrower training).

7 CFR part 1941, subpart A, §§ 1941.15(e), (h), and (k) (special beginning farmer OL loan assistance), 1941.30 (county committee certification), and 1941.33 (b) (loan approval or disapproval).

7 CFR part 1943, subpart A, §§ 1943.30 (county committee certification) and 1943.33(b) (loan approval or disapproval).

7 CFR part 1943, subpart B, §§ 1943.80 (county committee certification) and 1943.83 (b) (loan approval or disapproval).

7 CFR part 1945, subpart D, §§ 1945.180 (county committee certification) and 1945.183(b) (loan approval or disapproval).

7 CFR part 1951, subpart F, §§ 1951.254(d) and 1951.261(b)(2), (e)(4), (e)(7), and (g)(4) (graduation).

7 CFR part 1951, subpart J, § 1951.463(e) (county committee actions on Farmer 7 CFR part 1951, subpart S, §§ 1951.903(b) (recommendation for debt settlement), 1951.909(a)(3) (borrower training), 1951.911(a) (leaseback/buyback), and 1951.914 (recapture under Shared Appreciation Agreement).

7 CFR part 1955, subpart A, § 1955.10(f)(2) (release from liability).

7 CFR part 1955, subpart B, §§ 1955.53 ("Suitable property"), 1955.63 (suitability determination), and 1955.66(h)(4) (lease of farm property).

7 CFR part 1955, subpart C, §§ 1955.103 ("Suitable property"), 1955.107(d) and (f) (sale of suitable property), 1955.108 introduction (sale of

surplus property), and 1955.140 (sale in parcels).

7 CFR part 1956, subpart B, §§ 1956.57(f) (county committee review of debt settlement proposals), 1956.84 (approval or rejection), and 1956.96 (delinquent adjustment agreements).

7 CFR part 1962, subpart A, §§ 1962.34 (transfer of chattel security and assumption of debt), 1941.41(e) and (f), and 1941.46(g)(5) (release of liability).

7 CFR part 1965, subpart A, §§ 1965.12(a)(9) (subordination), 1962.26(f)(5)(i) (cash sales; release of liability), and 1965.27(b)(19), (f), and (g)(6) (transfer of real estate security).

7 CFR part 1980, subpart B, §§ 1980.114, 1980.115 (review of guaranteed loan applications), 1980.176 (e), (h), and (k) (special beginning farmers or rancher OL loan assistance), and 1980.191(b) (borrower training).

References in these regulations to the following requirements will not be carried out by the FSA county or area committees: the 5 or 15 day deadline for holding county committee meetings, the eligibility requirements that the applicant has the character, industry, and ability to carry out the proposed operations and will honestly endeavor to carry out its undertakings and obligations, and the provisions for 5-year eligibility certification. These policies were based on sections 332(e) and 333(2) of the CONACT that were abolished by section 227 of the Act. The outdated references will be removed by separate rule in the Federal Register.

The regulations at 7 CFR part 2054, subpart W concerning the employment, pay, and functions of FmHA county or area committees do not apply to county and area committees authorized under section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. The selection

and functions of FSA State, county, and area committees are governed by regulations at 7 CFR part 7 as consistent with section 227 of the Act.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 8, 1996.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service will conduct public forums to gather ideas on ways to implement the conservation provisions of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 that will assist the U.S. Department of Agriculture (the Department) in writing program guidance.

The public is invited to attend a meeting to provide brief oral comments. All are encouraged to provide detailed written comments concerning the implementation of FAIRA. Those who wish to speak at a meeting may make arrangements in advance by calling the State Conservationist who is listed as contact for the meeting. In addition, individuals may sign-up to speak at the forum, as time permits.

Written comments will be accepted at each of the forums. Comments must be postmarked or faxed by April 30 and addressed to: Paul W. Johnson, Chief, USDA/NRCS, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20250. FAX, (202) 720-1838.

The Department will conduct nine public forums. The forums will be in the following cities: Abilene, Texas; Columbus, Georgia, Longmont Colorado; Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, Sacramento, California; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Spokane, Washington; Springfield, Illinois; and Washington, DC.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: The nine forums will be held during Earth Week at the following locations on the dates listed:

Location	Date
Sheraton Berkshire Hotel, 1741 Paper Mill Road, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610.	April 22.
Joint Center for Higher Education, Classroom Building Auditorium, North 665 Riverpoint Boulevard, Spokane, Washington.	April 22.
Howard Johnson Hotel, Nebraska Room, 3300 West Russell Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.	April 23.
Columbus Convention and Trade Center, Rooms 5, 6 and 7, 801 Front Street, Columbus, Georgia.	April 23.
USDA South Building, Jefferson Auditorium, 12th Street and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC.	April 23.
Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th Street, Abilene, Texas.	April 24.
Image Gardens, 630 15th Street, Longmont, Colorado.	April 24.
The Red Lion Hotel (Not Inn), 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California.	April 25.
Illinois Building Auditorium, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 1101 East Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.	April 26.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To obtain additional information about a specific forum, contact the following individual:

Location	Contact person	Phone	Address
Abilene, Texas	Harry W. Oneth	817-774-1214	NRCS State Conservationist, W.R. Poage Building, 101 South Mail Street, Temple, TX 76501-7682.
Columbus, Georgia	Earl Cosby	706-546-2275	NRCS State Conservationist, Federal Building, Box 13, 355 East Hancock Ave., Athens, GA 30601.
Longmont, Colorado	Duane L. Johnson	303-236-2886	NRCS State Conservationist, 655 Parfet Street, Room E200C, Lakewood, CO 80215-5517.
Wyomissing, Pennsylvania	Janet L. Oertly	717-782-2202	NRCS State Conservationist, One Credit Union Place, Suite 340, Harrisburg, PA 17110-2993.
Sacramento, California ..	Hershel R. Read	916-757-8215	NRCS State Conservationist, 2121-C 2nd Street, Davis, CA 95616.
Sioux Falls, South Dakota	Dean F. Fisher	605-352-1270	NRCS State Conservationist, Federal Building, 200 Fourth Street, SW., Huron, SD 57350-2475.
Spokane, Washington	Lynn A. Brown	509-353-2337	NRCS State Conservationist, Rock Pointe Tower II, Suite 450 W., 316 Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201-2348.
Springfield, Illinois	Thomas W. Christensen	217-398-5267	NRCS State Conservationist, 1902 Fox Drive, Champaign, IL 61820-7335.
Washington, DC	Paul W. Johnson	202-720-1845	Chief, Natural Resources, Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013.