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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-035N]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Nomination for Membership

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). This notice will be used to fill one vacancy on the Committee. The full Committee consists of 16-18 members, and each person selected is expected to serve a 2-year term. The term for the individual selected to fill this vacancy will expire with the current Committee in March 2005.

DATES: The names of the nominees and their typed curricula vitae or resumes must be postmarked no later than November 19, 2003. Applications are available on-line at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/NACMPI/Nominations.htm>.

ADDRESSES: Nominating materials should be submitted to Dr. Garry L. McKee, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, Room 615 Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sonya L. West, Meat and Poultry Advisory Committee Staff; telephone (202) 720-2561; Fax (202) 205-0157; e-mail: sonya.west@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA is seeking nominees for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the meat and poultry inspection

programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), 301(a)(4), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), 661(a)(4)), and 661(c) and the sections 5(a)(3), 5(a)(4), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(a)(4), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e)). Nominations for membership are generally sought from persons representing producers; processors; exporters and importers of meat and poultry products; academia; Federal and State government officials; and consumers. Due to the resignation of a member appointed in March 2003, we are currently seeking a consumer representative at this time in order to maintain the balance of representation in all areas of interest on the Committee. This appointee will serve out the remainder of this term which ends in March 2005.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, persons with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at least twice annually.

Background

On April 15, 2003, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the NACMPI. The Administrator of FSIS is the Chairperson of the Committee. The current members of the NACMPI are: Ms. Deanna Baldwin, Maryland Department of Agriculture; Dr. Gladys Bayse, Spelman College; Dr. David Carpenter, Southern Illinois University; Dr. James Denton, University of Arkansas; Dr. Kevin Elfering, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Ms. Sandra Eskin, American Association of Retired Persons; Mr. Michael Govro, Oregon Department of Agriculture; Dr. Joseph Harris, Southwest Meat Association; Dr. Jill Hollingsworth, Food Marketing Institute; Dr. Alice Johnson, National Turkey Federation; Mr. Michael Kowalczyk, Safe Tables Our Priority; Dr. Irene Leech, Virginia Citizens Consumer Council; Mr. Charles Link, Cargill Meats; Dr. Catherine Logue, North Dakota State University; and Mr. Mark Schad, Schad Meats.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of the notice, FSIS will announce it and make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly Constituent Update, which is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail Subscription service. In addition, the update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** Notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent Listserv consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information contact the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-9113. To be added to the free e-mail subscription service (Listserv) go to the "Constituent Update" page on the Internet at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/update/subscribe.asp>. Click on the "Subscribe to the Constituent Update Listserv" link, then fill out and submit the form.

Done in Washington, DC, on October 14, 2003.

Garry L. McKee,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Northwest Sacramento Provincial Advisory Committee (SAC PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Northwest Sacramento Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on December 17, 2003, at the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room, Redding, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues

relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan.

DATE AND TIME: The meeting will be held December 17, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOCATION: The meeting will be held in the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room, 355 Hemsted Road in Redding, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Nelson, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 2400 Washington Ave., Redding, CA 96001, (530) 242-2269; e-mail: jknelson@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Opportunity will be provided for public input and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: October 14, 2003.

J. Sharon Heywood,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on October 29, 2003, in Redding, California. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear presentations from applicants proposing projects, review project proposals, and receive reports from working committees.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 29, 2003, from 8 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Northern California Service Center, 6101 Airport Road.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin McIver, coordinator, USDA Forest Service, (530) 242-2494. E-mail: kmciver@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and committee members. However, time will be provided for public input, giving individuals the opportunity to address the committee.

Dated: October 14, 2003.

J. Sharon Heywood,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives, as authorized in the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 19, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Eldon Eversull, (Acting) Director, Statistics Staff, RBS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3256, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3256, Telephone (202) 690-1415 or send an e-mail message to: eldon.eversull@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives.

OMB Number: 0570-0007.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2004.

Type of Request: Intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is to promote understanding, use and development of the cooperative form of business as a viable option for enhancing the income of the agricultural producers and other rural residents. RBS' direct role is providing knowledge to improve the effectiveness and performance of farmer cooperative businesses through technical assistance, research, information, and education. The annual survey of farmer cooperatives collects basic statistics on cooperative business volume, net income, members, financial status, employees, and other selected information to support RBS' objective and role. Cooperative statistics are published in various reports and used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, cooperative management, educators and others in planning and promoting the cooperative form of business.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour or less per response.

Respondents: Farmer cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,766.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,685 Hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RBS' 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 forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulation and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 6, 2003.

John Rosso,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.