

program and what revenues are generated by such activities. The collected information will also be used to estimate the value of enhanced wildlife populations on CRP lands to CRP landowners and to evaluate the benefits of the CRP programs.

Description of Respondents: Farms; business or other-for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Other (one-time survey).

Total Burden Hours: 333.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-04-309]

United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes. Specifically, the juice content requirement shall be revised to allow juice content to be determined by weight. Additionally, the redesignation of limes to "Mixed Color" and "Turning" within the color requirements will be made optional. The standards provide industry with a common language and uniform basis for trading, thus promoting the orderly and efficient marketing of Persian limes.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 31, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheri L. Emery, Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661, South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240, (202) 720-2185, fax (202) 720-8871, or E-mail Cheri.Emery@usda.gov. The United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes is available either from the above address or by accessing the AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/standards/stanfrfv.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), as

amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "To develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices." AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables not connected with Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements, no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes using the procedures that appear in part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

Background

Prior to undertaking research and other work associated with a proposed revision of the standards, AMS published a notice on June 25, 2004, in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 35572) requesting comments on the possible revision of the United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes. Based on the comments received, AMS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 12174) on March 11, 2005, proposing to revise the juice and color requirements. AMS published a subsequent notice in **Federal Register** (70 FR 36111), on June 22, 2005, extending the period for comments.

In response to the requests for comments, AMS received sixteen responses to the proposed revisions. Thirteen of the responses were from a produce association, with twelve separate comments from association members supporting the association response. One comment was from a national trade association representing produce receivers, one from a foreign trade organization and one from a foreign government agency. The comments are available by accessing the AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbdoctlist.htm>.

AMS proposed removing the juice requirement. Juice content is based on volume and is complex to determine. The comment from the produce association's President, supported by the twelve separate association members, was in favor of the removal. Another comment stated they believe that the requirement was difficult to apply, however, if the requirement

remains in the standard they suggested the minimum juice content be reduced to 30 percent from the current requirement of 42 percent. AMS does not support the commenter's proposed reduction, as the 42 percent juice content would be considered by most of the industry to have an acceptable amount of juice. Another commenter suggested that the juice content be determined by weight rather than volume. Given the comments received, AMS has decided to retain the juice requirement in the standards at the current requirement of 42 percent and the volume method. AMS believes that the comment suggesting that the juice content be determined by weight has merit. This method is less complex than the volume method. Further, this method is currently used within the industry. Accordingly, an option to determine the juice content by weight will be added to the standard.

AMS proposed removing the color requirements. The color requirements specify that limes have a percentage of the surface with good green color. The U.S. No. 1 grade, requires three-fourths of the surface to be good green color and the U.S. No. 2 grade requires one-half of the surface good green color. The standard further states, limes not meeting the requirements of the grade due to blanching shall be redesignated as "Mixed Color" and limes that do not meet the requirements of the grade due to turning yellow or yellow color, caused by the ripening process shall be designated as "Turning." One commenter supported eliminating the redesignation of lots as "Mixed Color" and "Turning" for the U.S. No. 1 grade only. Another commenter supported the elimination of the "Turning" designation for all grades. The comment from the produce association's President, supported by the twelve separate association members, supported leaving the redesignation of lots to "Turning" for advanced yellowing. This commenter further suggested designating lots of limes with blanching and "incipient" yellowing as "Mixed Color." Additionally, this commenter also suggested creating a new grade, U.S. Fancy, which would require limes to be predominately good green. The commenter also recommended revising the U.S. No. 1 grade to allow the fruit to have 50 percent of the surface to show "lightened color" as a result of blanching and an additional 10 percent of the surface to show "lightened color" as a result of yellowing. Since these suggested changes significantly deviate from the two proposed changes, and

they will not be addressed in this revision. Based on the comments received, AMS believes a revision to the color requirement, rather than removal, would better meet the needs of the industry, because this requirement still reflects industry practice. Therefore, the requirement regarding limes having a percentage of the surface with good green color will remain unchanged. However, in view of the comments received, the required redesignation to "Mixed Color" and "Turning" is revised to an optional redesignation in order to provide the industry with flexibility regarding these designations. Otherwise, limes that do not make grade based on color will be designated as a "fails to grade."

Two comments were received regarding size. Additionally, two comments were received suggesting the elimination of the U.S. Combination grade. These matters are beyond the scope of the proposed revision. Therefore, these changes are not addressed in this action.

Based on the comments received and information gathered, AMS believes the revision to the standards will improve their usefulness in serving the industry. The official grade of a lot of Persian (Tahiti) Limes covered by these standards will be determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification, and Standards of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (Sec. 51.1 to 51.61).

The United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes will be effective 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

Dated: April 26, 2006.

Lloyd C. Day,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Action of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Friday, May 26, 2006. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at Lane County Forest Work Camp; Alma, Oregon; (541) 935–0144. The tentative

agenda includes: (1) Election of chairperson; (2) Tour of the Work Camp; (3) Report on National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition Conference; (4) Decision on overhead rate for 2007 projects; (5) Presentation of 2007 Projects; and (6) Public Forum.

The Public Forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3–4 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the Public Forum. Written comments may be submitted prior to the May 26th meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Donna Short at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Donna Short; Sweet Home Ranger District; 3225 Highway 20; Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; (541) 367–9220.

Dated: April 21, 2006.

Dallas J. Emich,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Amendment to Certification of Minnesota's Central Filing System

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Minnesota's Secretary of State we are approving the amendments to the signature and property description requirements of the certified central filing system for Minnesota and the addition of two farm products to Minnesota's certified central filing system for notification of liens on farm products.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 25, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers the Clear Title program for the Secretary of Agriculture. The Clear Title program is authorized by Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 and requires that States implementing central filing system for notification of liens on farm products must have such systems certified by the Secretary of Agriculture.

A listing of the states with certified central filing systems is available

through the Internet on the GIPSA Web site (<http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>). Farm products covered by a State's central filing system are also identified through the GIPSA Web site. The Minnesota central filing system covers specified products.

We originally certified the central filing system for Minnesota on July 7, 1993. On September 5, 2005, Mary Kiffmyer, Minnesota Secretary of State, requested the certification be amended to make changes related to on-line searching and central filing system procedures necessitated or made possible by amendments to Section 1324 of the Food Security Act, which, among other things, permit effective financing statements to be signed, authorized, or otherwise authenticated. Specifically, the following changes were requested:

(1) Provide for alternative filing of effective financing statements, continuations, and terminations that are signed, authorized, or otherwise authenticated, by internet and

(2) Provide for online searching of master lists by farm product; and within each farm product, alphabetically by debtor name; numerically by debtor identification number; by county; and by crop year.

In addition, she requested the certification be amended to add the following two farm products produced in Minnesota: Wild Rice, Bison.

This notice announces our approval of the amended certification for Minnesota's central filing system in accordance with the request to amend signature and filing requirements, add online searching, and add additional farm products.

Effective Date

This notice is effective upon signature for good cause because it allows Minnesota to provide information about additional farm products through its central filing system. In addition, it increases the flexibility in which effective filing statements may be authorized and authenticated, and it allows various methods to search online for information about farm products. Approving additional farm products for approved central filing systems and changes to the certification of approved central filing systems do not require public notice. Therefore, this notice may be made effective in less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** without prior notice or other public procedure.