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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Warehouse Charges and Delivery Obligations for Peanuts Forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation Through the Marketing Assistance Loan Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises warehouse operators operating under a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Peanut Storage Agreement of provisions that may not be altered, even through changes made to the public tariff of the warehouse. When CCC transfers title to CCC-owned peanuts in store (*i.e.*, to a third-party buyer), the storage and handling rates applicable to CCC must remain applicable to the transferee under the terms of the Peanut Storage Agreement. Also, warehouse operators must load out, or transfer instore, the total loan value of the peanuts represented on the warehouse receipt, calculated by using USDA's Price Table File for the applicable crop year. This value is not subject to a subsequent shrink factor. The delivery obligation created by issuing the warehouse receipt may not be altered for any reason or by any method, including public tariffs.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 22, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Overbo, Deputy Director, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553. Telephone: (202) 720-4647. E-mail: mark.overbo@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CCC incurred forfeitures on the 2004 crop of peanuts. A portion of the CCC-owned peanuts were sold to third-party buyers. During routine warehouse examinations, examiners received from several warehouse operators questions relating to: Storage and handling rates applicable to peanuts after title is transferred from CCC; and the delivery obligation of the warehouse operator with respect to issues of shrinkage.

The CCC Peanut Storage Agreement, Part 2, General Terms, Item D(2), provides "If CCC transfers title to CCC-owned peanuts in store, the storage and handling rates contained in the Schedule of Rates will apply to the peanuts until loaded out, provided the transferee, in writing, orders the peanuts loaded out for immediate shipment within 30 days after the date title is transferred. If the transferee does not request, in writing, load out within 30 days after the date title is transferred, the storage and handling rates applicable to the transferee for the peanuts shall not exceed CCC's Schedule of Rates in effect at the time of title transfer until the earlier of: (a) 60 days, or (b) title to the peanuts is transferred by the transferee to another party, or (c) the transferee loads the peanuts out of the warehouse." Under this provision, it is permissible for warehouse operators to charge rates in excess of the CCC rates after the end of this specified date if the rates were included in the public tariff at the time the warehouse receipt was issued.

Under the CCC marketing assistance loan program, in perfecting its security interest in peanuts pledged as collateral for such a loan, CCC will only accept warehouse receipts that meet the regulations set forth in 7 CFR part 1421. Under these regulations and under the U.S. Warehouse Act, the warehouse operator must specify on the receipt: Net pounds; loose-shelled kernels (LSK) pounds; and the total value of the peanuts based on a USDA price table file (loan rate data). The warehouse operator must also indicate on the warehouse receipt that: "The warehouse operator's obligation shall be to deliver this total value upon demand", and "Return of peanuts will be both net pounds and LSK pounds. Both have been reduced for a shrink factor." Warehouse operators are advised that changes to the public tariff to include a

shrink factor for peanuts does not in any way alter their delivery obligation created by issuing the warehouse receipt. In order for warehouse operators to compensate for shrinkage, any shrink factors must be applied before issuing the warehouse receipt.

Instructions for the issuance of negotiable warehouse receipts may be found on the Commodity Operations Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/peanuts.htm>. Any questions about this notice may be directed to Mark Overbo by calling (202) 720-4647 or e-mail mark.overbo@usda.gov.

Signed at Washington, DC, June 9, 2006.

Glen L. Keppy,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agencies' intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of 7 CFR part 1951, subpart F, "Analyzing Credit Needs and Graduation of Borrowers."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 21, 2006 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Wheeler, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0523, telephone (202) 690-4021. E-mail: gary.wheeler@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR, part 1951, subpart F, "Analyzing Credit Needs and Graduation of Borrowers."

OMB Number: 0575-0093.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 333 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Con Act) (7 U.S.C. 1983) requires the Agencies to "graduate" their direct loan borrowers to other credit when they are able to do so. Graduation is required because the Government loans are not to be extended beyond a borrower's need for subsidized rates or Government credit. Borrowers must refinance their direct Government loan when other credit becomes available at reasonable rates and terms. If other credit is not available, the Agencies will continue to review the account for possible graduation at periodic intervals. Also, 7 CFR part 1951, subpart F, requires FSA to provide a financial prospectus to lenders who may be interested in providing credit to FSA direct farm loan borrowers with an FSA guarantee and interest assistance. The information collected to carry out these statutory mandates is financial data such as amount of income, operating expenses, asset values and liabilities. This information collection is then submitted by the Agencies to private creditors.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average two hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for profit and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,383.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 38,322 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0035.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the Department of Agriculture 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 Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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: June 16, 2006.

David Villano,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

Dated: June 14, 2006.

Glen L. Keppy,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Public Meetings of Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that meetings of the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (Committee) will be held to discuss various beginning farmer issues.

DATES: The public meetings will be held July 11-12, 2006. The first meeting, on July 11, 2006, will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. The second meeting, on July 12, 2006, will begin at 8 a.m. and end by 4 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 232-7000. Written requests to make oral presentations must be sent to: Mark Falcone, Designated Federal Official for the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522; telephone (202) 720-1632; FAX (202) 690-1117; e-mail: mark.falcone@wdc.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Falcone at (202) 720-1632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 5 of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-554) required the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary) to establish the Committee for the purpose of advising the Secretary on the following:

(1) The development of a program of coordinated financial assistance to qualified beginning farmers and ranchers required by section 309(i) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1929). Under the program, Federal and State beginning farmer programs provide financial assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers;

(2) Methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through the program;

(3) Methods of encouraging States to participate in the program;

(4) The administration of the program; and

(5) Other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities.

The Committee meets at least once a year and all meetings are open to the public. The duration of the Committee is indefinite. Earlier meetings of the Committee, beginning in 1999, provided an opportunity for members to exchange ideas on ways to increase opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers. Members discussed various issues and drafted numerous recommendations, which were provided to the Secretary.

Agenda items for the July 2006 meetings include:

(1) Discussions concerning provisions to recommend for inclusion in the 2007 Farm Bill to assist beginning farmers and ranchers;

(2) Farm Credit System lending to young, small, and beginning farmers and ranchers;

(3) Bank lending to beginning farmers and ranchers;

(4) Opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers through USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Attendance is open to all interested persons but limited to space available. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should submit a request in writing (letter, fax, or e-mail) to Mark Falcone at the above address. Statements should be received no later than July 5, 2006. Requests should include the name and affiliation of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed.

The floor will be open to oral presentations beginning at 1:15 p.m.