

and Promotion Five Year Review", not to conduct a referendum on its own initiative among cotton producers and importers regarding the continuation of the 1990 Act amendments.

The report describes the impact of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program on the cotton industry and the views of those receiving its benefits. It states that the 1990 amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act were successfully implemented and are operating as intended. The report also states that there is a general consensus within the cotton industry that the Cotton Research and Promotion Program in general, and the import assessment and the elimination of refunds in particular, are operating as intended. Based on the findings of the report, the Department found no compelling reason to conduct a referendum regarding the 1990 Act amendments, even though the report did recognize that some program participants were in favor of a referendum.

If the Secretary does not provide for such a referendum on the Secretary's own initiative, the Act provides that the Secretary shall conduct such a referendum upon the request of 10 percent or more of the number of cotton producers and importers voting in the most recent referendum. This would be accomplished through a sign-up period conducted by the Department. Determination of sign up eligibility and procedures for the conduct of the sign-up period were announced prior to the start of the sign-up period in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 1659).

With this announcement of the results of the sign-up, the Department has completed all requirements set forth in section 8(c) (1) and (2) regarding the review of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program to determine if a referendum is warranted. A referendum will not be conducted, and no further actions are planned in connection with this review.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 2101-2118.

Dated: June 18, 1997.

**D. Michael Holbrook,**

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-054-1]

#### Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the proposed release into the environment of nonindigenous wasps for use as biological control agents to suppress the Pink Hibiscus Mealybug. The environmental assessment provides a basis for our conclusion that the release into the environment of the biological control agents will not present a risk of introducing plant pests into the United States or disseminating plant pests within the United States and will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Dale E. Meyerdirk, Senior Staff Officer, Pink Hibiscus Mealybug Program, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 135, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-5667. For copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, write to Dr. Dale E. Meyerdirk at the same address. Please refer to the title of the environmental assessment when ordering copies.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As a part of a biological control project to suppress Pink Hibiscus Mealybug (PHM) (*Maconellicoccus hirsutus* [Green]) (Homoptera: Pseudococcidae), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to release nonindigenous wasps in the genera

*Anagyrus* and *Gyranusoidea* (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae) in the continental United States and its Caribbean territories. PHM is currently established on the islands of St. Thomas and St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands and on Puerto Rico. However, we anticipate that PHM will spread to other U.S. territories in the Caribbean and to the mainland United States. As PHM spreads, nonindigenous wasps in the genera *Anagyrus* and *Gyranusoidea* would be released in affected areas to suppress PHM. PHM is a devastating pest of cocoa, grapes, fiber crops, hibiscus, and many other field crops and ornamental plants. Wasps of the genus *Anagyrus* have controlled PHM in Egypt, India, and Hawaii, and wasps of the genus *Gyranusoidea*, closely related to *Anagyrus* wasps, offer similar potential as biological control agents for the suppression of PHM.

To provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of the environmental impact and plant pest risk associated with releasing these biological control agents into the environment, we have prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact relative to the release into the environment of the following biological control agents:

Organisms	Title of environmental assessment	Date of finding of no significant impact
<i>Anagyrus</i> spp. and <i>Gyranusoidea</i> spp.	"Field Releases of Nonindigenous Species of <i>Anagyrus</i> and <i>Gyranusoidea</i> (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae) for Biological Control of Pink Hibiscus Mealybug, <i>Maconellicoccus hirsutus</i> (Homoptera: Pseudococcidae)" (June 1997).	5/30/97.

The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of June 1997.

**Terry L. Medley,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Consumer Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Form FCS-42, Annual Report of the Nutrition Education and Training Program

**AGENCY:** Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the FCS-42, Annual Report for Nutrition Education and Training Program.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received on or before August 25, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 has 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: Patricia N. Daniels, Chief, Nutrition Services and Education Branch, Nutrition and Technical Services Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information form should be

directed to Patricia N. Daniels (703) 305-2554.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Form FCS-42, Annual Report of the Nutrition Education and Training Program.

**OMB Number:** 0584-0062.

**Expiration Date:** 09/30/97.

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

**Abstract:** Section 19(g)(2) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, requires that "State educational agencies shall provide reports on expenditures of Federal funds, program participation, program cost, and related matters, in such form and at such times as the Secretary may prescribe." Section 227.30(f)(3) of the Nutrition Education and Training (NET) program regulations further require State agencies to submit to FCS an annual performance report. This information is captured on the FCS-42, Annual Report of the Nutrition and Education Training Program.

The information provided by the FCS-42 is used by the Department and the State agency to assess NET implementation status, monitor program accomplishments, and evaluate each State's progress in achieving the goals and objectives in the national strategic plan and the State agency implementation plan. Data from the FCS-42 is also entered into the Special Nutrition Programs Integrated Information System from which regional and national totals are derived.

**Affected Public:** State and territorial governments, FCS regional offices administering NET Program.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 56.

**Estimated Time per Response:** Twelve hours for reporting and 4 hours for recordkeeping for a total of 16 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 896.

Dated: June 11, 1997.

**William E. Ludwig,**

*Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Municipal Interest Rates for the Third Quarter of 1997

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

**ACTION:** Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the third quarter of 1997.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for

advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the third calendar quarter of 1997.

**DATES:** These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 1997.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn Dotson, Loan Funds Control Assistant, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, Room 2234-S, Stop 1524, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1500. Telephone: 202-720-1928. FAX: 202-690-2268. E-mail: CDotson@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the third calendar quarter of 1997 for municipal rate electric loans. RUS regulations at 7 CFR 1714.4 state that each advance of funds on a municipal rate loan shall bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the four weeks prior to the first Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter. The rate for interest rate terms of 20 years or longer is the average of the 20 year rates published in the Bond Buyer in the four weeks specified in 7 CFR 1714.5(d). The rate for terms of less than 20 years is the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer for the same four weeks in the table of "Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields" or the successor to this table. No interest rate may exceed the interest rate for Water and Waste Disposal loans.

In the past, both the published Municipal Market Data table and the table published by RUS have included a rate for each year up to 20 years. At the end of May 1997, however, the Bond Buyer changed the table of "Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields." Instead of publishing a rate for each year, as was done in the past, the table now includes only rates for securities maturing in 1998 and at 5 year intervals thereafter.

Therefore, beginning with this Notice, the rates published by RUS will reflect the average rates for the years shown in the Municipal Market Data table in the Bond Buyer. Rates for interest rate terms ending in intervening years will be a linear interpolation based on the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer. All rates will be adjusted to the nearest one eighth of one percent (0.125 percent) as required under 7 CFR