

Category D. Plant Commodity Producers
 Category G. National Aquaculture Associations
 Category J. National Food Science Organizations
 Category L. National Nutritional Science Societies
 Category M. 1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities
 Category R. Scientific Community not closely associated with Agriculture
 Category U. Food and Fiber Processors (1-year term)
 Category AA. An Agency of USDA lacking Research Capabilities
 Category BB. Research Agency of the Federal Government other than USDA
 Category DD. National Organization directly concerned with REE

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests throughout the country. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must fill out a form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person below or may be printed out from the following Web site: <http://www/fs.fed.us>, then search AD-755). All nominees will be vetted before selection. Appointments to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Send nominee's name, resume, and their completed AD-755 to USDA, Office of the Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344-A, JL Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255, postmarked no later than June 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344-A, JL Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Advisory Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the

Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Done at Washington, DC, this 26th day of February 2002.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, U.S. Department of the Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127), has scheduled a National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board general meeting and focus session from March 28, 2002—March 29, 2002. This meeting is entitled, Food and Agriculture Biosecurity: Research and Education Implications. It will be held at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Also, a pre-meeting reception with special guest speakers, including the President of the Council of Scientific Society Presidents, Dr. Martin Apple, will be held the evening of Wednesday March 27 from 7-8 p.m. at the same location.

On Thursday, March 28, 2002, the morning session will begin with opening remarks by the Chair of the Advisory Board, Dr. Victor Lechtenberg. Dr. Michael Osterholm, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota, will provide the keynote address. The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Jim Moseley, has been invited to provide an overview on Food and Agricultural

Biosecurity at USDA. Additional remarks on USDA's key research activities will be given by Dr. Joseph Jen, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics. There will also be a panel on "Homeland Security in USDA Agencies," followed by a panel on "Preparedness Plans." A mid-afternoon panel at 3 p.m. will address "Biosecurity Education and Protection for the American Public." The floor will be open to the public, as time permits, prior to the day's adjournment. A buffet reception will be held that evening (Thursday, March 28) from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. with an invited guest speaker from the Office of Homeland Security.

On Friday, March 29, 2002, the Advisory Board will reconvene with a panel that addresses "Biosecurity in the Food and Agriculture Industries Involved in the Food Supply Chain," and include topics such as grain handling and transportation, meat production, food processing, retail, food service, and fresh produce. Dr. John Marburger, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, has been invited to speak during lunch on high priority research and development issues, interagency collaborations, and public and private sector partnerships with regard to homeland security in food and agriculture. The afternoon panel session focuses on "Research Implications for Biosecurity." Guest speakers at this meeting are representative of the broad food and agriculture stakeholder community across the country. Prior to the wrap up of the meeting and as time permits, the floor will be open for public comments. The Board will discuss in detail findings of this 2-day meeting on Food and Agriculture Biosecurity and begin to develop research and education recommendations that will be tendered as advice to the Secretary of Agriculture. Written comments will be accepted at the USDA Advisory Board Office for public record up to 2 weeks following the Board meeting.

This meeting is open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. Should an attendee at this meeting require any special needs, please contact the USDA Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office cited below.

DATES:

March 27 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Pre-Meeting Reception with Guest Speaker

March 28 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.—Focus Session

March 28 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—
Public Comments and Adjournment
for the Day

March 28 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—
Working Reception with Guest
Speaker

March 29 8 a.m. to 12 noon—Advisory
Board Meeting and Focus Session

March 29 12 noon to 1:15 p.m.—
Working Lunch with Guest Speaker

March 29 1:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Focus
Session and Discussion

March 29 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.—Public
Comments, Wrap-up and
Recommendations, and Adjournment
of Meeting

Place: Washington Court Hotel, 525
New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington,
D.C.; Atrium Ballroom and Executive
Room (Receptions Only).

Type of Meeting: Open to the Public.

Comments: The public may file
written comments before or up to two
weeks after the meeting with the contact
person. All statements will become a
part of the official records of the
National Agricultural Research,
Extension, Education, and Economics
Advisory Board and will be kept on file
for public review in the Office of the
Advisory Board; Research, Education,
and Economics; U.S. Department of
Agriculture; Washington, DC 20250–
2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director,
National Agricultural Research,
Extension, Education, and Economics
Advisory Board; Research, Education,
and Economics Advisory Board Office;
Room 344–A, Jamie L. Whitten
Building; U.S. Department of
Agriculture; STOP: 2255, 1400
Independence Avenue, SW.,;
Washington, DC 20250–2255;
Telephone: 202–720–3684; Fax: 202–
720–6199; or e-mail:
SMORGAN@reeusda.gov. Done at
Washington, DC, this 26th day of
February 2002.

Joseph J. Jen,

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and
Economics.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

**Notice of Request for Extension and
Revision of a Currently Approved
Information Collection**

AGENCIES: Commodity Credit
Corporation and Farm Service Agency,
USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this
notice announces the intent of the
Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC),
through the Farm Service Agency (FSA),
to request an extension and revision of
the currently approved information
collection for the regulation used in
support of the CCC Conservation
Reserve Program (CRP). This renewal
includes revisions incorporated in the
proposed rule, “Cropland Eligibility and
Private Sector Technical Assistance,”
including revisions to amend total
burden hours to reflect ongoing CRP
activity as authorized by the Federal
Agriculture Improvement and Reform
Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104–127, and Title
XI of the Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
Administration, and Related Agencies
Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub. L. 106–
387.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be
received on or before May 14, 2002 to
be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, AND TO FILE

COMMENTS, CONTACT: Comments may be
sent to Robert Stephenson, Director,
Conservation and Environmental
Programs Division, USDA, FSA, CEPD,
STOP 0513, 1400 Independence
Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–
0513, telephone (202) 720–6221;
facsimile (202) 720–4619; or e-mail at
crppra@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: (7 CFR part 1410) Conservation
Reserve Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0125.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension and
Revision of a Currently Approved
Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected
under Office of Management and Budget
(OMB) Control Number 0560–0125, as
identified above allows FSA to
effectively administer the regulations
under the CRP. The CRP regulations at
7 CFR part 1410 and formerly at 7 CFR
part 704 set forth basic policies,
program provisions, and eligibility
requirements for owners and operators
to enter into and carry out long-term
CRP contracts with financial and
technical assistance and for making
cost-share and annual rental payments
under the program. All information
collection under 7 CFR part 704 has
ceased. This regulation was removed by
the final CRP rule published February
19, 1997, which revised 7 CFR part
1410. CRP information collection

requirements will continue under 7 CFR
part 1410.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting
burden for this collection of information
is estimated to average 6.7 minutes per
respondent.

Respondents: Owners, operators, and
other producers on eligible cropland.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
160,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses per
Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours on Respondents:* 153,861.

*Comments are sought on these
requirements including:* (a) Whether the
collection of information is necessary
for the proper performance of the
functions of the agency, including
whether the information will have
practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the
agency’s estimate of the burden
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
using appropriate automated, electronic,
mechanical, or other technological
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology. These
comments should be sent to the Desk
Officer for Agriculture, Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs,
Office of Management and Budget,
Washington, DC 20503 and to Robert
Stephenson, Director, Conservation and
Environmental Programs Division,
USDA, FSA, 1400 Independence
Avenue, SW., STOP 0513, Washington
DC 20250–0513.

Comments will be summarized and
included in the request for OMB
approval of the information collection.
All comments will also become a matter
of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 28,
2002.

James R. Little,

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency and
Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit
Corporation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

**Tobacco Marketing Quota Referenda
Results: Burley and Flue-Cured
Tobaccos, 2001**

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.