

application for benefits at the Eddy County, New Mexico FSA office. CCC will accept or reject each application in whole or in part and will notify each producer in writing of such determination. If a producer disagrees with the determination, the producer may request reconsideration, file an appeal, and enter into Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) according to the regulations found at 7 CFR part 780, Appeal Regulations, and 7 CFR part 11.

If there are amounts in dispute, those amounts may be withheld from distribution to address those claims. If there is to be a pro-ration, such a withholding can affect all claimants. Alternatively, CCC may resolve the matter based upon the information at hand and make a full distribution, in which case there may not be sufficient funds to allow an appeal. The Deputy Administrator shall make the final determinations. All determinations on all claims shall be final except to the extent a withholding is made to allow for appeal to the USDA National Appeals Division. Notwithstanding any provision of this notice, the Deputy Administrator can adjust claims in any manner deemed appropriate to accomplish the goals of the program, may allow waivers of requirements as appropriate, and may prorate or withhold funds as needed to resolve claims under this program within the funding limit. The purpose of this notice is to inform producers of the availability of the program and to establish the basis on which program determinations can be made. Upon the end of the 2004 application period referred to in this section, the Deputy Administrator shall decide whether, based on the total claims filed, a proration is appropriate or needed. If a proration is decided upon, payment calculations shall be adjusted accordingly.

If after paying claims for the 2004 applications, funds remain from the \$414,614 referred to in section II of this notice, then, subject to conditions that will now be set out, those eligible producers who filed 2004 claims may file additional claims. The conditions are as follow. The claims must be filed in the period September 1–10, 2005. Payments on those claims may not exceed the funds remaining of the \$414,614 mentioned above. The losses must meet the same criteria, except as to the time of occurrence, as the 2004 claims. The claims may be prorated as needed to reflect the remaining funds. The Deputy Administrator may set additional conditions as deemed warranted by the Deputy Administrator.

Signed at Washington, DC, August 24, 2004.

Michael W. Yost,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

The Emergency Food Assistance Program; Availability of Commodities for Fiscal Year 2004

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the surplus and purchased commodities that the Department expects to make available for donation to States for use in providing nutrition assistance to the needy under the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004. The commodities made available under this notice must be distributed to eligible recipient agencies for use in preparing meals and/or for distribution to households for home consumption.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillie Ragan, Assistant Branch Chief, Household Programs Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302–1594 or telephone (703) 305–2662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (EFAA), 7 U.S.C. 7502, and the Food Stamp Act of 1977, 7 U.S.C. 2011, *et seq.*, the Department makes commodities and administrative funds available to States for use in providing nutrition assistance to those in need through TEFAP. In accordance with 7 CFR 251.3(h), each State's share of TEFAP commodities and administrative funds is based 60 percent on the number of low-income households within the State and 40 percent on the number of unemployed persons within the State. State officials are responsible for establishing the network through which the commodities will be used by eligible recipient agencies (ERAs) in providing nutrition assistance to those in need, and for allocating commodities and administrative funds among those agencies. States have full discretion in determining the amount of commodities that will be made available to ERAs for

use in preparing meals, and/or for distribution to households for home consumption.

The types of commodities the Department expects to make available to States for distribution through TEFAP in FY 2004 are described below.

Surplus Commodities

Surplus commodities donated for distribution under TEFAP are Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) commodities determined to be available for donation by the Secretary of Agriculture under the authority of section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, 7 U.S.C. 1431 (section 416), and commodities purchased under the surplus removal authority of section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, 7 U.S.C. 612c (section 32). The types of commodities typically made available under section 416 include dairy, grains, oils, and peanut products. The types of commodities purchased under section 32 include meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, dry beans, juices, and fruits.

In FY 2004, the Department anticipates that there will be sufficient quantities of nonfat dry milk and ready-to-eat pudding available for donation under section 416 and frozen turkey breast, canned and frozen orange juice, fruit-nut mix, dried cherries, dates, figs, canned tomatoes, walnuts, canned and frozen asparagus, canned salmon and raisins under section 32 to support the distribution of these commodities through TEFAP. Other surplus commodities may be made available to TEFAP later in the year. The Department would like to point out that commodity acquisitions are based on changing agricultural market conditions; therefore, the availability of commodities is subject to change.

Approximately \$80.7 million in surplus commodities purchased in FY 2003 are being delivered to States in FY 2004. These commodities include frozen strawberries, frozen ground bison, frozen turkey deli, frozen peaches, frozen asparagus, frozen lamb roasts, salmon, dried plums, dried raisins, dehydrated potatoes, non-fat dry milk, ready-to-eat pudding, and the following canned items: tomatoes and tomato sauce, apricots, peaches, pears, pineapple, asparagus, and bison stew.

Purchased Commodities

In accordance with section 27 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, 7 U.S.C. 2036, the Secretary is directed annually, through FY 2007, to purchase \$140 million worth of commodities for distribution through TEFAP. These commodities are made available to States in addition to those surplus

commodities which otherwise might be provided to States for distribution under TEFAP. However, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199) permits States to convert any or all of their fair share of \$10 million of these funds to administrative funds to pay costs associated with the distribution of TEFAP commodities at the State and local level. States have in the current fiscal year chosen to use \$744,206 of their "fair shares" of this \$10 million to increase their commodity entitlements.

In addition, \$50 million was appropriated under the Commodity Assistance Program heading of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, as administrative funds. State agencies have the option of requesting that the Department use any or all of their "fair shares" of this \$50 million to purchase additional commodities for them.

For FY 2004, the Department anticipates purchasing the following commodities for distribution through TEFAP: dehydrated potatoes, corn syrup, egg mix, blackeye beans, great northern beans, kidney beans, lima beans, pinto beans, dried plums, raisins, bakery mix, lowfat bakery mix, egg noodles, white and yellow corn grits, macaroni, oats, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti, vegetable oil, rice cereal, corn flakes, corn squares, oat cereal, bran flakes, frozen ground beef, frozen chicken, frozen ham, frozen turkey roast, and the following canned items: green beans, refried beans, vegetarian beans, carrots, cream corn, whole kernel corn, sliced potatoes, spaghetti sauce, tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato soup, vegetarian soup, apple juice, cranapple juice, grapefruit juice, orange juice, pineapple juice, tomato juice, apricots, peaches, pineapples, applesauce, pears, plums, beef, beef stew, chicken, pork, tuna, and roasted peanuts. The amounts of each item purchased will depend on the prices the Department must pay, as well as the quantity of each item requested by the States. Changes in agricultural market conditions may result in the availability of additional types of commodities or the non-availability of one or more types listed above.

Dated: August 11, 2004.

Roberto Salazar,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Public Meeting Will allow Interested Parties To Comment on the Activities of the Resource Conservation and Development Program

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold a meeting to solicit comments on the activities of the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program. Section 2504 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) requires that the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (NAR&DC), evaluate RC&D to determine whether it is effectively meeting the needs of, and purposes identified by States, units of government, Indian tribes, non-profit organizations, and councils participating in, or served by, the program. The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through NRCS, will conduct this evaluation, and submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report describing the results of the evaluation, together with any recommendations of the Secretary for continuing, terminating, or modifying the program, by June 30, 2005.

As part of this evaluation, NRCS is conducting public meetings, with all interested parties, to solicit comments on the activities of the program. Comments will be solicited on, and should be limited to, the following topics: (1) RC&D effectiveness in meeting the needs of the States, units of government, Indian tribes, non-profit organizations, and RC&D councils served by the program; (2) RC&D effectiveness in developing community leadership; (3) RC&D Program elements that best serve regional conservation and development needs; and (4) RC&D Program elements that can be strengthened to better serve regional conservation and development needs.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The schedule for the remaining three listening sessions is as follows:

- September 2, 2004—Ogleby Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia, 1 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

- September 22, 2004—Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, 2 p.m.–5 p.m.

- September 28, 2004—Campbell Resort, Chelan, Washington, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Written comments may also be submitted, no later than September 30, 2004, to Terry D'Addio, National RC&D Program Manager, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 312, Cotton Annex Building, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry D'Addio, Natural Resources Conservation Service, telephone: (202) 720-0557; fax (202) 690-0639; e-mail: Terry.d'addio@usda.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC on August 23, 2004.

Bruce I. Knight,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Proposed Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to delete from the Procurement List products previously furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: October 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Deletions

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.