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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS-AMS-22-0025]

#### Competition and the Intellectual Property System: Seeds and Other Agricultural Inputs

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is providing an additional 30 days for comments and information from the public to assist AMS in preparing the report required by the Executive Order titled "Promoting Competition in the American Economy," which creates a White House Competition Council and directs Federal agency actions to enhance fairness and competition across America's economy. Among other things, the Executive Order directs the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare a report on concerns and strategies for ensuring that the intellectual property (IP) system, while incentivizing innovation, does not also unnecessarily reduce competition in seed and other input markets.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice originally published on March 17, 2022, at 87 FR 15198, is extended. Comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments in response to this notice should be posted online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided. All comments should reference the docket number AMS-AMS-22-0025, the date of submission, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Comments may also be sent to Jaina Nian, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA,

Room 2055-S, STOP 0201, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0201. Comments will be made available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours or via the at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jaina Nian, Agricultural Marketing Service, at (202) 378-2541; or by email at [jaina.nian@usda.gov](mailto:jaina.nian@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 9, 2021, President Biden issued an Executive Order titled "Promoting Competition in the American Economy," which creates a White House Competition Council and directs Federal agency actions to enhance fairness and competition across America's economy. Among other things, the Executive Order directs the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary) to prepare a report on concerns and strategies for ensuring that the intellectual property (IP) system, while incentivizing innovation, does not also unnecessarily reduce competition in seed and other input markets.

A notice, published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2022 (87 FR 15198), requested comments and information from the public to assist AMS in preparing the report required by the Executive Order and advancing policy steps on seeds and other inputs identified in and developed by the report. This notice established a 60-day comment period, ending May 16, 2022. As the comment period overlapped a critical time for agricultural producers to plant crops and for academics to conclude semesters, AMS is extending the public comment period for an additional 30 days to encourage additional public comment.

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*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS-AMS-22-0026]

#### Competition in Food Retail and Distribution Markets and Access for Agricultural Producers and Small and Midsized Food Processors

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is providing an additional 30 days for comments and information from the public to assist AMS in preparing the report required by the Executive Order titled "Promoting Competition in the American Economy," which creates a White House Competition Council and directs Federal agency actions to enhance fairness and competition across America's economy. Among other things, the Executive Order directs the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare a report on concerns and strategies to promote competition in the food and agricultural markets.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice originally published on March 17, 2022, at 87 FR 15194, is extended. Comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments in response to this notice should be posted online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided. All comments should reference the docket number AMS-AMS-22-0026, the date of submission, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Comments may also be sent to Jaina Nian, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Room 2055-S, STOP 0201, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0201. Comments will be made available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours or via the at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 9, 2021, President Biden issued an

Executive Order titled “Promoting Competition in the American Economy,” which creates a White House Competition Council and directs Federal agency actions to enhance fairness and competition across America’s economy. Among other things, the Executive Order directs the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary) to prepare a report on concerns and strategies to promote competition in the food and agricultural markets.

A notice, published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2022 (87 FR 15194), requested comments and information from the public to assist AMS in preparing the report required by the Executive Order and advancing policy steps on the effect of retail concentration and retailers’ practices on competition in the food industries. This notice established a 60-day comment period, ending May 16, 2022. As the comment period overlapped a critical time for agricultural producers to plant crops and for academics to conclude semesters, AMS is extending the public comment period for an additional 30 days to encourage additional public comment.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS–AMS–22–0027]

#### Access to Fertilizer: Competition and Supply Chain Concerns

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is providing an additional 30 days for comments and information from the public to assist AMS in preparing the report required by the Executive Order titled “Promoting Competition in the American Economy,” which creates a White House Competition Council and directs Federal agency actions to enhance fairness and competition across America’s economy. Among other things, the Executive Order Executive Order directs the Council and member agencies to “identify and advance any additional administrative actions necessary” to promote competition on an ongoing basis. This notice requests

comments and information from the public to assist the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in identifying relevant difficulties, including competition concerns, and potential policy solutions for the fertilizer market.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice originally published on March 17, 2022, at 87 FR 15191, is extended. Comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments in response to this notice should be posted online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided. All comments should reference the docket number AMS–AMS–22–0027, the date of submission, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Comments may also be sent to Jaina Nian, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Room 2055–S, STOP 0201, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–0201. Comments will be made available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours or via the at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 9, 2021, President Biden issued an Executive Order titled “Promoting Competition in the American Economy,” which creates a White House Competition Council and directs Federal agency actions to enhance fairness and competition across America’s economy. Among other things, the Executive Order directs the Council and member agencies to “identify and advance any additional administrative actions necessary” to promote competition on an ongoing basis. The Secretary of Agriculture takes note of wide-ranging concern from agricultural producers regarding access to and pricing of fertilizer. This notice requests comments and information from the public to assist the AMS in identifying relevant difficulties, including competition concerns, and potential policy solutions for the fertilizer market.

A notice, published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2022 (87 FR 15191), requested comments and information from the public to assist AMS in identifying relevant difficulties, including competition concerns, and potential policy solutions for the fertilizer market. This notice established a 60-day comment period, ending May 16, 2022. As the comment period

overlapped a critical time for agricultural producers to plant crops and for academics to conclude semesters, AMS is extending the public comment period for an additional 30 days to encourage additional public comment.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding 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; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by June 15, 2022 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.