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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 Meeting, March 13-15, 2000.

On Monday, March 13, the Advisory Board will sponsor its 4th National Stakeholder Symposium, focusing on the Integrated Authority for Research, Education, and Extension, as announced in Press Release No. 7.99, Secretary of Agriculture, USDA. The Symposium will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and use a panel format as in previous years. Each panelist will be permitted to make a presentation, with time limits to be announced, and will receive questions from the Advisory Board members. If you wish to be considered as a panelist or would like to nominate a panelist, please forward speaker names, phone numbers, and a brief summary, outline, or similar indication of the intended remarks regarding the topic area to the contact person below for Board consideration. Names for panelists will

be reviewed and selections will be made by the Advisory Board and its Executive Committee. The general Advisory Board meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, and continue until approximately noon on Wednesday, March 15. During this time, the Advisory Board will (1) incorporate input of stakeholders for use in recommendations for the FY 2002 priorities and the integrated authority; (2) hear a report on the progress of REE programs and projects with regard to relevance to research priorities and adequacy of funding; (3) hear progress reports on Advisory Board working group activities; (4) conduct a focus session on "Changing Pricing and Marketing Structures in the Food and Fiber System;" (5) discuss plans for a summer regional listening session; (6) and conduct other business as needed.

Dates: March 13—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 4th National Stakeholder Symposium; March 14—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; March 15 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Place: Crown Plaza Hotel (Crystal City), Grand Ballroom, 1489 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or 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:

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Done at Washington, DC this 20th day of January 2000.

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Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Appointment of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notification of Appointment of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics of the Department of Agriculture, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, announces members appointed to the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology. Thirty-eight members were appointed from nominations of more than 220 well-qualified individuals, representing the biotechnology industry, conventional, sustainable, and organic farmers, food manufacturers, commodity processors and shippers, environmental and consumer groups, along with academic researchers as well as experts on consumer attitudes, bioethics, and legal issues. Equal opportunity practices were followed in appointing committee members. To assure that recommendations of the advisory committee take into account the needs of diverse groups served by the Department, membership includes, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The following appointments to the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology have been made:

Dennis E. Eckart will serve as Chair of the Committee. He is an attorney at Baker and Hostetler, LLP, in Washington, DC, and a former member of Congress from Ohio;

Dale E. Bauman, Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor and Professor of Nutritional Biochemistry in the Department of Animal Science and the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York;

Daniel R. Botkin, Research Professor, Department of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology, University of California, in Santa Barbara, California;