

proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 should reference OMB No. 0581-0177 and the Tart Cherry Marketing Order No. 930, and be mailed to Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525-S, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456; Fax (202) 720-5698; or E-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular USDA business hours at 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, room 2525-S.

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.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

Robert C. Keeney,

Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcements Numbers 21 Through 26 and Numbers 1 Through 10

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Sixteen special import quotas for upland cotton are established in accordance with section 136(b) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act) under Presidential Proclamation 6301 of June 7, 1991, and Presidential Proclamation 6948 of October 29, 1996. The quotas are referenced as the Commodity Credit Corporation Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Numbers 21 through 26 and Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Numbers 1 through 10 and are set forth in subheadings 9903.52.21 through 9903.52.26 and subheadings 9903.52.01 through 9903.52.10, subchapter III, chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

DATES: Each of the special quotas is subject to an established date and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than 90 days from the established date and entered into the United States not later than 180 days from the established date. Dates applicable to each individual special import quota are contained in a table following this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott O. Sanford, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of

Agriculture, STOP 0515, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20013-0515 or call (202) 720-3392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1996 Act requires that a special import quota for upland cotton be determined and announced immediately if, for any consecutive 10-week period, the Friday through Thursday average price quotation for the lowest-priced U.S. growth, as quoted for Middling 1-3/32 inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe (U.S. Northern Europe price), adjusted for the value of any cotton user marketing certificates issued, exceeds the Northern Europe price by more than 3.00 cents per pound. This condition was met for 16 consecutive 10-week periods ending October 28, 1999. Therefore, quotas referenced as Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Numbers 21 through 26 and Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Numbers 1 through 10 are established subject to the following dates and quantities.

Each special import quota identifies a quantity of imports that is not subject to the over-quota tariff rate of a tariff-rate quota. The quota is not divided by staple length or by country of origin. The quota does not affect existing tariff rates or phytosanitary regulations. The quota does not apply to extra long staple cotton.

Authority: Sec. 136, P.L. 104-127 and U.S. Note 6(a), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on March 17, 2000.

Parks Shackelford,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

Secretary of Agriculture's cotton import quota announcement	HTS sub-heading	News release date	Quota start date	90-day purchase date	180-day import date	Quota amount (kilograms)	3-month consumption base period
Number 21	9903.52.21	7/15/99	7/22/99	10/19/99	1/17/00	42,388,357	March-May 1999.
Number 22	9903.52.22	7/22/99	7/29/99	10/26/99	1/24/00	42,388,357	March-May 1999.
Number 23	9903.52.23	7/29/99	8/05/99	11/02/99	1/31/00	42,645,766	April-June 1999.
Number 24	9903.52.24	8/05/99	8/12/99	11/09/99	2/07/00	42,645,766	April-June 1999.
Number 25	9903.52.25	8/12/99	8/19/99	11/16/99	2/14/00	42,645,766	April-June 1999.
Number 26	9903.52.26	8/19/99	8/26/99	11/23/99	2/21/00	42,645,766	April-June 1999.
Number 1	9903.52.01	8/26/99	9/02/99	11/30/99	2/28/00	42,282,225	May-July 1999.
Number 2	9903.52.02	9/02/99	9/09/99	12/07/99	3/06/00	42,282,225	May-July 1999.
Number 3	9903.52.03	9/09/99	9/16/99	12/14/99	3/13/00	42,282,225	May-July 1999.
Number 4	9903.52.04	9/16/99	9/23/99	12/21/99	3/20/00	42,282,225	May-July 1999.
Number 5	9903.52.05	9/23/99	9/30/99	12/28/99	3/27/00	42,282,225	May-July 1999.
Number 6	9903.52.06	9/30/99	10/07/99	1/04/00	4/03/00	41,677,786	June-August 1999.
Number 7	9903.52.07	10/07/99	10/14/99	1/11/00	4/10/00	41,677,786	June-August 1999.
Number 8	9903.52.08	10/14/99	10/21/99	1/18/00	4/17/00	41,677,786	June-August 1999.
Number 9	9903.52.09	10/21/99	10/28/99	1/25/00	4/24/00	41,677,786	June-August 1999.
Number 10	9903.52.10	10/28/99	11/04/99	2/01/00	5/01/00	40,830,552	July-September 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Public Meetings of Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that meetings of the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (Committee) will be held to discuss ways to increase new farming and ranching opportunities for these producers, including the review of proposals and recommendations drafted at previous meetings.

DATES: The public meetings will be held April 11-12, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Westin Crown Center Hotel, 1 Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri (telephone (816) 474-4400). All times noted are Central Standard Time (CST).

ADDRESSES: Mark Falcone, Designated Federal Official for the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5438-S, STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522; telephone (202) 720-1632; FAX (202) 690-1117; e-mail mark_falcone@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Falcone at (202) 720-1632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 5 of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-554) required the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Committee for the purpose of advising the Secretary on the following:

(1) The development of a program of coordinated financial assistance to qualified beginning farmers and ranchers required by section 309 (i) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Federal and State beginning farmer programs provide joint financing to beginning farmers and ranchers); (2) methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through the program; (3) methods of encouraging States to participate in the program; (4) the administration of the program; and (5) other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities.

Departmental Regulation 1042-119 dated November 25, 1998, formally established the Committee and designated FSA to provide support. The

Committee is comprised of 16 members appointed by the Secretary. Members represent the following groups: (1) FSA; (2) State beginning farmer programs; (3) commercial lenders; (4) private nonprofit organizations with active beginning farmer programs; (5) the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; (6) educational institutions with demonstrated experience in training beginning farmers or ranchers; (7) other entities providing lending or technical assistance to qualified beginning farmers or ranchers; and (8) farmers and ranchers. The Committee meets at least once a year and all meetings are open to the public. The duration of the Committee is indefinite.

The initial meetings of the Committee, held August 31-September 2, 1999, provided an opportunity for members to exchange ideas on ways to increase opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers through Federal-State partnerships and to encourage more State participation. Members discussed various issues and drafted numerous recommendations, six of which the Committee determined were priorities and were submitted to the Secretary in writing. During the April meetings, members will discuss the Secretary's response to the six recommendations and review other draft proposals. Guest speakers from the Iowa State University's Beginning Farmer Center and the National Council of State Agricultural Finance Programs will address relevant issues.

Attendance is open to all interested persons but limited to space available. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should submit their request in writing (letter, fax, or e-mail) to Mark Falcone at the above address. Statements should be received no later than April 6, 2000. Requests should include the name and affiliation of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. The floor will be open to oral presentations beginning at 1:00 p.m. CST on April 11, 2000. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes, and presenters will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations to attend or participate in the meetings should contact Mark Falcone by April 6, 2000.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 17, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

East Fork of the Jemez Wild and Scenic River, Santa Fe National Forest, Sandoval County, New Mexico; Boundary Establishment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 16 U.S.C. 1274, the USDA Forest Service has transmitted the final boundary of the East Fork of the Jemez Wild and Scenic River to the Senate and House of Representatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained by contacting Diane Tafoya, Recreation Staff Officer, Jemez Ranger District, P.O. Box 98, Jemez Springs, NM 87025, 505-829-3535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The detailed legal description and map of the East Fork of the Jemez Wild and Scenic River boundary are available for public inspection in the following Forest Service offices: USDA Forest Service Auditors Building, 201 14th St. SW at Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC; USDA-FS Southwestern Regional Office, 517 Gold Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM; USDA-FS Santa Fe National Forest, 1474 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, NM; USDA-FS Jemez Ranger Station, Jemez Springs, NM.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended by Public Law 101-306 on June 6, 1990 designated the 11-mile segment of the East Fork of the Jemez River, from the Santa Fe National Forest boundary to its confluence with the Rio San Antonio, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in the following classifications: (a) The 2-mile segment for the Santa Fe National Forest boundary to the second crossing of State Highway 4, near Las Conchas trailhead, as a recreational river; and (b) the 4-mile segment from the second crossing of State Highway 4, near Las Conchas trailhead, to the third crossing of State Highway 4 approximately one and one-quarter miles upstream from Jemez Falls, as a wild river; and (c) the 5-mile segment from the third crossing of State Highway 4, approximately one and one-quarter miles upstream from Jemez Falls, to its confluence with the Rio San Antonio, as a scenic river. The final boundary for the designated segments approximately follows the original corridor boundary of 1/4-mile of the ordinary high water mark on each side of the river, with adjustments made in