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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-97-01]

Public Hearing Regarding Establishment of a New Tobacco Auction Market

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing regarding an application to combine the Tabor City and Whiteville, North Carolina, tobacco markets.

Date: November 6, 1996.

Time: 9:00 a.m. local time.

Place: Dales Family Seafood and Steakhouse, 100 701 Bypass, Tabor City, North Carolina.

Purpose: To hear testimony and to receive evidence regarding an application for tobacco inspection and price support services to a new market, which would be a consolidation of the currently designated markets of Tabor City and Whiteville, North Carolina. The application was made by Donald B. Watson, H.B. Buffkin, Jr., and Joey E. Coleman, warehousemen, Tabor City Tobacco Market, Tabor City, North Carolina; and Emory Smith, Dial Gray, Jack Cox, Wayne Miller, J.T. Smith and J.D. Gore, warehousemen, Whiteville Tobacco Market, Whiteville, North Carolina.

This public hearing will be conducted pursuant to the joint policy statement and regulations governing the extension of tobacco inspection and price support services to new markets and to additional sales on designated markets (7 CFR §§ 29.1 through 29.3), issued under the Tobacco Inspection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 511 *et seq.*) and the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 714 *et seq.*).

Dated: October 24, 1996.

Kenneth C. Clayton,
Acting Administrator.

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Commodity Credit Corporation

Disaster Reserve Assistance Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is announcing the availability of assistance under the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program to relieve the distress of livestock producers whose production of livestock feed has been adversely affected by natural disasters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leona Dittus, Director, Emergency and Noninsured Assistance Program Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0527, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC, 20013-2415, 202-720-3168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority set forth in section 813(c) of the Agricultural Act of 1970, as amended, it has been determined that:

1. Severe and prolonged drought conditions and other natural disasters adversely affecting livestock producers across the country warrant implementing a Disaster Reserve Assistance Program to alleviate the distress caused by natural disaster conditions.

2. Given the need to act expeditiously, the terms and conditions setting forth the suspended Emergency Livestock Assistance Program in 7 CFR Part 1439 will be used to administer the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program. The following list explains how the provisions of 7 CFR Part 1439 will apply to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program:

Section 1439.1. The Disaster Reserve Assistance Program shall provide feed assistance to livestock owners only in a county where a livestock feed emergency has been determined to exist.

Section 1439.2. All provisions of this section are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.3. For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, feed available means the owner's current year feed production available anytime during the feeding period. Feeding period means for all livestock (except fish for food) the period beginning and ending on the date determined according to the following conditions.

The period shall begin on: (1) the first day of the 1996 crop year in counties approved and contiguous for 1995 or 1996 Livestock Feed Program and in counties in which natural disaster conditions existed before the beginning of the 1996 crop year, if natural disaster conditions are continuing; or (2) the date the producer filed an application, for progressive natural disaster, such as drought, in counties where the occurrence began or became apparent after the beginning of the 1996 crop year; or (3) the date of the occurrence for sudden natural disasters, such as tornados, earthquakes, etc., that occurred after the beginning of the 1996 crop year.

Section 1439.4 (a). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, requests submitted by a county committee for a livestock feed emergency determination must be submitted to the State committee and must contain: (1) for counties approved or contiguous to an approved county for 1995 or 1996 Livestock Feed Program: (a) a report of existing feed production conditions, and (b) a certification by the county committee and a State committee representative, of continuing natural disaster conditions; (2) for all other counties: (a) a County Feed Loss Assessment Report, Form CCC-654; (b) rainfall data by month expressed in inches and percent of normal for the current calendar year and the 2 previous calendar years if the request is due to the occurrence of drought or excess moisture; and (c) a report of an on-site visit by the county committee and a State committee representative stating existing production conditions.

Section 1439.4 (b). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, for county requests received in the State office by July 19, 1996, the State committee shall make a determination and advise the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs. For county requests received in the State office after July 19, 1996, the State committee shall forward the request with a recommendation of whether the request should be approved to the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs.

Section 1439.4 (c). This provision is applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.4 (d). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, owners in any county contiguous to a county that

has been designated as a livestock feed emergency county under the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program shall not be eligible to receive assistance unless a livestock feed emergency has been determined to exist in that county.

Section 1439.5 and 1439.6 (a) and (b). These provisions are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.6(c). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, a Form CCC-652 application worksheet and Form CCC-651 contract must be filed at the county office in the approved county.

Section 1439.6(d) (1) and (2). These provisions are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.6(d)(3). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, owners in a county contiguous to a county where a livestock feed emergency has been determined to exist may not file for assistance in the contiguous county unless a livestock feed emergency has been determined to exist in that county.

Section 1439.6(e), (f) and (g)(1). These provisions are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.6(g)(2). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, current crop year production of feed available anytime during the feeding period including any grain pledged as collateral for a Commodity Credit Corporation price support loan.

Section 1439.6(g) (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8). These provisions are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.6(g)(9). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, any donated feed received during the current year including current and prior years production that is available anytime during the feeding period except for feed grain donated by Commodity Credit Corporation under the Indian Acute Distress Donation Program.

Section 1439.6(g) (10), (11), (12) and (h) (i) and (j). These provisions are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.7, 1439.8 (a) and (b). These provisions are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.8(c)(1)(i). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, Commodity Credit Corporation-owned feed grains are not available for sale under the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.8(c)(1)(ii). This provision is applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.8(c)(1) (iii). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, Commodity Credit Corporation-owned

feed grains are not available for donation.

Section 1439.8(c)(2)(i). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, Commodity Credit Corporation-owned feed grains are not available for sale.

Section 1439.8(c)(2)(ii). This provision is applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.8(c)(2)(iii). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, Commodity Credit Corporation-owned feed grains are not available for donation other than as indicated in this notice.

Section 1439.9(a). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, the county office shall provide payment upon presentation to the county office, by the owner, of valid livestock feed purchase receipts and after the owner has shown that the terms and conditions of the contract have been met.

Section 1439.9(b), (c) and (d). These provisions are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.9(e). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, the owners who file applications shall execute a contract for the feeding period for which the owner is eligible. When the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program authorized period is continued, the owner must request, in writing, that the feeding period ending date remain as previously established or be changed to one of the following: (1) the ending date for implementation of the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program as established by the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs; or (2) any date after the previously established date but prior to the ending date for implementation as established by the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs.

Section 1439.10(a). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, owners who filed an initial application prior to the termination of the program will not be eligible to file subsequent applications and contracts. Owners may file new applications if the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program is continued.

Section 1439.10(b). This provision is inapplicable.

Section 1439.11 through 24. These provisions are applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.101 through 104. These provisions are inapplicable.

Section 1439.201 through 202. These provisions are inapplicable.

Section 1439.301. This provision is applicable to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program.

Section 1439.302(a). For the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program, an owner of eligible livestock who has submitted

an application for participation and a contract has been approved by a representative of Commodity Credit Corporation in accordance with 1439.1 through 1439.25 of this part shall receive monetary assistance for not more than 30 percent of the cost of eligible feed purchased by the owner not to exceed the monetary amount stated on the contract provided the owner presents evidence of the purchase of feed to the approving official at any time during the terms of the contract.

Section 1439.401 through 403. These provisions are inapplicable.

Section 1439.501 through 504. These provisions are inapplicable.

3. Indian Tribal councils that determine acute economic distress exists because of the affects of a natural disaster on reservation lands may request donated grain for needy members according to requirements established for the Indian Acute Distress Donation Program under Executive Order 11336 and Memorandum of Understanding No. 5 between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior.

4. Based on the above determinations, the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program is authorized for 1996 crop year losses for livestock owners who are determined eligible. Producer applications, for existing natural disasters, must be received in county offices that have been approved for the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program by the date announced by CCC. Such date is on file in each county Farm Service Agency office. Program payments will be contingent on the availability of CCC funds.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 23, 1996.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Forest Service

Huckleberry Land Exchange With Weyerhaeuser Company, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Lewis, and Perce Counties, Washington

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On July 14, 1995, a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the