

how markets for economic information on agricultural commodities operate by identifying the primary uses for and sources of this information and by determining the types of information that managers and decision makers in the agribusiness sector value most. The data will be used to evaluate the role of USDA in the information market by examining how USDA information is used, where it overlaps with that of other information suppliers, where it is unique, and how it is valued by market participants. The purpose of the data is to develop insights into the most effective role for USDA, and particularly for ERS, in the provision of economic information on agricultural markets.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 1010.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 271.

**Nancy B. Sternberg,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 10 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

**DATES:** Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is June 25, 1998.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 802 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (The Farm Bill) authorized the creation of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 30 members, each representing a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first

appointed in September 1996 with staggered 30 terms of 1, 2, and 3 years.

As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms for 10 of the 30 members who represent 10 specific categories will expire September 30, 1999. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for all 10 of the vacant categories are sought. Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership, and relevancy to a category. The 10 vacancies are:

B. Farm Cooperatives

D. Plant Commodity Producers

G. National Aquaculture Associations

J. National Food Science Organizations

L. National Nutritional Science Societies

M. Land-Grant Colleges and Universities—1862

R. Scientific Community not closely associated with Agriculture

AA. An agency of USDA lacking Research Capabilities

BB. Research agency of the Federal Government other than USDA

DD. National Organization directly concerned with REE—

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must fill out a form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person below) and will be vetted before selection. Send nominee's name, resume, and their completed AD-755 to the Office of the Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics, Room 3918 South Building, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-2255 no later than June 25, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199, or e-mail: lshea@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of May 1998.

**I. Miley Gonzalez,**

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Special Cotton Import Quota Announcements Numbers 1 Through 10

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Ten special import quotas for upland cotton equal 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 1 through 10 and are set forth in 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 this notice under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gene S. Rosera, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0518, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20013-0518 or call (202) 720-3452.

**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-<sup>3</sup>/<sub>32</sub> 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 10 consecutive 10-week periods.

Therefore, quotas referenced as Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Numbers 1 through 10 are established subject to the following dates and quantities.

Quota 1 is established as of March 4, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than June 1, 1999, and entered into the United States not later than August 30, 1999. The quota amount, 42,549,915 kilograms (93,806,582 pounds), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—November 1998 through January 1999.

Quota 2 is established as of March 11, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than June 8, 1999, and entered into the United States not later than September 6, 1999. The quota amount, 42,549,915 kilograms (93,806,582 pounds), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—November 1998 through January 1999.

Quota 3 is established as of March 18, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than June 15, 1999, and entered into the United States not later than September 13, 1999. The quota amount, 42,549,915 kilograms (93,806,582 pounds), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—November 1998 through January 1999.

Quota 4 is established as of March 25, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than June 22, 1999, and entered into the United States not later than September 20, 1999. The quota amount, 42,549,915 kilograms (93,806,582 pounds), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—November 1998 through January 1999.

Quota 5 is established as of April 1, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than June 29, 1999, and entered into the United States not later than September 27, 1999. The quota amount, 42,949,885 kilograms (197,267 bales), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—December 1998 through February 1999.

Quota 6 is established as of April 8, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than July 6, 1999, and entered into the United States not

later than October 4, 1999. The quota amount, 42,949,885 kilograms (197,267 bales), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—December 1998 through February 1999.

Quota 7 is established as of April 15, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than July 13, 1999, and entered into the United States not later than October 11, 1999. The quota amount, 42,949,885 kilograms (197,267 bales), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—December 1998 through February 1999.

Quota 8 is established as of April 22, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than July 20, 1999, and entered into the United States not later than October 18, 1999. The quota amount, 42,949,885 kilograms (197,267 bales), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—December 1998 through February 1999.

Quota 9 is established as of April 29, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than July 27, 1999, and entered into the United States not later than October 25, 1999. The quota amount, 42,949,885 kilograms (197,267 bales), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—December 1998 through February 1999.

Quota 10 is established as of May 6, 1999, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than August 3, 1999, and entered into the United States not later than November 1, 1999. The quota amount, 43,005,726 kilograms (197,524 bales), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—January 1999 through March 1999.

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, Pub. L. 104-127 and U.S. Note 6(a), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on May 28, 1999.

**Parks Shackelford,**

*Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### The American Community Survey (ACS); Proposed Information Collection

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paper work and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(C)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Englemeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Cynthia Taeuber, Bureau of the Census, Demographic Statistical Methods Division, Washington, DC 20233. Her telephone number is (301) 457-2899.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The American Community Survey, which the Census Bureau initiated in November 1995, is a continuing full-scale operation of a continuous measurement system. Continuous measurement is a reengineering of the method for collecting the housing and socio-economic data traditionally collected in the decennial census. By selecting a new sample of addresses every month, the American Community Survey provides data every year instead of once in ten years. It blends the strength of small-area estimation from the decennial census with the quality and timeliness of continuing surveys through its large monthly survey.