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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given of a meeting in November of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. The purpose of this meeting will be to address issues regarding small farms. This meeting is open to the public.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETINGS: This meeting will be held November 15, 1999 in Room 201 at the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Capital Square, Atlanta, Georgia 30334–4201 from 12:00 EST—5:00 PM EST; and on November 16, 1999, the Commission will be touring small farms and small farm cooperatives throughout rural Georgia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy M. Peters (202–720–4860), Assistant Director, Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, Room 3702 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250–0524.

Dated: October 20, 1999.

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Chief Economist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a Federally owned invention U.S. Patent No. 5,919,446 (S.N. 08/958,475 filed October 27, 1997, entitled ''Control of Fire Blight on Pome Fruit Trees with Erwinia herbicola'' is available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Northwest Agricultural Products of Wasco, Washington, an exclusive license to Serial No. 08/958,475.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4–1158, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301–504–5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Northwest Agricultural Products has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of the forms necessary to implement the Total Quality Systems Audit (TQSA) program.

This information collection will allow CCC to determine compliance with TQSA standards. This program is being implemented to ensure that CCC purchases meet customer requirements and needs. Vendors offering processed commodities covered by TQSA for sale to CCC will have to meet quality control standards to assure the quality of the end product to be purchased by CCC.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 28, 1999 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Mehl, Chief, Warehouse License and Examination Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, 9200 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114, telephone (816) 926–6843, fax (816) 926–1774.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Total Quality Systems Audit Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560–NEW.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Abstract: TQSA is a fee for service program open to food processors and other food related manufacturers of certain products purchased by CCC. Participation in the TQSA program may be required by CCC. Such requirement will be included in the applicable CCC commodity purchase announcement or invitation. A TQSA team has been organized in the Farm Service Agency (FSA) from personnel in FSA's Commodity Operations Division and the Department's Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO).

During a TQSA audit, the participating vendor must make available to the audit team records pertaining to organization, production, work procedures, quality testing, shipping, sub-supplier certifications,