

the reporting burden for FY 96 and FY 97 should remain the same as FY 95.

Affected Public: Food Stamp recipients; State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 115,475.

Estimated Time per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 48,114 hours.

Dated: April 23, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Forest Service

Draft 1995 RPA Program

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act (RPA) of 1974, as amended, directs the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare a long-range recommended renewable natural resources program every 5 years. The draft of the 1995 Program, which responds to the renewable resource situation projected in the 1989 RPA Assessment and the 1993 Update of the RPA Assessment, was made available for public comment on October 19, 1995 (60 FR 54057) with the comment period closing on January 17, 1996. The comment period is now being reopened for 30 days to allow additional time for those who wish to review and comment on the Draft 1995 RPA Program. All comments received between January 17, 1996, and the reopening of the comment period will be considered, and respondents do not need to resubmit their comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The additional comment period will end on May 31, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Director, Resources Program and Assessment (1910), Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090 or via FAX at 202/205-1546 or via the INTERNET at /s=rpa/0u1=w01c@mhs-fswa.attmail.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the Draft 1995 RPA Program may be requested by calling 202/205-1235 or via FAX at 202/205-1546. Information may also be requested by E-Mail (ASCII only) at /s=rpa/0u1=w01c@mhs-fswa.attmail.com. For information on electronic access and viewing of the draft document, see the

supplementary information section of this notice.

Questions about the Draft 1995 RPA Program may be addressed to Kathryn P. Maloney, Director, Resources Program and Assessment, telephone: 202/205-1235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft 1995 RPA Program serves as a strategic planning document that provides long-term guidance for future Forest Service policies and programs. This long-term strategy describes the Agency's approach to achieving sustainability of ecosystems. This strategic plan is composed of future actions for protecting ecosystems, restoring ecosystems, providing multiple benefits from ecosystems, and ensuring organizational effectiveness. Future Agency actions and associated costs are described for international and domestic assistance, the management of the national forests and grasslands, and research.

The Draft 1995 RPA Program has been developed in accordance with the principles in the National Environmental Policy Act. Should the Forest Service initiate any legislative proposals as a result of guidance in the final 1995 RPA Program, the Forest Service will prepare the appropriate environmental analyses and documentation specific to the proposed legislation. Similarly, implementation of the Program through the forest land and resource management planning process will entail environmental analysis and documentation at appropriate decision points.

Electronic copies of the Draft 1995 RPA Program may be obtained via the World-wide Web at URL:<http://www.fs.fed.us/land/RPA/welcome.htm>.

After consideration of the public comment received on the Draft 1995 RPA Program, the President will present his statement of policy, and the Secretary will recommend a final 1995 RPA Program to the U.S. Congress.

Dated: April 11, 1996.

Mark A. Reimers,

Acting Chief.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Central Illinois (IL) and Plainview (TX) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois), and Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Plainview), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the November 29, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 61241), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Central Illinois and Plainview to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by January 2, 1996. Central Illinois and Plainview, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official inspection services in the entire areas currently assigned to them.

Since Central Illinois and Plainview were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Central Illinois and Plainview are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective June 1, 1996, and ending May 31, 1999, Central Illinois and Plainview are designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the November 29, 1995, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Central Illinois at 309-827-7121 and Plainview at 806-293-1364.

AUTHORITY: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: April 18, 1996.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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Opportunity for Designation in the Hastings (NE) Area and the State of New York

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designations of Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings), and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (New York) will end October 31, 1996, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Hastings and New York areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before May 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA designated Hastings, main office located in Hastings, Nebraska, and New York, main office located in Albany, New York, to provide official inspection services under the Act on November 1, 1993.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the

criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designations of Hastings and New York end on October 31, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, in the State of Nebraska, is assigned to Hastings.

Bounded on the North by the northern Nebraska State line from the western Sioux County line east to the eastern Knox County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Knox County lines; the eastern Antelope County line; the northern Madison County line east to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 south to the southern Madison County line; the southern Madison County line; the eastern Boone, Nance, and Merrick County lines; the Platte River southwest; the eastern Hamilton County line; the northern and eastern Fillmore County lines; the southern Fillmore County line west to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 south to State Highway 8; State Highway 8 west to the County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81; the County Road south to southern Nebraska State line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Nebraska State line, from the County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81, west to the western Dundy County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Dundy, Chase, Perkins, and Keith County lines; the southern and western Garden County lines; the southern Morrill County line west to U.S. Route 385; U.S. Route 385 north to the southern Box Butte County line; the southern and western Sioux County lines north to the northern Nebraska State line.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Farmers Coop, and Big Springs Elevator, both in Big Springs, Deuel County (located inside Denver Grain Inspection's area); and Farmers Cooperative Grain Company, Columbus, Platte County (located inside Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc.'s, area).

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, the entire State of New York, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by FGIS, is assigned to New York.

Interested persons, including Hastings and New York, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the

regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning November 1, 1996, and ending October 31, 1999. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

AUTHORITY: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: April 18, 1996.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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Rural Housing Service

Notice of Increase in Available Funds and Eligibility for Nonprofit and Underserved/Targeted Reserves

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) (formerly Farmers Home Administration (FmHA)) has increased the Nonprofit reserve from \$7.5 million to \$9.9 million and includes co-ventures as eligible applicants for the \$2.4 million added to this reserve. The Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-120), extends Section 515(w)(1) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(w)(1)), through September 30, 1996. Co-ventures are included as eligible entities in Section 515(w)(1), but were not included in the original administratively established nonprofit reserve as required by the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996. Additionally, the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, extends Section 509(f)(4)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(f)(4)(A)), through September 30, 1996. The RHS has increased the underserved/targeted reserve by \$4.5 million to allow the 100 most needy counties, as determined by the provisions of the Cranston-Gonzalez Affordable Housing Act of 1990, to compete for targeted funds. The intended effect is public awareness.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia L. Reese-Foxworth, Loan Specialist, Rural Rental Housing Branch, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, Rural Housing Service, USDA, AgBox 0781, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1604 (this is not a toll free number).