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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Agency for International Development

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development Establishment of a New Subcommittee: The Interim Committee on Food Security; Notice of Establishment of an Independent Subcommittee

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the establishment of a new independent subcommittee of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD) to be called the Interim Committee on Food Security.

The Interim Committee on Food Security of BIFAD will serve the important function of advising and assisting the U.S. Government Interagency Working Group on Food Security in carrying out commitments made in the U.S. Country Paper for the November 1996 World Food Summit and on the Plan of Action agreed to at the Summit. As there is no other federal advisory committee capable of handling these essential responsibilities, the Agency has determined that establishment of this Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

Membership on the Committee will be well-balanced, with members drawn from the public and private sectors, including non-governmental organizations. The current members of BIFAD will also be members of this new Committee. The Committee is being established for a two-year period commencing on the date the charter is filed. The Committee is expected to meet twice a year. In general, members shall be responsible for their own expenses associated with Committee meetings.

In discharging its duties, the Committee shall:

(a) Provide input to the U.S. Government on the development of a long-term action plan in support of commitments made in the U.S. Country Paper and at the World Food Summit;

(b) Participate in the implementation of the action plan through meetings, workshops and project involvement; and

(c) Serve as an outreach vehicle to all non-governmental sectors to achieve maximum involvement in action plan development and implementation.

The Agency is seeking suggestions and expressions of interest from interested parties who would like to either serve as members of this new Committee or nominate others for such membership. Please send such nominations or expressions of interest in writing, accompanied by no more than two pages of biographical information, to the following: Mr. George Like, U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Agriculture and Food Security (G/EG/AFS), Room 401, SA-2, Washington, D.C., 20523-0214. These nominations or expressions of interest should be sent no more than three weeks from the date of this notice.

Anyone wishing to obtain additional information about the Interim Committee on Food Security or about BIFAD should contact Mr. Tracy Atwood at the address indicated above, by telephone at (202) 663-2536, by fax at (202) 663-2552, or by E-mail to internet [tatwood@usaid.gov].

Dated: May 28, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[No. LS-97-003]

Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of referendum results.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing that the sheep producers, sheep feeders, and importers of sheep and sheep products who voted in a second national referendum on October 1, 1996, have not approved the proposed Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education, and Information Order (Order).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ralph L. Tapp, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, Livestock and Seed Division, AMS, USDA, Room 2606-S; P.O. Box 96456; Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1994 (Act), 7 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*, the Department of Agriculture conducted a referendum on October 1, 1996, among eligible sheep producers, sheep feeders, and importers of sheep and sheep products to determine if the proposed Order would become effective.

Before an order can become effective, the Act requires that it be approved either by a majority of producers, feeders, and importers voting in the referendum, or by voters who account for at least two-thirds of the production represented by persons voting in the referendum. Of the 11,880 valid ballots cast in the October 1, 1996, referendum, 5,603 (47 percent) favored the Order and 6,277 (53 percent) opposed the Order. Additionally, of those persons voting in the referendum who cast a valid ballot, those who favored the Order accounted for 33 percent of the total production represented by voters and those who opposed it accounted for 67 percent.

Therefore, based on the referendum results, the Secretary of Agriculture has determined that neither the required majority of voters who were producers, feeders, and importers, nor voters who accounted for at least two-thirds of the production represented by persons voting in the referendum, have voted to approve the Order.

The provisions of the Order and the implementing regulations are currently either suspended or postponed. A termination Order will be issued the **Federal Register**.

OCTOBER 1, 1996, STATE-BY-STATE SHEEP REFERENDUM RESULTS

State	Yes votes	No votes	Total votes	Yes volume	No volume	Total volume
ALABAMA	14	7	21	536	264	800
ALASKA	2	0	2	150	0	150
ARIZONA	25	20	45	11864	26198	38062
ARKANSAS	23	6	29	412	391	803
CALIFORNIA	376	142	518	251769	200997	452766
COLORADO	171	142	313	227550	349351	576901
CONNECTICUT	12	4	16	1017	9168	10185
DELAWARE	2	1	3	195	40	235
FLORIDA	11	2	13	498	100	598
GEORGIA	24	8	32	475	80295	80770
HAWAII	0	0	0	0	0	0
IDAHO	106	74	180	119748	81505	201253
ILLINOIS	224	133	357	10901	9378	20279
INDIANA	223	122	345	11067	12356	23423
IOWA	353	552	905	78253	125264	203517
KANSAS	171	255	426	15753	57142	72895
KENTUCKY	64	12	76	3004	784	3788
LOUISIANA	12	1	13	377	160	537
MAINE	17	11	28	1004	1427	2431
MARYLAND	64	25	89	3956	2962	6918
MASSACHUSETTS	16	19	35	1347	97713	99060
MICHIGAN	151	68	219	21479	74260	95739
MINNESOTA	251	269	520	19569	81629	101198
MISSISSIPPI	47	5	52	809	28	837
MISSOURI	125	122	247	8699	16023	24722
MONTANA	314	677	991	130731	286167	416898
NEBRASKA	125	200	325	15011	34826	49837
NEVADA	10	28	38	17102	130879	147981
NEW HAMPSHIRE	35	10	45	609	865	1474
NEW JERSEY	22	33	55	2454	84712	87166
NEW MEXICO	83	112	195	52378	97078	149456
NEW YORK	77	163	240	3646	278898	282544
NORTH CAROLINA	68	9	77	3453	74	3527
NORTH DAKOTA	102	223	325	17019	66487	83506
OHIO	356	240	596	17475	50098	67573
OKLAHOMA	64	34	98	6549	8433	14982
OREGON	91	291	382	16760	242485	259245
PENNSYLVANIA	180	189	369	12444	14573	27017
RHODE ISLAND	18	3	21	387	30767	31154
SOUTH CAROLINA	12	4	16	26515	8383	34898
SOUTH DAKOTA	127	867	994	67609	279773	347382
TENNESSEE	83	18	101	2639	586	3225
TEXAS	546	442	988	384676	471467	856143
UTAH	132	28	160	115384	40477	155861
VERMONT	46	26	72	1464	52516	53980
VIRGINIA	91	63	154	7780	3288	11068
WASHINGTON	174	86	260	41803	62693	104496
WEST VIRGINIA	111	26	137	7619	1884	9503
WISCONSIN	145	152	297	13180	17314	30494
WYOMING	107	353	460	201865	422983	624848
Total	5603	6277	11880	1956984	3915141	5872125

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwestern Region; Coconino National Forest, Arizona; Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Windmill Range Allotment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Coconino National Forest of the Forest Service is planning to

prepare an environmental impact statement on proposals to change cattle management on the 248,792 acre Windmill Allotment planning area.

DATES: This analysis has been ongoing and public participation has occurred at various stages. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be published in July of 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mormon Lake Ranger Districts, 4373 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001, Reference: Windmill EIS.