



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting is being convened to examine the full spectrum of fruit and vegetable industry issues and to provide recommendations and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) can tailor programs and services to better meet the needs of the U.S. produce industry. The meeting is open to the public. This notice sets forth the schedule and location for the meeting.

DATES: Tuesday, September 15, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and Wednesday, September 16, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The Committee meeting will be held in the Latrobe/Bulfinch Conference Room at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel, 1000 H Street, Northwest, Washington, DC, 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela Stanziani, Designated Federal Official, USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Program; Telephone: (202) 720-3334; E-mail: pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.), the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) established the Committee in 2001, to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. The Committee was re-chartered in July 2015, for a two-year period.

AMS Deputy Administrator for the Fruit and Vegetable Program, Charles Parrott, serves as the Committee's Manager. Representatives from USDA mission areas and other government agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry are periodically called upon to participate in the Committee's meetings as determined by the Committee. AMS is giving notice of the Committee meeting to the public so that they may attend and present their views. The meeting is open to the public.

Public Comments: All written public comments must be submitted electronically by August 31, 2015, for the Committee's consideration to Pamela Stanziani at

pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov or to www.regulations.gov, or mailed to: 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 2077-South, STOP 0235, Washington, D.C. 20250-0235. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

Agenda items may include, but are not limited to, welcome and introductions, administrative matters, progress reports from committee working group chairs and/or vice chairs, potential working group recommendation discussion, and presentations by subject matter experts as requested by the Committee.

Meeting Accommodations: The Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel is ADA compliant and provides reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public meeting, please notify Pamela Stanziani at pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov or (202) 720-3334, by August 31, 2015. Determinations for reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: August 10, 2015.

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Associate Administrator

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