

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Foreign Agricultural Service****Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers**

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), certified a petition for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) that was filed on September 30, 2003, by the South Carolina Shrimpers' Association, McClellanville, South Carolina. Shrimpers and shrimp farmers in South Carolina are now eligible to apply for program benefits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon investigation, the Administrator determined that increased imports of farmed shrimp contributed importantly to a decline in the landed prices of shrimp in South Carolina by 29.0 percent during January 2002 through December 2002, when compared with the previous 5-year average.

Shrimpers and shrimp farmers certified as eligible for TAA may apply to the Farm Service Agency for benefits through February 9, 2004. After submitting completed applications, producers shall receive technical assistance provided by the Extension Service at no cost and an adjustment assistance payment, if certain program criteria are met.

Producers of raw agricultural commodities wishing to learn more about TAA and how they may apply should contact the Department of Agriculture at the addresses provided below for General Information.

Producers Certified as Eligible for TAA, Contact: Farm Service Agency service centers in South Carolina.

For General Information About TAA, Contact: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.

Dated: November 7, 2003.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), certified a petition for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) that was filed on October 21, 2003, by the Texas Shrimp Association, Arkansas, Texas. Shrimp producers in Texas are now eligible to apply for program benefits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon investigation, the Administrator determined that increased imports of farmed shrimp contributed importantly to a decline in the landed prices of shrimp in Texas by 27.8 percent during January 2002 through December 2002, when compared with the previous 5-year average.

Shrimpers certified as eligible for TAA may apply to the Farm Service Agency for benefits through February 9, 2004. After submitting completed applications, producers shall receive technical assistance provided by the Extension Service at no cost and an adjustment assistance payment, if certain program criteria are met.

Producers of raw agricultural commodities wishing to learn more about TAA and how they may apply should contact the Department of Agriculture at the addresses provided below for General Information.

Producers Certified as Eligible for TAA, Contact: Farm Service Agency service centers in Texas.

For General Information About TAA, Contact: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.

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A. Ellen Terpstra,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Information Collection; Understanding Relationships Between People and Local Land Use at the Francis Marion National Forest**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations regarding the new information collection entitled, "Understanding Relationships Between

People and Local Land Use at the Francis Marion National Forest."

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 20, 2004 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Cassandra Johnson, Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Southern Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 320 Green St., Athens, GA 30602-2044.

Comments also may be submitted to Cassandra Johnson via facsimile to (706) 559-4266 or by e-mail to cjohnson09@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Southern Research Station, Forest Service, USDA, 320 Green St., Athens, Georgia, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (706) 559-4222 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cassandra Johnson, Forestry Sciences Laboratory, at (706) 559-4270.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Understanding Relationships Between People and Local Land Use at the Francis Marion National Forest.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Expiration Date of Approval: N/A.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: There has been a considerable amount of controversy surrounding land use in rural, coastal regions of South Carolina. Press reports and anecdotal information indicate that some residents support initiatives that would encourage commercial and residential development in the region, while other residents strongly oppose such initiatives. The first objective of this information collection is to examine rural residents' knowledge and opinions regarding commercial and residential development in rural, upper Charleston County, South Carolina (Seewee to Santee region). The second objective is to learn more about the kinds of recreational activities in which local residents participate while visiting the Francis Marion National Forest, which is located in this region.

The National Forest-Dependent Rural Communities Economic Diversification Act of 1990 provides the authority for this information collection. This Act gives the Forest Service an opportunity to help rural communities, located in or