

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at The Brown—A Camberley Hotel, 335 Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. The public may file written comments before or within a reasonable time after the meeting to: Carol House, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., South Building, Room 4117, Washington, DC 20250–2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol House, Telephone: 202–720–4333, Fax: 202–720–9013, or e-mail: [chouse@nass.usda.gov](mailto:chouse@nass.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics consists of 25 members appointed from 7 categories covering a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests. During this meeting, the Advisory Committee will discuss: (1) Administrative Data, (2) Advisory Subcommittee for Hogs, (3) Publicity and Product Release Plan for the 2002 Census of Agriculture, and (4) Overview of the 2002 Census of Agriculture. The committee will observe and review NASS's data processing activities on Tuesday, February 25.

This advisory committee meeting will be open to the public. There will be an opportunity for public questions and comment during the meeting at 3:45 p.m. The public may file written comments to the USDA Advisory Committee contact person before or within a reasonable time after the meeting. All statements will become a part of the official records of the USDA Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics and will be kept on file for public review in the office of the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Dated February 10, 2003, at Washington, DC.

**R. Ronald Bosecker,**

*Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Hog Subcommittee Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Hog Subcommittee.

**DATES:** The subcommittee meeting will take place on February 25, 2003, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Hog Subcommittee consists of 3 members from the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics and 8 members from hog industry. During this meeting, the Subcommittee will discuss the hog estimation program.

This Subcommittee meeting will be open to the public. There will be an opportunity for public questions and comments during the meeting at 3 p.m. The public may file written comments to the USDA Advisory Committee contact person before or within a reasonable time after the meeting. All statements will become a part of the official records of the USDA Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics and will be kept on file for public review in the office of the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Notice Inviting Applications for Recognition as a State Rural Development Council

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting applications.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice invites applications for recognition as a State Rural Development Council (SRDC) pursuant to the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill). SRDCs are members of the National Rural Development Partnership (NRDP), more fully described elsewhere in this Notice. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements in the 2002 Farm Bill and this Notice, submit an application for recognition, and submit evidence of ability to provide the requisite matching funds if federal funding is provided.

Recognition by the Secretary does not guarantee that a State Rural Development Council will automatically receive funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) or any other Federal agency, but will enable Federal agencies to make grants, gifts, contributions, provide technical assistance, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with the SRDC, in addition to making the SRDC automatically a part of the reorganized National Rural Development Partnership.

**DATES:** Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Eastern Time, April 21, 2003. Applications received after that date will be reviewed on a first come basis in order to receive Federal recognition. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Due to delays in the receipt of federal government mail through the U.S. Postal Service, applications should be sent by an express mail service (e.g., UPS, Federal Express).

**ADDRESSES:** Entities wishing to apply for assistance may download the application requirements delineated in this Notice from the NRDP Web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nrdp/nia.html>. Applicants may also request application packages from: Tia Trout, United States Department of Agriculture National Rural Development Partnership, MAIL STOP 3205, Room 4225, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–3205, telephone (202) 720–1534, e-mail [tia.trout@usda.gov](mailto:tia.trout@usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tia Trout, USDA National Rural