

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Agricultural Marketing Service****[Docket No. FV05-996-1-Notice]****Peanut Standards Board****AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Peanut Standards Board (Board) for the purpose of advising the Secretary on quality and handling standards for domestically produced and imported peanuts. The initial Board was appointed by the Secretary and announced on December 5, 2002. USDA seeks nominations for individuals to be considered for selection as Board members for terms of office ending June 30, 2008. Selected nominees sought by this action would replace those six producer and industry representatives who are currently serving for the initial term of office that ends June 30, 2005. The Board consists of 18 members representing producers and industry representatives.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received on or before April 30, 2005.**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Dawana J. Clark, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, Unit 155, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737; Telephone: (301) 734-5243; Fax: (301) 734-5275; E-mail: [dawana.clark@usda.gov](mailto:dawana.clark@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1308 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Peanut Standards Board (Board) for the purpose of advising the Secretary regarding the establishment of quality and handling standards for all domestic and imported peanuts marketed in the United States. The Farm Bill requires the Secretary to consult with the Board before the Secretary establishes or changes quality and handling standards for peanuts.

The Farm Bill provides that the Board consist of 18 members, with three producers and three industry representatives from the States specified in each of the following producing regions: (a) Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, and Florida); (b) Southwest (Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico); and (c) Virginia/Carolina (Virginia and North Carolina).

For the initial appointments, the Farm Bill required the Secretary to stagger the

terms of the members so that: (a) One producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a one-year term; (b) one producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a two-year term; and (c) one producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a three-year term. The term "peanut industry representatives" includes, but is not limited to, representatives of shellers, manufacturers, buying points, marketing associations and marketing cooperatives. The Farm Bill exempted the appointment of the Board from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The initial Board was appointed by the Secretary and announced on December 5, 2002.

USDA invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed above to nominate individuals for membership on the Board. Nominees sought by this action would replace one producer and one industry member from each peanut producing region who served for the initial term of office that ends June 30, 2005. New members would serve for a 3-year term of office ending June 30, 2008.

Nominees should complete a Peanut Standards Board Background Information form and submit it to Mrs. Clark. Copies of this form may be obtained at the Internet site: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/peanut-farmbill.htm>, or from Mrs. Clark. USDA seeks a diverse group of members representing the peanut industry.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Board in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the Board have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups within the peanut industry, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated abilities to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and limited resource agriculture producers.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 7958.

Dated: March 21, 2005.

**Kenneth Clayton,***Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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**BILLING CODE 3410-02-P****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Commodity Credit Corporation****Natural Resources Conservation Service****Conservation Security Program****AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service and Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the sign-up CSP-05-01 for the Conservation Security Program (CSP). This sign-up will be open from March 28, 2005, through May 27, 2005, in selected 8-digit watersheds in all 50 States and the Caribbean.

**DATES:** The administrative actions announced in the notice are effective on March 25, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Craig Derickson, Branch Chief—Stewardship Programs, Financial Assistance Programs Division, NRCS, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013-2890, telephone: (202) 720-1845; fax: (202) 720-4265. Submit e-mail to: [craig.derickson@usda.gov](mailto:craig.derickson@usda.gov), Attention: Conservation Security Program.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In an Interim Final Rule published concurrent with this notice, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) established the implementing regulations for Conservation Security Program (CSP). The CSP is a voluntary program administered by NRCS using authorities and funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, that provides financial and technical assistance to producers who advance the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on Tribal and private working lands.

This document announces the CSP-05-01 sign-up that will be from March 28, 2005, through May 27, 2005, in selected 8-digit watersheds in all 50 States and the Caribbean, which can be viewed at [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/2005\\_CSP\\_WS/index.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/2005_CSP_WS/index.html). These watersheds were selected using the process set forth in the May 4, 2004, notice to the **Federal Register**. In addition to other data sources, this process used National Resources Inventory data to assess land use, agricultural input intensity, and historic conservation stewardship in watersheds nationwide. NRCS State Conservationists recommended a list of potential watersheds after gaining advice from the State Technical Committees. The final selection of FY