

consumption, are not especially rich sources of vitamin E.

Nutritional goal for added sugars: The amounts of added sugars listed for each food intake pattern represent the amounts that can be included in each pattern without overconsuming calories. In the Dietary Reference Intakes macronutrients report, a suggestion was made to limit added sugars to less than 25% of calories as a maximal level. This is well above the amounts of added sugars in the proposed food patterns, which range from about 6% of calories at intakes of 1600 calories or less to 13% of calories at an intake of 3,200 calories. The amounts in each proposed pattern are set to balance energy intake with needs, given (1) that selections are made from all food groups in accordance with the suggested amounts, and (2) that additional fats are used in the amounts shown, which together with the fats in the core food groups represent about 30% of calories from fat.

3. Appropriateness of the proposed *food intake patterns for educating Americans* about healthful eating patterns.

Are the proposed patterns reasonable intakes to expect for the various age/gender groups? Are the proposed intakes of some food groups or subgroups feasible? While the proportions of food items in each food group or subgroup are based on typical food choices, amounts suggested to be eaten from the group are altered to be nutritionally appropriate—for example, the amounts of whole grains, dark-green vegetables, legumes, and fruits suggested are higher than current intakes. Amounts of whole grains, dark-green vegetables, and legumes are also higher than in the original Pyramid food patterns at similar calorie levels. “Additional fats” are provided in each proposed pattern to allow choice of some added fat in food preparation or higher fat options within each food group. These “additional fats” have been separated into solid fats (more saturated) and oils and soft margarines (more unsaturated). Suggested intakes of solid fats are lower than the proportion now eaten and suggested intakes of oils and soft margarines higher than the proportion now eaten, to encourage substitution of solid fats with oils and soft margarines. Will professionals be able to use these proposed new patterns to help educate Americans about healthful eating patterns? Will individuals or families be able to use these patterns in making food choices?

4. Appropriateness of using “cups” and “ounces” vs. “servings” in consumer materials to suggest daily amounts to choose from each food group

and subgroup. The proposed patterns in Table 1 show both quantity and servings information—they are not inconsistent. However, use of both in consumer materials would be confusing. CNPP would like to receive comments on this issue prior to the development of consumer materials.

There are advantages and disadvantages of each method of representing the amounts suggested for each food group. Using the term “serving” to mean a standardized amount of food is widely misunderstood by consumers; many believe that the portion of a food they choose, whatever the size, is “one serving.” This may lead to misinterpretation that the Pyramid encourages too much food. In addition, it is often difficult to harmonize Pyramid serving sizes with those used by FDA on Nutrition Facts labels. The serving sizes used on labels are not necessarily equivalent within a food group in terms of calories or nutrients, while Pyramid serving sizes within a group must be approximately equivalent in both calories and nutrients. In addition, for some products the serving size listed on Nutrition Facts labels may vary from 50 to 200% of the FDA-determined standard.

However, listing a single quantity, such as “2 cups” or “5 ounces” as a suggested daily intake for a food group may suggest that choosing a variety of foods within the group is not important. Also, identifying a single quantity measure appropriate for foods in the grains group may be difficult. Can consumers understand, for example, that 2 slices of bread are equivalent to 1 cup of grains? In addition, some consumers may not be familiar with total quantity or weight terms. We recognize that with either system, information about equivalents is needed and would have to be provided to consumers. Equivalents within each group will be needed to explain, for example, that 1½ ounces of cheese equals 1 cup of milk, or that 1½ ounces of cheese equals 1 *serving* of milk.

5. *Selection of appropriate illustrative food patterns* for various consumer materials. The original Food Guide Pyramid provided food intake patterns at three calorie levels: 1600, 2200, and 2800 calories. The proposed food intake patterns are provided at twelve calorie levels, to offer more specific guidance and help identify appropriate food intake levels to maintain or improve weight status. CNPP would like to receive comments on the selection of smaller subsets of these food patterns for various uses prior to the development of consumer materials.

For development of consumer materials, what criteria should be used to select a smaller number of illustrative food intake patterns? Which subset(s) of patterns would be most useful for various audiences? Different groups of food intake patterns could be selected for specific target audiences, such as adolescents or older Americans. Alternatively, a common group of food intake patterns could be selected based on a determination of the most common overall estimated calorie needs for the population, by using estimates of actual activity levels.

VI. Public Disclosure and Availability of Comments

All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identities of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure. CNPP plans to make the comments publicly available by posting a copy of all comments on the CNPP Web site at www.cnpp.usda.gov/pyramid-update.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

Eric J. Hentges,

Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-041-1]

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of reestablishment.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture has reestablished the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases for a 2-year period. The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joe Anelli, Director, Emergency Programs, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 41, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-8073.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases is to advise the

Secretary of Agriculture regarding program operations and measures to suppress, control, or eradicate an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, or other destructive foreign animal or poultry diseases, in the event these diseases should enter the United States. The Committee also advises the Secretary of Agriculture of means to prevent these diseases.

Done in Washington, DC, this 4th day of September, 2003.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-028-1]

National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee; Notice of Renewal

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture has renewed the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee for a 2-year period. The Secretary has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joanne Garrett, Director, Operational Support Staff, WS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; (301) 734-5149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (the Committee) is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the Wildlife Services program to have a voice in the program's policies.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of September 2003 .

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, Kamiah, Idaho, USDA, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests' North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, October 2, 2003 in Kooskia, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on October 2, begins at 10 a.m. (pst), at the Clearwater National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, Idaho. Agenda topics will include discussion of potential projects. A public forum will begin at 2:30 p.m. (pst).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Ihor Mereszczak, Staff Officer and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 935-2513.

Dated: September 4, 2003.

Ihor Mereszczak,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Funding Availability and Invitation To Apply for Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration Program Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS or Agency) provides notice of the availability of \$10,000,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds (NOFA) to fund the establishment of agriculture innovation centers that are to provide assistance to agriculture producers in the development of value-added businesses. This NOFA lists the information needed to submit an application for these grants.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of an application is 4 p.m. eastern time on September 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Hand-delivered applications or applications submitted using an express mail or overnight courier service should be sent to: Marc Warman, USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 4016, Washington, DC 20250; Telephone: (202) 720-8460. Applications sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be sent to: Marc Warman, USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, STOP 3252, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-3252. Applications sent via email attachment must be sent to: marc.warman@usda.gov. Please note that due to recent security concerns, packages sent to the Agency have suffered significant delays. Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact Marc Warman to receive further information and copies of the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Haskell, Acting Deputy Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, Stop 3250, Room 4016, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-3250, telephone: (202) 720-8460, or email: james.haskell@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Agency published a notice requesting comments on the collection requirements contained in this NOFA concurrent with the publication of the related proposed rule on June 13, 2003 (68 FR 35321). No comments were received on the paperwork burden. OMB granted a standard approval of the paperwork burden under control number 0570-0045 for this program.

Background

Section 6402 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) (2002 Farm Bill) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish up to 10 agriculture innovation demonstration centers (Agriculture Innovation Centers or AICs) in Fiscal Year 2003. The purpose of these centers is to foster the ability of agricultural producers to reap the benefits of producing and marketing value-added products.

Relationship between this NOFA and the earlier published Advance RFP Recognizing that the time requirements for publishing the final rule were very tight, the Agency published a notice on August 1, 2003 (Advance RFP) outlining all of the requirements for applying for FY 2003 grants that were then known. While the Advance RFP anticipated the publication of a final rule implementing the AIC grant program before the end of