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E-mail: Roadmap@osec.usda.gov. Include REE-2009-0001 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: (202) 690-1677.

Mail: Paper, disk or CD-ROM submissions should be submitted to: Michele Simmons; Research, Education, and Extension Office (REEO); U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mail Stop 0114; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250-0114.

Hand Delivery/Courier: Michele Simmons; Research, Education, and Extension Office (REEO); U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 3858-S; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250-0114.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the title "Roadmap" and REE-2009-0001. All comments received will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michele Simmons, (202) 720-1777 (phone), (202) 690-1677 (fax), or Roadmap@osec.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional Comment Procedures

Information on the REEO and Roadmap is available for review at <http://www.ree.usda.gov>. Written comments must be received by 5 p.m. EST, May 31, 2009, to be considered. All comments, when they become available, may be reviewed on the REE Web page for six months.

Background and Purpose

The preparation of the roadmap for agricultural research, education, and extension is mandated in section 7504 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act (FCEA) of 2008, (Pub. L. 110-246, 7 U.S.C. 7614a. The Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Education (Under Secretary), will prepare the Roadmap. The Secretary will implement and use the Roadmap to set the agricultural research, education, and extension agenda of the Department of Agriculture.

The Under Secretary is also the Chief Scientist for USDA, responsible for the coordination of the research, education, and extension activities of the Department. [7 U.S.C. 6971(c)]. The Research, Education, and Extension Office (REEO) recently organized within the Office of the Under Secretary is the office that provides such coordination, per 7 U.S.C. #6971(e)(1). Therefore the Office of the Chief Scientist and Under

Secretary is inviting input on the Roadmap to be provided to the REEO by all interested parties from the Federal Government and nongovernmental entities.

The Roadmap will identify current trends and constraints and major opportunities and gaps that no single entity within the Department of Agriculture would be able to address individually. Stakeholder input is encouraged on any and all aspects of the development and implementation of the Roadmap, including responses to the following questions:

1. What types of current and future critical issues (including those affecting citizens, communities and natural resources) does agriculture face that no USDA entity could address individually?

2. What criteria should USDA use to prioritize agricultural science (*i.e.*, research, education, and extension) investments to address these issues?

3. How might USDA better coordinate agricultural sciences among its various agencies and with its partners?

4. What are some examples where agricultural sciences are successfully coordinated for maximum benefit? Why are they successful?

5. What are some examples where agricultural sciences are not coordinated effectively? Why is coordination lacking? What are the barriers?

6. What else might USDA do to improve coordination of science; enhance USDA's ability to identify issues and prioritize investments; and elevate its role in science implementation and coordination?

Implementation Plans

The Under Secretary and the REEO plan to consider stakeholder input received from written comments in developing the Roadmap. The Secretary will make the Roadmap available to the public, with an expected publication date of not later than September 16, 2009.

Done at Washington, DC, this 4th day of March, 2009.

Katherine Smith,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Farm Service Agency

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Farm Storage Facility Loan Program; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA), on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), is holding public meetings to solicit comments on the Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) Program. The comments received at the public meetings will be considered in the development and preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for FSFL. The purpose of the PEA is to assist in providing USDA decision-makers and the public with an analysis of the environmental benefits and potential impacts associated with implementing various changes to FSFL consistent with the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill). CCC administers the FSFL program and is now conducting a comprehensive review of the current policies, achievements, and potential future program changes. The meetings provide an opportunity for the public to voice any concerns they may have about the program and any ideas for improving it in the future consistent with the 2008 Farm Bill.

DATES: *Public meetings:* The public meetings will be held on April 14, 2009, Kansas City, KS, and April 15, 2009, Cleveland, OH.

Comments: We will consider comments that we receive by May 13, 2009. We will consider comments submitted after that date, to the extent possible.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program and to participate in the public meetings. The public meeting locations are:

1. Kansas City—Hilton Garden Inn Kansas City (McCarthy Gallery), 520 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101.

2. Cleveland—Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Downtown (Edison 1 Room), 1100 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115.

You may also submit comments by any of the following methods:

• *Mail:* FSFL PEA, Geo-Marine Incorporated, 2713 Magruder Blvd., Suite D, Hampton, VA 23666-1572.

• *Internet:* Access <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew T. Ponish, National Environmental Compliance Manager, USDA, FSA, CEPD, Stop 0513, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0513, (202) 720-6853, or e-mail at: Matthew.Ponish@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FSFL program provides, through the FSA county offices, low-interest loans to eligible producers for constructing on-farm storage facilities for the commodities they produce. Since the FSFL Program was reestablished in May 2000, FSA has disbursed \$731,453,541.46 in facility loans to over 18,600 producers to build or upgrade storage and handling facilities for

562,493,806 bushels of on-farm grain storage.

The 2008 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 110-246) includes several changes to the FSFL program. The 2008 Farm Bill adds hay and renewable biomass as eligible FSFL commodities; extends the maximum loan term to 12 years; increases the maximum loan amount to \$500,000; and allows for one partial loan disbursement and the final disbursement. The 2008 Farm Bill also clarifies the loan security requirements. The 2008 Farm Bill gives the USDA Secretary discretionary authority to determine other eligible commodities. CCC is looking into the following questions and options:

- Defining the eligible structures for new commodities,
- Handling portions of FSFL structures not used for FSFL storage,
- Defining the purpose of FSFL facilities, and
- Further securing loans with no resale collateral value.

Changes to the FSFL program will be implemented through rulemaking. More detailed information on FSFL is available on FSA's Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=flp-fp>.

Public Participation

To increase public involvement and provide additional opportunities to comment, FSA is holding two public scoping meetings to provide information and opportunities for discussing the issues and the proposed alternatives to be covered in the PEA. Consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, the PEA will analyze the environmental benefits and potential impacts associated with implementing the changes to FSFL as required by the 2008 Farm Bill. The two National meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

Date	Time	Location information
April 14, 2009	5-8 p.m.	Hilton Garden Inn Kansas City in the McCarthy Gallery, 520 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101; Phone 913-342-7900; Free parking.
April 15, 2009	5-8 p.m.	Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Downtown, in Edison 1 Room, 1100 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115; Phone: 216-658-6400.

Additional information about the public scoping meetings, including directions and how to provide comments, is available at: <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

A Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) will be available from FSA or Geo-Marine Incorporated using the contact information included above.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 26, 2009.

Robert Stephenson,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection; Request for Aerial Photography

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a revision of a currently approved

information collection, Request for Aerial Photography. The revision adds two new collections to the existing information collection. The new Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO) Service Quality Survey will be provided to the customers who purchased the aerial photography and the collected information will be used to improve the products and services. The new APFO Custom Digital Print Request will be available to the producers, ranchers and other customers to place a special order for aerial custom digital print.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by June 1, 2009.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include the date, volume and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* David Parry, Supervisor, USDA, Farm Service Agency, APFO Customer Service Section, 2222 West 2300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-2020.

- *E-mail:* david.parry@slc.usda.gov.
- *Fax:* 801-956-3653.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Copies of the information collection may be obtained from David Parry at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Parry, Supervisor, APFO Customer Service Section, (801) 844-2922.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Aerial Photography.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0176.

Type of Request: Revision.

Abstract: This information collection is needed to enable the Department of Agriculture to effectively administer the Aerial Photography Program. The Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO) has the authority to coordinate aerial photography, remote sensing programs and the aerial photography flying contract programs. The digital and film imagery secured by FSA is public domain and reproductions are available at cost to any customer with a need. All information regarding the use of aerial photography products and services are retained by FSA.

The following two new collections will be added to the currently approved information collection. The APFO Service Quality Survey will be given to the customers to obtain feedback on aerial imagery products and services when they purchase the aerial photography. The collected information from the survey will be used to improve