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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of New Privacy Act System of Records.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that USDA proposes to create a new Privacy Act system of records, USDA/RMA, entitled "Dairy Options Pilot Program (DOPP), USDA/RMA."

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice will be adopted without further publication in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 1998 unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public. Although the Privacy Act requires only that the portion of the system which describes the "routine uses" of the system be published for comment, USDA invites comments on all portions of this notice. Comments must be received by the contact person listed below on or before December 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Heyward Baker, Director, Reinsurance Services Division, Risk Management Agency, Room 6727-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-0191.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, USDA is creating a new system of records to be maintained by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) to support the DOPP; a program to educate dairy farmers in the use of options as risk management tools. The system contains data on purchases of options on milk futures contracts.

The purpose of DOPP is to educate dairy producers in the use of options contracts as risk management tools and to ascertain their particular usefulness to dairy producers in various regional markets. The program lasts 6 to 8 months for each participant. Over that

time, RMA will train the producers and pay for 80 percent of the premiums of their options contracts and up to \$30 in brokers fees per contract. Brokers play a key role in DOPP. Producers will select their own DOPP-eligible brokers and place orders through those brokers. Brokers will use an Internet-based communications system to provide to RMA data on participants' trading activity. RMA will use this data for program evaluation and compliance tracking purposes. Brokers will, themselves, be the subject of records in so far as each DOPP-eligible broker will have signed a contract with RMA and a profile on each broker will be a part of the DOPP software. In addition to tracking the trading activity of DOPP brokers, the system will identify the brokers as having attended a DOPP training session once they have complied with this requirement, thus identifying them as eligible to conduct trades for DOPP participants.

In conformance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), as implemented by OMB Circular A-130, the Department of Agriculture has sent a report on the new system to the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, Committee on Governmental Affairs, United States Senate; the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, U.S. House of Representatives; and the Acting Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget on _____, 1998.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on October 26, 1998.

Dan Glickman,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, November 19, 1998, in Centralia, Washington, at the King Oscar Motel (1049 Eckerson Road) in

their meeting room. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present: (1) The 1999/2000 Timber Sale Program for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, followed by discussion, advice, and recommendations; (2) Monitoring results; (3) a special presentation of the AMA landscape; and (4) a Public Open Forum. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled as part of agenda item (4) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Linda Turner, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5195, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

Sandy Spurling,
Deputy Fire Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Advisory Committee for Agriculture Statistics

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of intent to reestablish at USDA.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposes to reestablish the Advisory Committee for Agriculture Statistics. Effective October 1, 1996, responsibility for the census of agriculture program was transferred to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) at USDA from the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. Effective February 2, 1997, NASS also received the transferred program positions and staff from the Bureau of the Census, U.S.