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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of the Third Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Meeting and Solicitation of Written Comments

AGENCIES: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS) and Research, Education and Economics (REE); and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (a) provide notice of the third meeting of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, and (b) solicit written comments pertinent to a review of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

DATES: This Notice is provided to the public on April 14, 2009. (1) The Committee will meet on April 29, 2009, from 1:30–5 p.m. E.D.T. and on April 30, 2009, from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. E.D.T. (2) Written comments pertinent to review of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* must be received by 5 p.m. E.D.T. on April 23, 2009, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to this meeting. Written comments will be accepted throughout the Committee deliberation process.

ADDRESSES: The third meeting will be held online, via Webinar format. Details regarding how to assure that your windows computer and browser are compatible with the Webinar format being used will be provided by e-mail following meeting registration and can also be found on the Dietary Guidelines Web site at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>. Written comments are encouraged to be

submitted electronically at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

USDA Co-Executive Secretaries: Carole Davis, Designated Federal Officer to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (telephone 703–305–7600), Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, Virginia 22302; or Shanthy Bowman (telephone 301–504–0619), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Building 005, Room 125, BARC–WEST, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. HHS Co-Executive Secretaries: Kathryn McMurry (telephone 240–453–8280) or Holly McPeak (telephone 240–453–8280), Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite LL100, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Additional information is available on the Internet at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee: The thirteen-member Committee appointed by the Secretaries of the two Departments is chaired by Linda V. Van Horn, PhD, R.D., L.D., Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. The Vice Chair of the Committee is Naomi K. Fukagawa, M.D., PhD, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont. Other members are: Cheryl Achterberg, PhD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; Lawrence J. Appel, M.D., M.P.H., Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Maryland; Roger A. Clemens, Dr.P.H., The University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California; Miriam E. Nelson, PhD, Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts; Sharon M. Nickols-Richardson, PhD, R.D., Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; Thomas A. Pearson, M.D., PhD, M.P.H., University of Rochester, Rochester, New York; Rafael Pérez-Escamilla, PhD, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut; Xavier Pi-Sunyer, M.D., M.P.H., Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, New York; Eric B. Rimm, Sc.D., Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts; Joanne L. Slavin, PhD, R.D., University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Christine L. Williams, M.D., M.P.H., Columbia

University (Retired), Healthy Directions, Inc., New York, New York.

Purpose of the Meeting: Section 301 of Public Law 101–445 (7 U.S.C. 5341, the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990, Title III) directs the Secretaries of USDA and HHS to publish the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* at least every five years. At its first meeting, the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee advised that a revision of the 2005 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* is warranted. After a thorough review of the most current scientific and applied literature and open Committee deliberations, the Committee will provide its recommendations in the form of an advisory report to the Secretaries of both Departments.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting will (a) include presentations by expert speakers on topics that may include the eating environment, economics and nutrient adequacy, and effects of various macronutrient meal plans on weight status; (b) allow individual subcommittees to provide updates on progress made within each subcommittee; and (c) allow for the continued formulation of plans for future work of the Committee. Specific times of presentations and topic area discussions are subject to change.

Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to attend online the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee meeting. There will be no opportunity for oral public comments during this online meeting. Written comments, however, are welcome throughout the development process of the 2010 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. These can be submitted at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>. See below for more detailed instructions for submitting written comments.

To attend the Committee meeting, individuals must pre-register at the Dietary Guidelines Web site located at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>. A link for Meeting Registration will be available to click on. Registration for the meeting is limited. Registrations will be accepted until maximum Webinar capacity is reached and must be completed by 5 p.m. E.D.T. April 27, 2009. A waiting list will be maintained should registrations exceed Webinar capacity. Individuals on the waiting list will be contacted as additional space for the meeting becomes available.

Registration questions may be directed to the meeting planner, Crystal Tyler, at 202-314-4701. Registration must include name, affiliation, phone number or e-mail, and days attending. Following pre-registration, individuals will receive a confirmation of registration via e-mail with instructions on how to access the Webinar and check for computer compatibility. Please call Crystal Tyler at 202-314-4701 by COB April 23, 2009 should you require assistance or any special accommodations.

Written Comments: By this notice, the Committee is soliciting submission of written comments, views, information and data pertinent to the review of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. Written comments are encouraged to be submitted electronically at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>. A "submit comments" button is available for access to the public comments database. Lengthy comments or support materials can be uploaded as an attachment. Multiple attachments must be "zip-filed". Comments not submitted electronically can be mailed, faxed, or delivered to: Carole Davis, Co-Executive Secretary of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, VA 22302, 703-305-7600 (telephone), 703-305-3300 (fax). All comments for this meeting must be received by 5 p.m. E.D.T. on April 23, 2009 and will become part of the public comments database. Comments are welcome throughout the Committee's deliberations.

Public Documents: Documents pertaining to Committee deliberations will be available for public viewing from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. E.D.T., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), at the Reference Desk of the National Agricultural Library, USDA/ARS, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705. The Reference Desk telephone number is 301-504-5755; however, no advance appointment is necessary. Meeting materials (*i.e.*, agenda, meeting minutes, and transcript), once available, can be found at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>.

Dated: March 16, 2009.

Robert C. Post,

Acting Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: March 16, 2009.

Edward B. Knippling,

Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: March 23, 2009.

Penelope Slade-Sawyer,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Risk Management Agency

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: Risk Management Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Risk Management Agency to request approval for the collection of information in support of the agency's mission under section 522(d) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act to develop and implement risk management tools for producers of agricultural commodities through partnership agreements.

DATES: Written comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business, June 15, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Virginia Guzman, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Non-Insurance Programs Branch, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, 6501 Beacon Drive, Mail Stop 813, Kansas City, MO 64133. Written comments may also be submitted electronically to: RMANIP.PRA@rma.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Virginia Guzman at the Kansas City, MO address listed above, telephone (816) 926-3843.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Risk Management Tools for Drought.

OMB Number: 0563-NEW.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Abstract: The Risk Management Agency intends to collect information

for purposes of the development of non-insurance risk management tools and assessment of the tools. Information collection for this study is required for the purposes of (1) Understanding the risk and impacts of drought on agricultural producers; (2) identifying information needed by producers to assist them in their decision making; (3) tool development, and (4) on-going evaluation and testing of the developed tools. The information collection will be conducted through telephone interviews, mail questionnaires, in-person surveys, focus groups and web-based questionnaires. Results of this collection will be used to develop, revise, and improve the risk management tools. We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve this information collection activity for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning the information collection activities. These comments will help us:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection information;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection technologies, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 to 15 minutes per response, depending on the survey.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Agricultural Producers, and individuals and organizations involved in education and assistance to agricultural producers, including Cooperative Extension Specialists, government officials, and businesses in the agricultural sector.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 5,470.

Estimated annual number of responses: 4,935.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 547 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.