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Hearing on Proposed Amendment of the  
Marketing Order for Hazelnuts Produced in  
Oregon and Washington Marketing Order  
No. 982

I, Carl Purvis, hereby certify that on the 3rd day of October, 2016, by authority vested in me by the Administrator and in accordance with 900.4(b)(1)(iii) (23 F.R. 4027), of the applicable rules of practice and procedure (7 CFR Part 900), as amended, I made available a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, to such newspapers and television and radio stations in the area subject to regulation as reasonably will tend to bring to the attention of interested persons the notice of USDA setting a hearing on a proposed amendments to the marketing order regulating the handling of hazelnuts produced in Oregon and Washington.

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## USDA Sets Hearing on Hazelnut Marketing Order Proposed Amendments

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3, 2016 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will hold a public hearing for proposed amendments to the federal marketing order for hazelnuts grown in Oregon and Washington on Oct. 18, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT at the Holiday Inn Portland South, Wilsonville, Ore.

The Hazelnut Marketing Board, which is responsible for local administration of the order, proposed two amendments that would: 1) add authority to regulate quality and 2) establish different regulations for different markets.

If evidence submitted at the hearing favors these proposals, and if USDA agrees that the amendments would improve the order's operation, producers that produce hazelnuts grown in Oregon and Washington would then vote in a producer referendum.

The proposal and the hearing notice was published in the Sept. 30, 2016, Federal Register.

Information on the hearing and amendments may be obtained from Melissa Schmaedick, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Rulemaking Branch, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, Post Office Box 952, Moab, UT 84532, telephone: (202) 557-4783, fax: (435) 259-1502; or Michelle P. Sharrow, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Rulemaking Branch, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; telephone: (202) 720-2491, fax: (202) 720-8938 or by emailing [Melissa.Schmaedick@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Melissa.Schmaedick@ams.usda.gov) or [Michelle.Sharrow@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Michelle.Sharrow@ams.usda.gov).

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