



Georgia Department of Agriculture

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Notice of Public Hearing

Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Pecan

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To All Interested Persons:

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Tift County Extension Office in Tifton, Ga. The Tift County Extension Office is located at 1468 Carpenter Rd S, Tifton, GA 31793.

The purpose of the hearing will be for the Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Pecans to receive comments on the Proposed Major Amendment to the Marketing Order for Pecans. (Yellow attachment)

The Major Amendment reads as follows:

" 472-1-.09. Method of Finance. Amended.

- (1) Projects, undertakings and expense incurred under this Order shall be financed by an assessment and levy of not more than one (1c) cent per pound on in-shell pecans produced in this state for sale. The assessment and levy shall be against the affected producers of pecans. Upon approval of this requisite number of affected producers and effective as of August 1, 2014, a levy assessment of one (1c) cent per pound on in-shell pecans is hereby made. Such levy shall continue of force and effect until this Order is suspended or superseded as provided by law and during the time this order remains of force and effect."

Also note the change in the following:

"472-1-.10. Method of Collection.

- (1) The levy and assessment provided by this Order shall be collected from affected producers. As aid in such collection, buyers, handlers, distributors, sales agents, and processors shall deduct amount of such levy and assessment from each payment made to the affected producer and they all remit the same to the Commissioner of Agriculture for the account of the producer. The first handler will collect and remit the one cent (1c) per pound assessment on all pecans purchased from affected producers."

At the hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a point of view or an argument orally. Participants at the hearing are required to register upon arrival. Oral statements should be concise to permit everyone an opportunity to be heard. Interested individuals may also submit written comments concerning the Proposed Major Amendment to the Marketing Order by mail or email to:

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Written comments must be received no later than the close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) Tuesday, February 11, 2014 in order to be considered at the public hearing.

Those desiring further information may contact Nathan Wilson at 404-656-3678. This notice is given in compliance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. 50-13-4 and the Georgia Agricultural Commodities Promotion Act O.C.G.A. 2-8-23.