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Notice of Public Hearing

Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Tobacco

January 9, 2014

To All Interested Persons:

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2014 at the Coffee County Agricultural Center in Douglas, Ga. The Coffee County Agricultural Center is located at 709 Ward Street, E. Douglas, GA 31533.

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

Synopsis: The Major Amendment reads as follows:

“679-1-.09 Method of Finance. Amended.

(1) Projects, undertakings, and expenses incurred under this Order shall be financed by a maximum annual assessment and levy of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per hundred pounds of all flue-cured tobacco. Upon the approval of the requisite number of producers and effective as of May 1, 2014, a maximum annual levy and assessment of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per hundred pounds of flue-cured tobacco is hereby made. As of the effective date of May 1, 2014, and henceforth, the Commission will only assess fifty cents (\$0.50) of the maximum seventy-five cents (\$0.75) and will not increase above the fifty cent (\$0.50) assessment rate without notifying producers and holding a producer meeting. Such levy shall continue of force and effect from year to year until this Order is suspended or superseded as provided by law and each year during the time this Order remains of force and effect.”

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) Monday, February 10, 2014 in order to be considered.

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.