

persons have an opportunity to participate and provide input.

The assessment rates recommended by the Committees are derived by dividing anticipated expenses by expected shipments of limes and avocados (in bushels). Because those rates are applied to actual shipments, they must be established at rates which will produce sufficient income to pay the Committees' expected expenses. The recommended budgets and rates of assessment are usually acted upon by the Committees shortly before a season starts, and expenses are incurred on a continuous basis. Therefore, the budget and assessment rate approval must be expedited so that the Committees will have funds to pay their expenses.

The Florida Lime Administrative Committee met on December 14, 1994, and unanimously recommended 1995-96 expenses of \$92,270. In comparison, the 1994-95 fiscal year expense amount was \$92,197, which is \$73 less in expenses than the amount recommended for this fiscal year.

The Committee also unanimously recommended an assessment rate of \$0.16 per 55-pound bushel of limes. The 1995-96 assessment rate remains unchanged from the previous fiscal year. Assessment income for 1995-96 is estimated to total \$64,000 based on anticipated fresh domestic shipments of 400,000 bushels of limes. This, along with \$2,500 in interest income, and a withdrawal of \$25,770 from the Committee's reserve fund will be adequate to cover estimated expenses. Funds in the reserve at the end of the 1995-96 fiscal year are expected to be within the maximum permitted by the order of three fiscal years' expenses.

Major budget categories for 1995-96 are \$34,000 for administrative staff salaries, \$10,000 for research, \$8,300 for compliance, and \$7,300 for employee benefits.

The Avocado Administrative Committee also met on December 14, 1994, and unanimously recommended 1995-96 expenses of \$107,570. In comparison, 1994-95 fiscal year expenses were \$116,420, which is \$8,850 more than the \$107,570 recommended for this fiscal year.

An assessment rate of \$0.16 per 55-pound bushel of avocados was also unanimously recommended by the Committee. The 1995-96 rate of assessment remains the same as the previous fiscal year. Assessment income for 1995-96 is estimated to total \$112,000 based on anticipated fresh domestic shipments of 700,000 bushels of avocados. Assessment income, plus an additional \$1,500 in interest income will provide sufficient funds to cover

budgeted expenses. The Committee anticipates a reserve fund increase of \$5,930 because assessment income is more than budgeted expenses. Funds in the reserve at the end of the 1995-96 fiscal year are within the maximum permitted by the order of three fiscal years' expenses.

Major budget categories for the 1995-96 are \$34,000 for administrative staff salaries, \$15,600 for compliance, \$12,810 for insurance and bonds, and \$10,000 for research.

While this action will impose some additional costs on handlers, the costs are in the form of uniform assessments on all handlers. Some of the additional costs may be passed on to producers. However, these costs will be offset by the benefits derived from the operation of the marketing orders. Therefore, the Administrator of the AMS has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

After consideration of all relevant material presented, including the Committees' recommendations, and other available information, it is found that this interim final rule, as hereinafter set forth, will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, it is also found and determined upon good cause that it is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest to give preliminary notice prior to putting this rule into effect and that good cause exists for not postponing the effective date of this action until 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** because: (1) The Committees need to have sufficient funds to pay their expenses which are incurred on a continuous basis; (2) the 1995-96 fiscal year begins on April 1, 1995, and the marketing orders require that the rate of assessment for the fiscal year apply to all assessable limes and avocados handled during the fiscal year; (3) handlers are aware of this action which was recommended by the Committees at public meetings; and (4) this interim final rule provides a 30-day comment period, and all comments timely received will be considered prior to finalization of this action.

List of Subjects

7 CFR Part 911

Limes, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

7 CFR Part 915

Avocados, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR Parts 911 and 915 are amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for both 7 CFR Parts 911 and 915 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

Note: These sections will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

PART 911—LIMES GROWN IN FLORIDA

2. A new §911.233 is added to read as follows:

§ 911.233 Expenses and Assessment rate.

Expenses of \$92,270 by the Florida Lime Administrative Committee are authorized, and an assessment rate of \$0.16 per 55-pound bushel of assessable limes is established for the 1995-96 fiscal year ending on March 31, 1996. Unexpended funds may be carried over as a reserve.

PART 915—AVOCADOS GROWN IN SOUTH FLORIDA

3. A new §915.233 is added to read as follows:

§ 915.233 Expenses and Assessment rate.

Expenses of \$107,570 by the Avocado Administrative Committee are authorized, and an assessment rate of \$0.16 per 55-pound bushel of assessable avocados is established for the 1995-96 fiscal year ending on March 31, 1996. Unexpended funds may be carried over as a reserve.

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7 CFR Part 985

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Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 1995-96 Marketing Year

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule establishes the quantity of spearmint oil produced in the Far West, by class, that handlers may purchase from, or handle for, producers during the 1995-96 marketing year. The Spearmint Oil Administrative Committee (Committee), the agency responsible for local administration of the marketing order for spearmint oil produced in the Far