

affected persons have an opportunity to participate and provide input.

The Washington Apricot Marketing Committee met on May 25, 1995, and unanimously recommended 1995–96 expenses of \$9,594, which is \$4,008 less in expenses than the \$13,602 amount that was recommended for the 1994–95 fiscal year.

Shipments of fresh apricots for the current fiscal year are estimated at 5,150 tons. Funds in the reserve, estimated at \$16,798, will be adequate to cover the recommended expense amount.

The Washington Cherry Marketing Committee also met on March 25, 1995, and unanimously recommended 1995–96 expenses of \$55,393. This represents a decrease of \$44,820 from the \$100,213 recommended for the previous fiscal year.

The Committee anticipates shipments of 41,000 tons of fresh sweet cherries. Funds in the reserve, estimated at \$112,995, will be adequate to cover budgeted expenses.

The Washington-Oregon Fresh Prune Marketing Committee also met on March 25, 1995, and unanimously recommended a 1995–96 expense amount of \$10,018. In comparison, this represents a decrease of \$8,742 in expenses from the \$18,760 that was recommended for 1994–95 fiscal year.

Shipments of fresh prunes for the current fiscal year are estimated at 4,900 tons. Funds in the reserve, estimated at \$16,204, will adequately cover recommended expenses.

Each Committee unanimously voted against having assessment rates for their respective programs for the 1995–96 fiscal year. In comparison, assessment rates for the 1994–95 fiscal year were \$0.50 per ton for fresh apricots, \$1.00 per ton for sweet cherries, and \$1.00 per ton for fresh prunes.

Major expense categories for the Committees are for the administration of these marketing orders. Administrative expenses include \$43,000 for salaries, \$2,700 for travel, and \$15,600 for office operations. The stone fruit marketing Committees share office expenses, based on an agreement among the Committees.

Since no assessment rates are being recommended at this time, no additional costs will be imposed on handlers. 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 matter presented, including information and recommendations submitted by the Committees and other available information, it is hereby found that this

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 1995–96 fiscal year for the Committees began April 1, 1995, and the Committees need to have approval to pay their respective expenses which are incurred on a continuous basis; (2) this action is similar to previously recommended budgets; and (3) 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 922

Apricots, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

7 CFR Part 923

Cherries, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

7 CFR Part 924

Marketing agreements, Plums, Prunes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR parts 922, 923, and 924 are amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR parts 922, 923, and 924 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 922—APRICOTS GROWN IN DESIGNATED COUNTIES IN WASHINGTON

2. A new § 922.234 is added to read as follows:

§ 922.234 Expenses and assessment rate.

Expenses of \$9,594 by the Washington Apricot Marketing Committee are authorized for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996. Any unexpended funds may be carried over as a reserve.

PART 923—SWEET CHERRIES GROWN IN DESIGNATED COUNTIES IN WASHINGTON

3. A new § 923.235 is added to read as follows:

§ 923.235 Expenses and assessment rate.

Expenses of \$55,393 by the Washington Cherry Marketing Committee are authorized for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996. Any unexpended funds may be carried over as a reserve.

PART 924—FRESH PRUNES GROWN IN DESIGNATED COUNTIES IN WASHINGTON AND UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON

4. A new § 924.235 is added to read as follows:

§ 924.235 Expenses and assessment rate.

Expenses of \$10,018 by the Washington-Oregon Fresh Prune Marketing Committee are authorized for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996. Any unexpended funds may be carried over as a reserve.

Dated: July 26, 1995.

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7 CFR Part 948

[Docket No. FV95–948–1FIR]

Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Expenses and Assessment Rate

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (Department) is adopting as a final rule, without change, the provisions of an interim final rule that authorized expenses and established an assessment rate that generated funds to pay those expenses. Authorization of this budget enables the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, Northern Colorado Office (Area III) (Committee) to incur expenses that are reasonable and necessary to administer the program. Funds to administer this program are derived from assessments on handlers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996.

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