

employee of the Department to whom there has heretofore been delegated or may hereafter be delegated the authority to act in the Administrator's stead.

§ 1280.603 Carbonized wool.

The term *Carbonized wool* means wool that has been immersed in a bath, usually of mineral acids or acid salts, that destroys vegetable matter in the wool, but does not affect the wool fibers.

§ 1280.604 Farm Service Agency.

The term *Farm Service Agency*—formerly Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS)—also referred to as “FSA,” means the Farm Service Agency of the Department.

§ 1280.605 Farm Service Agency County Committee.

The term *Farm Service Agency County Committee*, also referred to as the “FSA County Committee or COC,” means the group of persons within a county elected to act as the FSA County Committee or COC.

§ 1280.606 Farm Service Agency County Executive Director.

The term *Farm Service Agency County Executive Director* also referred to as the “FSA County Executive Director,” means the person employed by the FSA County Committee to execute the policies of the FSA County Committee and be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the county FSA office, or the person acting in such capacity.

§ 1280.607 Cooperative Extension Service.

The term *Cooperative Extension Service*, also referred to as “CES” means the State partner in the Cooperative Extension Service system.

§ 1280.608 Cooperative Extension Service Agent.

The term *Cooperative Extension Service Agent*, also referred to as the “CES Agent,” means an employee of the Cooperative Extension Service.

§ 1280.609 Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The term *Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture*, also referred to as “CES,” means the Federal component of the Cooperative Extension Service.

§ 1280.610 Degreased wool.

The term *Degreased wool* means wool from which the bulk of impurities has been removed by processing.

§ 1280.611 Department.

The term *Department* means the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

§ 1280.612 Deputy Administrator.

The term *Deputy Administrator* means the Deputy Administrator for Program Delivery and Field Operations, FSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture or any officer or employee of the Department to whom there has heretofore been delegated or may hereafter be delegated the authority to act in the Deputy Administrator's stead.

§ 1280.613 Feeder.

The term *Feeder* means a person who feeds lambs until the lambs reach slaughter weight.

§ 1280.614 Greasy wool.

The term *Greasy wool* means wool that has not been washed or otherwise cleaned.

§ 1280.615 Importer.

The term *Importer* means any person who imports sheep and sheep products into the United States.

§ 1280.616 Order.

The term *Order* means the Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education, and Information Order.

§ 1280.617 Person.

The term *Person* means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or any other legal entity.

§ 1280.618 Producer.

The term *Producer* means any person, other than a feeder, who owns or acquires ownership of sheep.

§ 1280.619 Public notice.

The term *Public notice* means information regarding a referendum which shall be provided by the Secretary, without advertising expenses, through press releases and by State and county CES offices and county FSA offices, by means of newspapers, electronic media, county newsletters, and the like. Such notice shall contain the referendum date and location, registration and voting requirements, rules regarding absentee voting, and other pertinent information.

§ 1280.620 Pulled wool.

The term *Pulled wool* means wool that is pulled from the skin of slaughtered sheep.

§ 1280.621 Raw wool.

The term *Raw wool* means greasy wool, pulled wool, degreased wool, or other carbonized wool.

§ 1280.622 Referendum.

The term *Referendum* means any referendum to be conducted by the Secretary pursuant to the Act where

producers, feeders, and importers of sheep and sheep products, except an importer of only raw wool, shall be given the opportunity to vote.

§ 1280.623 Registration period.

The term *Registration period* means a 1 day period to be announced by the Secretary for registration of producers, feeders, and importers desiring to vote in a referendum. The registration period shall be the same day as the voting period.

§ 1280.624 Representative period.

The term *Representative period* means 12 consecutive months of calendar year 1994.

§ 1280.625 Secretary.

The term *Secretary* means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States or any other officer or employee of the Department to whom there has been delegated or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated to act in the Secretary's stead.

§ 1280.626 Sheep.

The term *Sheep* means ovine animals of any age, including lambs.

§ 1280.627 Sheep products.

The term *Sheep products* means products produced, in whole or in part, from sheep, including wool and products containing wool fiber.

§ 1280.628 State.

The term *State* means each of the 50 States.

§ 1280.629 Unit.

The term *Unit* means each State, group of States, or class designation that is represented on the Board.

§ 1280.630 United States.

The term *United States* means the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

§ 1280.631 Volume of production

The term *volume of production* means the largest number of head of domestic sheep that a domestic sheep producer or sheep feeder entity continuously owned and that were located in the United States during any single consecutive 30-day period during the representative period. The term “volume of production” also means the number of head of imported live sheep or the number of live sheep equivalents that an importer imported into the United States during the representative period, excluding imported raw wool.

§ 1280.632 Voting period.

The term *Voting period* means a 1-day period to be announced by the Secretary for voting in the referendum.