

**Farm Service Agency – Risk Management Agency**  
Joint Listening Session – Agricultural Act of 2014

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<b>Background:</b>	The Agricultural Act of 2014 provides authorization for services and programs that impact every American and millions of people around the world. The new Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.
<b>What 2014 Farm Bill provisions will be covered at this listening session?</b>	<p>The FSA-RMA Joint Listening Session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All of the <b>Commodity, Credit, and Crop Insurance Titles</b>; and</li><li>• Part of the <b>Conservation, Energy, and Miscellaneous Titles</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Provisions which are administrative in nature are not anticipated to be covered. Those provisions include, for example, suspension of permanent price support authority.</p>
<b>Where will the listening session be held?</b>	<p>The Listening Session will be held at the Jefferson Auditorium in the South Building of USDA’s headquarters complex in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Public parking is severely limited around USDA’s headquarters complex and using public transportation is encouraged. The South Building is located between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets on Independence Ave., S.W. and is accessible by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metrorail on the Orange or Blue Lines using the Smithsonian stop and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street exit;</li><li>• Metro bus;</li><li>• Taxi, Uber, or other service.</li></ul>
<b>How can I register?</b>	<p>Space for attendance at the meeting is limited.</p> <p>Due to USDA headquarters security and space requirements, all persons wishing to attend the public meeting or provide oral comments to must send an email to <a href="mailto:robert.stephenson@wdc.usda.gov">robert.stephenson@wdc.usda.gov</a> by <b>March 25, 2014</b>, to register the names of those planning to attend.</p>

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<b>What information must be included in the email?</b>	<p>To register, provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Name</li> <li>• Last Name</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Title</li> <li>• Email</li> <li>• City</li> <li>• State</li> </ul>
<b>Will I receive a confirmation?</b>	Yes, you will receive an email confirmation.
<b>Where and How do I enter the South Building?</b>	<p>Visitors must enter the South Building at the 4<sup>th</sup> wing. Registered persons must provide valid photo identification to enter the building.</p> <p>Please allow extra time for security.</p>
<b>What can I expect during the Listening Session?</b>	<p>Because we expect there to be significant interest in this Listening Session, we estimate the time allotted for individual oral statements will likely be in the 2-5 minutes range.</p> <p>FSA and RMA <b>strongly urge</b> that oral statements also be made in writing.</p>
<b>How and when may written statements be submitted?</b>	<p>Written statements may be made through the Federal eRulemaking portal: <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">www.regulations.gov</a> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.</p> <p>Written comments may be submitted by April 2, 2014.</p>
<b>Will FSA and RMA make the statements available publicly?</b>	Yes, the written comments will be available to the public through the Federal eRulemaking portal: <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">www.regulations.gov</a> .