

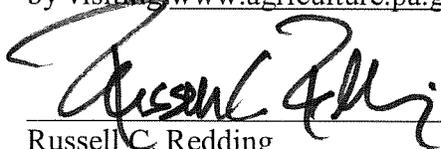
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PENNSYLVANIA POTATO RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) hereby provides notice of a public hearing to be held pursuant to the Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act. The hearing shall be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 405 of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Building, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

The hearing shall be convened to receive testimony and evidence relating to proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Potato Research Program (Program). Testimony and evidence presented at this hearing will assist PDA in determining whether to subject the proposed amendments to a referendum among affected potato producers. In summary, the proposed amendments would: (1) revise the total board member seats from eleven (11), members, one of whom is the Secretary or his designee, to a minimum of nine (9), but no more than eleven (11), members, one of whom shall be the Secretary or his designee; (2) revise the regular meetings of the Program to be held at least two (2) times per year opposed to three (3) times per year; (3) revise the producer charge amount from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per acre.

PDA shall mail a hearing notice and a copy of the proposed Program amendments to all affected producers and to all persons who would become affected producers if the proposed amendments are implemented. Additional information can be obtained by contacting PDA at Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Market Development, Pennsylvania Potato Research Program, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9408. Telephone: (717) 783-9948. Information can also be obtained by visiting [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov).



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