

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) denied a petition (No. 2010010) for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) for fresh blue crabs that was filed by a group of Georgia fresh blue crab producers and accepted for review by USDA on May 3, 2010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To qualify under the program, Subtitle C of Title I of the Trade Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–210) states that petitions must demonstrate, using data for the most recent, full marketing year or full official marketing season, a greater than 15-percent decline in at least one of the following factors: National average price, quantity of production, value of production, or cash receipts.

According to the statute, it is also necessary for the petition to demonstrate that an increase in imports of articles like or directly competitive, during the same marketing period, contributed importantly to the decrease in one of the above factors for the agricultural commodity.

All petitions were analyzed by USDA's Economic Research Service and reviewed by the TAA for Farmers Review Committee, comprised of representatives from USDA's Office of the Chief Economist, Farm Service Agency, Agricultural Marketing Service, and Foreign Agricultural Service. After a review, the Administrator determined that the quantity of fresh and frozen blue crab imports declined by 8.5 percent during 2009, compared to the previous 3-year average. In order to qualify, recent marketing period imports must be higher than the average of the previous 3 years. Because the petition was unable to meet the regulatory requirement for increased imports, it did not qualify for certification for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers Staff, FAS, USDA, by phone: (202) 720–0638, or (202) 690–0633; or by e-mail: tradeadjustment@fas.usda.gov; or visit the TAA for Farmers' Web site: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa>.

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John D. Brewer,
Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Foreign Agricultural Service****Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers**

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) has certified a petition (No. 2010003) for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) for asparagus that was filed by the National Asparagus Council and accepted for review by USDA on May 3, 2010. Individual producers, nationwide, will be eligible to apply for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 benefits during an application period ending September 23, 2010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All petitions were analyzed by USDA's Economic Research Service and reviewed by the TAA for Farmers Review Committee, comprised of representatives from USDA's Office of the Chief Economist, Farm Service Agency, Agricultural Marketing Service, and Foreign Agricultural Service. Upon a review, the Administrator determined that increased imports of asparagus during January–December 2009 contributed importantly to a greater than 15-percent decline in the quantity of production in 2009, compared to the previous 3-year average. This conforms to the eligibility requirements stipulated in Subtitle C of Title I of the Trade Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–210).

Individual asparagus producers, nationwide, interested in applying for technical training and cash benefits must complete and submit a written application to their local Farm Service Agency Service Center by the application deadline of September 23, 2010. After submitting a completed application, producers may receive technical assistance provided at no cost and may receive cash benefits, if the applicable program eligibility requirements are satisfied. Applicants must complete the technical assistance provided under the program in order to be eligible for cash benefits.

Producers Certified as Eligible For TAA for Farmers' Program Should Contact: USDA, Farm Service Agency (at your local service center).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Foreign Agricultural Service****Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers**

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) has denied a petition (No. 2010011) for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) for cranberries that was filed by a group of New Jersey cranberry producers and accepted for review by USDA on May 3, 2010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To qualify under the program, Subtitle C of Title I of the Trade Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–210) states that petitions must demonstrate, using data for the most recent, full marketing year or full official marketing season, a greater than 15-percent decline in at least one of the following factors: national average price, quantity of production, value of production, or cash receipts.

According to the statute, it is also necessary for the petition to demonstrate that an increase in imports of articles like or directly competitive, during the same marketing period, contributed importantly to the decrease in one of the above factors for the agricultural commodity.

All petitions were analyzed by USDA's Economic Research Service and reviewed by the TAA for Farmers Review Committee, comprised of representatives from USDA's Office of the Chief Economist, Farm Service Agency, Agricultural Marketing Service, and Foreign Agricultural Service. After a review, the Administrator determined that New Jersey cranberry prices for the official USDA marketing year were higher in 2009/2010 than the previous 3-year average. For this reason, it does not meet the regulatory requirements for certification for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010.

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