USDA Releases Hardwood Check Off for Comment

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013 the USDA released for comment the proposed Hardwood Lumber and Hardwood Plywood Promotion, Research and Information Order.

**Comments must be received by January 13, 2014.**

To review the Order, follow [this link](#).

The program would be financed by an assessment on hardwood lumber manufacturers and hardwood plywood manufacturers and would be administered by a board of industry members selected by the Secretary of Agriculture. The assessment rate varies according to the product manufactured. The purpose of the program would be to strengthen the position of hardwood lumber and hardwood plywood in the marketplace and maintain and expand markets for hardwood lumber and hardwood plywood. A referendum would be held among eligible hardwood lumber manufacturers and hardwood plywood manufacturers to determine whether they favor implementation of the program prior to it going into effect.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this proposal until January 13, 2014!

**Comments may be submitted online [here](#).**

Or in writing to the:
Promotion and Economics Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 1406-S, Stop 0244
Washington, DC 20250-0244
Or by fax: 202-205-2800

All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the Federal Register and will be made available for public inspection, including name and address, if provided, in the above office during regular business hours or it can be viewed [here](#).

For more information visit the [Hardwood Check Off Website](#).