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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES  
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket Number USTR-2020-0010]

**Field Hearings Regarding Trade  
Distorting Policies That May Be  
Affecting Seasonal and Perishable  
Products in U.S. Commerce**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States  
Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing and  
request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United  
States Trade Representative (USTR) and  
the Departments of Commerce and  
Agriculture will convene public  
hearings in Florida and Georgia to hear  
firsthand from interested persons on  
trade distorting policies that may be  
causing harm to U.S. seasonal and  
perishable producers (namely, of fresh  
fruits and vegetables) and contributing  
to unfair pricing in the U.S. market, and  
to solicit feedback on how the  
Administration can better support these  
producers and redress any unfair harm.

**DATES:**

*Field Hearing Dates and Locations*

April 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. EST: Grimes  
Family Agricultural Center, 2508 W Oak  
Avenue, Plant City, Florida 33563.

April 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. EST:  
Rainwater Conference Center, 1 Meeting  
Place, Valdosta, Georgia 31601.

*Submission Deadlines*

March 19, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EST:  
Deadline for submission of requests to  
appear at either of the field hearings.

March 26, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EST:  
Deadline for submission of hearing  
statements and written comments.

**ADDRESSES:** USTR strongly prefers  
electronic submissions made through  
the Federal eRulemaking portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*).  
Follow the instructions for submission  
in section II below. The docket number  
is USTR-2020-0010. For alternatives to  
online submissions, please contact Trey  
Forsyth in advance of the submission  
deadline at (202) 395-8583.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For  
procedural questions, questions  
regarding the field hearings, or to  
request special accommodations, please  
contact Trey Forsyth at (202) 395-8583.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

USTR and the Departments of  
Commerce and Agriculture will convene

public hearings in Florida and Georgia  
to hear firsthand from interested  
persons regarding trade distorting  
policies that may be affecting seasonal  
and perishable products in U.S.  
commerce. The hearings are open to the  
public, but space may be limited.  
Accordingly, attendees will be  
accommodated on a first come, first  
served basis.

USTR invites comments and  
supporting documentation from  
interested persons on the following  
issues:

- Trade distorting policies that may  
be contributing to unfair pricing in the  
U.S. market and causing harm to U.S.  
seasonal and perishable producers in  
U.S. commerce.
- How the Administration can better  
support these producers and redress  
unfair harm.

**II. Hearing Participation—Submission  
Requirements**

To appear and provide testimony at  
either of the field hearings, you must  
submit a request to do so by the March  
19, 2020, 11:59 p.m. EST deadline.

All parties who wish to testify also  
must submit the statement they intend  
to present at the hearing by the March  
26, 2020, 11:59 p.m. EST deadline.  
Remarks at the hearing will be limited  
to five minutes, and might be further  
limited if circumstances warrant, to  
allow adequate time for questions from  
the panel.

Interested parties who do not want to  
appear at the hearing may submit  
comments by the March 26 deadline.

To submit a request to appear and  
provide testimony, go to  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To make a  
submission via *Regulations.gov*, enter  
docket number USTR-2020-0010 in the  
'search for' field on the home page and  
click 'search.' The site will provide a  
search-results page listing all documents  
associated with this docket. Find a  
reference to this notice by selecting  
'notice' under 'document type' in the  
'filter results by' section on the left side  
of the screen and click on the link  
entitled 'comment now.' In the  
'comment' field on the next page,  
identify the hearing at which you would  
like to testify and provide the full name,  
address, email address, and telephone  
number of the person who wishes to  
present the testimony.

To submit a written statement, the  
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provide comments by filling in a 'type  
comment' field or by attaching a  
document using the 'upload file(s)'  
field. USTR prefers that you provide  
submissions in an attached document.  
The file name should include the name

of the person who will be presenting the  
testimony, or if not testifying, the name  
of the person submitting the statement.  
The name of the presenter also should  
be clear in the content of the file itself.  
All submissions must be in English and  
be prepared in (or be compatible with)  
Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat  
(.pdf) formats. Include any data  
attachments to the submission in the  
same file as the submission itself, and  
not as separate files.

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You must clearly designate business  
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of the cover page and each succeeding  
page, and indicating, via brackets, the  
specific information that is confidential.

A submitter requesting that USTR  
treat information in a submission as BCI  
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required markings, or are not  
accompanied by a properly marked non-  
confidential version, and may consider  
the submission to be a public document.

Submissions responding to this  
notice, except for information granted  
BCI status, will be available for public  
viewing at *Regulations.gov* upon  
completion of processing. You can view  
submissions by entering docket number  
USTR-2020-0010 in the search field at  
*Regulations.gov*.

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