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**NOTICE TO THE TRADE
ANNUAL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE
FOR CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS
IN USDA'S FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS**

The Fruit & Vegetable Programs of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), an Agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Programs mission area, is in the process of scheduling its annual conference to discuss AMS commodity purchase and distribution programs of fruits and vegetables.

The past four annual meetings have been held either on the west coast or east coast. We are proposing that this year's meeting be held in the Midwest geographic area of country, possibly Kansas City. We are interested in your preference for this location as well as other locations. We are also proposing the meeting be held either in March or April and would like your preferred time.

To help us in our planning, please submit any suggestions you may have by January 23 to Michelle Warren at michellee.warren@usda.gov or (202) 720-4517

We value your input as well as your participation in the meeting.


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