

Public Notice

The Department of Agriculture, State of Ohio, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed adoption of new rules **901:3-6-01** through **901:3-6-08**.

These rules are being proposed for adoption under authority of section 3717.22.1 of the Revised Code. The rules relate to farm markets, farmers markets, and farm product auctions. The rules prescribe sanitary standards for handling food products sold at these establishments and sanitary practices to be followed by employees. The rules also adopt standards governing the cleaning and maintenance of these facilities and their equipment

Adoption of these rules will provide sanitary standards for farm markets, farmers markets, and farm product auctions which, when registered with the Department of Agriculture, are exempt from inspection and regulation as retail food establishments.

The hearing will be held Thursday, February 12, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., in Hearing Room 133 (Seminar 'B') Bromfield Administration Building, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the proposed rescission of the existing rules or adoption of the new rules may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the proposed rescission or adoption, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

Equal Opportunity in Employment and Services
