RULEMAKING ACTION:
Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:
Subchapter 5. Agriculture Enhancement and Diversification Program
Part 1. Definitions
35:40-5-1 [AMENDED]
Part 3. Applicant Eligibility
35:40-5-31 [AMENDED]
Part 5. Evaluation and Funding Criteria
35:40-5-51 [AMENDED]
Part 11. Terms of Loans or and Grants
35:40-5-111 [AMENDED]
Part 13. Marketing and Utilization Loans [REVOKED]
35:40-5-131 [REVOKED]
Part 15. Cooperative Marketing Value-added Agriculture Loans and Grants
35:40-5-151 [AMENDED]
Part 17. Farm Diversification Grants
35:40-5-171 [AMENDED]
Part 18. Basic And Applied Product Development and Research Loans Or and Grants
35:40-5-181 [AMENDED]
Part 23. Agriculture Event Grants
35:40-5-221 [AMENDED]
Part 25. Veteran or Young Farmer Loans and Grants [NEW]
35:40-5-231 [NEW]
Subchapter 23. Made in Oklahoma
35:40-23-4 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:
The proposed rules amend the Oklahoma Agricultural Enhancement and Diversification Program to add definitions; modify eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria; modify names and requirements of certain loan and grant programs; revoke and create certain loan and grant programs; and conform language. The proposed rules amend the Made in Oklahoma Program to exclude certain products from being eligible to participate in the program.

AUTHORITY:
Okla. Const., Art. 6, § 31; State Board of Agriculture; 2 O.S. § 2-4(A)(2); 2 O.S. § 5-3.1 et seq., and 2 O.S. §5-14 et seq..

COMMENT PERIOD:
Persons may submit written comments to Kambi Maddy at kambi.maddy@ag.ok.gov, 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, P.O. Box 528804, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-8804 during the period beginning December 2, 2021, and ending January 6, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING:
A public hearing will be held at 1:45 p.m., January 6, 2022, in the ODAFF Board Room, located at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:
Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Kambi Maddy at the address listed above during the period beginning December 2, 2021, and ending January 6, 2022.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:
Copies of proposed rules may be obtained by visiting www.ag.ok.gov/proposedrules or by contacting Kambi Maddy at the address listed above.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:
Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement is available at the address listed above.

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