

TO: South Carolina Shrimpers:

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SUBJECT: Trade Adjustment Assistance for South Carolina Shrimp Industry

The South Carolina Shrimp Industry has been approved for another round of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). This year's petition is for 2003. Hopefully, this information will answer questions related to the 2003 petition.

*Two Important Dates*

- (1) The most important date to remember is the Farm Service Agency (FSA) application deadline of February 28, 2005. FSA Form 229 and production records that document shrimp landings for the 203 marketing year must be completed and in your local FSA office by the end of business on February 28. Once the February 28 deadline is met, applicants have until September 30, 2005 to complete their application package.
- (2) The second important date(s) to remember is the schedule of Technical Assistance Workshops which are required training in the legislation before new applicants can receive TAA payments. Clemson University Extension Service will conduct the training. The dates, time and locations for the workshops are as follows:

February 8, 2005 (5:30-7:30 pm), 102 Beaufort Industrial Village, Suite 101, Beaufort, SC. (add directions)

February 9, 2005, (5:30-7:30 pm) Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments conference room, 1362 McMillan Ave, Suite 100, N. Charleston, SC

February 10, 2005, (5:30-7:30 pm), USDA Farm Service Agency building, 1837 North Fraser St., Georgetown, SC. (add directions)

We will offer the group training only on the above dates and you are encouraged to attend this training. If you can not attend the group training, contact us to schedule individual training as soon as possible. May 31, 2005 is the deadline for receiving training and obtaining certification for the TAA program. Training certification can not be approved after May 31.

*Please read the enclosed Farm Service Agency Notice that explains the provisions of the South Carolina Shrimp TAA for FY 2005. You should contact your local FSA office if you have questions about this year's TAA program.*

*ChipBoling(843-722-5940), AmberVonHarten(843-470-655) and JackWhetstone(843-546-6321) will conduct the Workshops. Please contact them if you have questions about the Technical Assistance Workshops.*