

FOR YOUR USE AND INFORMATION

March 5, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

---

THE WHITE HOUSE

## FACT SHEET

## AGRICULTURAL POLICY-MAKING REORGANIZATION

The President has announced a reorganization of the Administration's agricultural policy-making machinery.

A new Agricultural Policy Committee is being formed with Secretary Butz as Chairman. The Committee will include:

- . Secretary of Agriculture -- Chairman
- . Secretary of State
- . Secretary of the Treasury
- . Secretary of Commerce
- . Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs
- . Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs
- . Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers
- . Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
- . Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- . Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs
- . Executive Director of the Council on International Economic Policy

This new Committee is being formed to consolidate agricultural policy making into one group which will report directly to the President and will advise him on the formulation, coordination and implementation of all agricultural policy. The scope of the Committee will include both domestic and international issues.

The new Committee replaces the International Food Review Group, chaired by the Department of State, and the EPB/NSC Food Committee, co-chaired by the Departments of State and the Treasury.

The EPB/NSC Food Committee was created on September 9, 1975, to develop negotiating strategy for American grain sales to the Soviet Union and to monitor those negotiations. This Committee has been chaired jointly by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury. Other members include:

- . Secretary of Agriculture
- . Secretary of Labor
- . Secretary of Commerce
- . Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- . Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers
- . Executive Director of the Council on International Economic Policy
- . Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs
- . Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

more

The International Food Review Group was established on November 12, 1974, to coordinate the follow-up to the World Food Conference. The IFRG has been chaired by the Secretary of State. Other members include:

- . Secretary of the Treasury
- . Secretary of Agriculture
- . Deputy Secretary of State
- . Assistant to the President for Economic Affairs
- . Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers
- . Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- . Executive Director of the Council on International Economic Policy
- . Special Representative for Trade Negotiations
- . Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

The Food Deputies Group, which currently provides staff level assistance to the Economic Policy Board in agricultural policy matters, will become the Agricultural Policy Working Group. This Working Group will provide the Agricultural Policy Committee with staff assistance by monitoring agricultural developments and preparing issue papers and other analyses.

The Food Deputies Group was created to monitor agricultural developments and to prepare materials on selected issues being considered by the Economic Policy Board. This group is chaired by a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers and includes representatives of the:

- . Department of Agriculture
- . Department of the Treasury
- . Department of State
- . Department of Commerce
- . Office of Management and Budget
- . Council on International Economic Policy
- . Domestic Council
- . National Security Council
- . Special Representative for Trade Negotiations
- . Council on Wage and Price Stability

# # # # #