

**Request for Records Disposition Authority**

Records Schedule Number      DAA-0166-2017-0040

Schedule Status                 Returned Without Action

  

Agency or Establishment       Foreign Agricultural Service

Record Group / Scheduling Group   Records of the Foreign Agricultural Service

Records Schedule applies to     Major Subdivision

Major Subdivision                United States Department of Agriculture

Minor Subdivision                Foreign Agricultural Service

Schedule Subject                 FAS Trade Programs

Internal agency concurrences will be provided      Yes

Background Information            Office of Trade Programs that provides: Funding for technical assistance activities to promote exports of U.S Agricultural Commodities to emerging markets worldwide. Provides small samples of agricultural products to potential customers overseas. Funds projects that address sanitary, phytosanitary and technical barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. Specialty Crops.

The Trade Programs are: Quality Samples Program (QSP); Emerging Market Program (EMP); Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC).

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Note: This Schedule Replaces - DAA-0166-2016-001 and DAA-0166-2016-002 - combined into 1 schedule (Retention was changed from 10 years to 3 for all 3 programs).

Item Count

Number of Total Disposition Items	Number of Permanent Disposition Items	Number of Temporary Disposition Items	Number of Withdrawn Disposition Items
0	0	0	3

GAO Approval

## Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0166-2017-0040

Sequence Number	
1	Emerging Markets Program (EMP) Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0166-2017-0040-0001
2	Quality Sample Program (QSP) Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0166-2017-0040-0002
3	Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0166-2017-0040-0003

Records Schedule Items

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**Emerging Markets Program (EMP)**

Disposition Authority Number      DAA-0166-2017-0040-0001

The EMP is a market development program administered by FAS's Office of Trade Programs (OTP) that provides funding for technical assistance activities intended to promote exports of U.S. agricultural commodities and products to emerging markets in all geographic regions, consistent with U.S. foreign policy. The EMP is authorized by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, as amended. Every year FAS announces in the Federal Register that it is accepting EMP applications for the next fiscal year. Any U. S. agricultural or agribusiness organization, university, state department of agriculture, or USDA agency (or other federal agency involved in agricultural issues) is eligible to participate in the EMP.

Final Disposition                      Temporary

Item Status                              Withdrawn

Is this item media neutral?          Yes

Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than e-mail and word processing?      Yes

Do any of the records covered by this item exist as structured electronic data?                      Yes

**Disposition Instruction**

Cutoff Instruction                      End of Fiscal Year - after funding

Retention Period                        Destroy 3 year(s) after funding

**Additional Information**

GAO Approval                            Not Required

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**Quality Sample Program (QSP)**

Disposition Authority Number      DAA-0166-2017-0040-0002

The QSP is a market development program administered by FAS's Office of Trade Programs (OTP) that is designed to encourage the development and expansion of export markets for U.S. agricultural commodities by assisting U.S. entities in providing commodity samples to potential foreign importers to promote a better understanding and appreciation for the high quality of U.S. agricultural commodities. Every year FAS announces in the Federal Register that it is accepting QSP applications for the next fiscal year. Any U. S. agricultural or

agribusiness organization, university, state department of agriculture, or USDA agency (or other federal agency involved in agricultural issues) is eligible to participate in the QSP. QSP is authorized under Section 5(f) of the CCC Charter Act, 15 U.S.C. 714c(f).

Final Disposition Temporary

Item Status Withdrawn

Is this item media neutral? Yes

Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than e-mail and word processing? Yes

Do any of the records covered by this item exist as structured electronic data? Yes

### Disposition Instruction

Cutoff Instruction End of Fiscal Year - after funding

Retention Period Destroy 3 year(s) after funding

### Additional Information

GAO Approval Not Required

### Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC)

Disposition Authority Number DAA-0166-2017-0040-0003

The TASC program is designed to assist U.S. organizations by providing funding for projects that address sanitary, phytosanitary and related technical barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops. For purposes of the TASC program, "specialty crops" are defined as all cultivated plants and the products thereof produced in the United States except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts, sugar, and tobacco. U.S. public or private organizations, including, but not limited to, U.S. government agencies, State government agencies, non-profit trade associations, universities, agricultural cooperatives, and for-profit companies may apply for TASC funding. The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 created TASC, which is administered by FAS.

Final Disposition Temporary

Item Status Withdrawn

Is this item media neutral? Yes

Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than e-mail and word processing? Yes

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Do any of the records covered by this item exist as structured electronic data? **Yes**

Disposition Instruction

Cutoff Instruction **End of Fiscal Year - after funding**

Retention Period **Destroy 3 year(s) after funding**

Additional Information

GAO Approval **Not Required**

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
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## Agency Certification

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal in this schedule are not now needed for the business of the agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

## Signatory Information

Date	Action	By	Title	Organization
03/20/2017	Certify	Keith Holden	Records Officer	Farm Service Agency - Foreign Agricultural Service
02/26/2018	Return Without Action	John Hulmston	Senior Records Analyst	National Archives and Records Administration - ACRA