

## Petition P4-0006, filed on behalf of California garlic producers.

### **Background:**

On October 28, 2003, the Federal Register published notice that a group of garlic producers in California had filed a petition for trade adjustment assistance on behalf of all producers in the state.

The petitioners identified their commodity as fresh garlic, whole and peeled.

They indicated that the marketing year impacted by imports of garlic was October 2002 - September 2003. The 5-year base period used for the purpose of a price comparison began October 1997.

They identified the impacted area as the state of California.

### **Analysis:**

USDA evaluated producer prices for all garlic compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the California County Agricultural Commissioner. Based on the NASS data, USDA found that in 2002-2003, California producers received an average price of \$29.20 per cwt. The average price for the 5-year base period was \$35.22 per cwt. The 2002-2003 price was 82.9 percent of the 5-year average, indicating a decline of 17.1 percent from the base period.

USDA analysts also reviewed the California County Agricultural Commissioner price data for garlic. Using these figures, producers received an average price of \$25.60 per cwt. in 2002-2003. The average price for the 5-year base period was \$28.49. The 2002-2003 price was 89.9 percent of the 5-year average, indicating a decline of 10.1 percent from the base period.

The petitioners supplied average price data for garlic using the NASS figures for the base period. For 2002-2003, they provided an average price close to that of the California County Agricultural Commissioner's price.

### **Reason for denial of petition:**

To qualify for TAA, the producer price of a commodity must decline by more than 20 percent from the average for the base period. Consequently, the petition was denied, and notice was published in the Federal Register on December 8, 2003.