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Greetings Farm Bill Section 10201 Stakeholders,

With the partial shutdown of the Federal government behind us, the Farm Bill Management Team (FBMT) would like to assure you that we are once again moving forward with the fiscal year 2014 (FY14) spending plan process. Although we are fully engaged in this effort, we must delay the open period that was originally planned for October.

We expect the open period will begin sometime in November and last for six weeks. More details, including the schedule of stakeholder webinars to explain the FY14 process, will be sent to you in the coming weeks through the APHIS Stakeholder Registry.

As you might recall, we were also working to improve the Metastorm Farm Bill Suggestion System prior to the shutdown. While we won't be able to implement all the changes we had planned as a result of time lost during the shutdown, we will make several changes to enhance the user experience in FY14.

In anticipation of a November open period, we encourage stakeholders to visit the [PPQ Farm Bill Web site](#) where you can find the Farm Bill Section 10201 Program FY14 Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions. We also encourage stakeholders to read the previous Farm Bill Updates to obtain information about establishing an account in Metastorm. This is a critical first step if you intend to access the Farm Bill Suggestion System.

NOTE: Please DO NOT attempt to create suggestions before the open period. The Metastorm forms and submission process are being updated for FY14. Anything submitted before the official open period will be deleted.

We appreciate your understanding and patience while we refocus our efforts to implement this significant program. To stay informed, please subscribe to the Farm Bill Section 10201 topic in the [APHIS Stakeholder Registry](#).

Sincerely,

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