

## **FEATURE – DIETARY GUIDELINES COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

**INTRO:** A new committee has been appointed to figure out if any changes need to be made to current federal dietary guidelines. The U-S-D-A's Bob Ellison has more. (1:41)

**THE TWO THOUSAND TEN DIETARY GUIDELINES ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL STUDY ADVICE ON HELPING AMERICANS EAT HEALTHIER. THE DIETARY GUIDELINES HELP THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT IMPROVE HEALTH THROUGH PROPER NUTRITION.**

Ed Schafer, Agriculture Secretary: The guidelines are the cornerstone of our federal nutrition policy. They are the basis of our federal food and nutrition programs. And an invaluable source of science based nutrition advice for consumers.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE SELECTED FOR THEIR EXPERTISE IN HEALTH AND DIETARY MATTERS**

Schafer: The new dietary guidelines advisory committee will determine whether a fresh review of the scientific literature is warranted. And if so, they will recommend revisions needed for the two thousand ten dietary guidelines for Americans.

**BOTH SECRETARY SCHAFFER AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY MIKE LEAVITT SAID DIETARY DISORDERS HAVE REMAINED A PROBLEM SINCE THE LAST DIETARY GUIDELINES WERE PUBLISHED IN TWO THOUSAND FIVE.**

Schafer: Obesity rates in the United States remain high. And related health problems like type two diabetes, hypertension and heart disease also remain prominent health concerns.

Mike Leavitt, Health and Human Services Secretary: The types of food that we eat as well as the amounts of food that we eat is having a profound impact on the health of this country. More and more Americans are suffering from chronic conditions such as coronary heart disease, strokes, high blood pressure, type two diabetes. The cost of treating chronic care is enormous.

**WHEN THE COMMITTEE FINISHES ITS WORK, U-S-D-A AND H-H-S WILL DEVELOP THE TWO THOUSAND TEN DIETARY GUIDELINES FOR AMERICANS. IN WASHINGTON FOR U-S-D-A I'M BOB ELLISON.**