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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to request an extension for and revision to an information collection currently approved in support of the production flexibility contracts issued under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 14, 1997 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments should be forwarded to Charles M. Cox, Jr., Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-Farm Service Agency-Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, STOP 0517, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013-2415; telephone (202) 720-7935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Title: Production Flexibility Contracts For Wheat, Feed Grains, Rice, and Upland Cotton, 7 CFR Part 1412.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0092

Expiration Date: July 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0092, as identified above, is needed to enable the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to effectively administer and regulate the production flexibility contract.

Automated Form CCC-478 is used by FSA county offices for the purpose of

allowing producers on farms with 1996 wheat, corn, barley, oats, grain sorghum, upland cotton and rice crop acreage bases the opportunity to enter into Production Flexibility Contracts with the CCC for the years 1996 through 2002. Terms and conditions for the Production Flexibility Contract are set forth in the CCC-478, CCC-478 Appendix, and the applicable regulations. The 1996 Act provides for a significant reduction in the public burden for farm program participants, as shown in the following revised estimates:

Respondents: Eligible producers on contract farms.

Estimated Average Time to Respond: 17 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1,428,571.

Estimated Number of Reports Filed per person: 1.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 404,762 hours.

Topics for comments include but are not limited to the following: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electric, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D. C. 20503, and to Charles M. Cox, Jr., Program Specialist, USDA-Farm Service Agency-Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, STOP 0517, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013-2415; telephone (202) 720-6688. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Charles M. Cox, Jr., at the above address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 9, 1996.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension for and revision to an information collection currently approved in support of farm reconstitutions authorized by 7 CFR 718.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 14, 1997 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments should be forwarded to: Joanne Franta, Agricultural Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, FSA, USDA, STOP 0517, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013-2415; telephone (202) 720-5103.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Title: Provisions Applicable to Multiple Programs, Farm Reconstitutions

OMB Control Number: 0560-0025.

Expiration Date: October 31, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0025, as identified above, is needed to enable the FSA to effectively administer the programs relating to reconstitution of farms, allotments, quotas, and acreages governed by 7 CFR 718.

Form FSA-155 is used as a request for farm reconstitution initiated by the producer who wishes to combine a farm with another farm or divide a farm into multiple farming operations. The reconstitution process is a required procedure when a producer wishes to

increase acreage attributed to the farm from leases or change farm acreage records as a result of a sale of any part of a farm. The FSA county committee must act on all proposed farm reconstitutions and issue their approval or disapproval on FSA-155. It is necessary to collect the information recorded on FSA-155 to determine farmland, cropland, agricultural use land and changes to contract acreages resulting from combination or division of the farming operation.

Respondents: Farm owners and operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 359,291.

Estimate Average Time to Respond: 45 minutes.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 358,215.

Estimated Number of Reports Filed per person: 1.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 268,661 hours.

Topics for comments include but are not limited to the following: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electric, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D. C. 20503 and to Joanne Franta, Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, FSA, USDA, STOP 0517, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013-2415; telephone (202) 720-5103. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Joanne Franta at the above address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 5, 1996.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Assessment of the Implementation of Nutrition Objectives for School Meals Project

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request OMB approval of the Assessment of the Implementation of Nutrition Objectives for School Meals Project.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305-2117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Assessment of the Implementation of Nutrition Objectives for School Meals Project.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The Assessment of the Implementation of Nutrition Objectives for School Meals Project will examine the food and nutrient composition of

National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) meals currently being offered, i.e., meals planned in accordance with program guidelines and made available to participating students. It includes a comparison of the findings of this study with the findings of the School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study (SNDA) conducted in 1992. More specifically, the study is designed to address the following major research objectives:

- Determine the average nutrient composition of USDA meals currently offered to students during a typical school week in elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools.
- Determine the primary food sources for the various nutrients.
- Determine the availability and nutrient content of low-fat (30 percent or less of calories from fat) meals.
- Determine the changes in the nutrient composition of USDA meals since School Year 1991-92 when SNDA was conducted.

Data obtained from a nationally representative sample of about 1,152 public schools (384 elementary, 384 middle, and 384 high schools) will be collected during the 1997-98 School Year to determine the progress School Food Authorities (SFAs) have made in implementing the 1995 Dietary Guidelines for Americans in the NSLP and SBP. The Menu Survey Instrument will collect information on foods and portions in breakfasts and lunches offered during a target week. Data on the nutrient content of meals offered in the NSLP and SBP will be compared to similar data obtained previously in SNDA for School Year 1991-92. The School Food Service Characteristics Survey will obtain descriptive information on school food service operations.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden is estimated to average 5 minutes for State Child Nutrition directors; 5 minutes for School Food Service Authority directors; and 258 minutes for School Food Service managers.

Respondents: State Child Nutrition directors will be asked to confirm name, address and telephone number of selected SFAs and directors. SFA directors will respond to a telephone survey. School Food Service managers will complete a mail survey.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45 State Child Nutrition directors, 384 SFA directors, and 1,152 School Food Service managers.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.