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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 14, 2008.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR part 3565, "Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program" and its Supporting Handbook.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0174.

Summary of Collection: On March 26, 1996, the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 was signed. One of the provisions of the Act was the authorization of the section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP), adding the program to the Housing Act of 1949. The purpose of the GRRHP is to increase the supply of affordable rural rental housing through the use of loan guarantees that encourage partnerships between the Rural Housing Service (RHS), private lenders and public agencies. RHS will approve qualified lenders to participate and monitor lender performance to ensure program requirements are met. RHS will collect information from lenders on the eligibility cost, benefits, feasibility, and financial performance of the proposed project.

Need and Use of the Information: RHS will collect information from lenders to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for Government resources and from time to time, propose demonstration programs that use loan guarantees or interest credit. The GRRHP regulation and handbook will provide lenders and agency staff with guidance on the origination and servicing of GRRHP loans and the approval of qualified lenders. RHS will use the information to evaluate a lender's request and make determination that the interests of the government are protected. Failure to collect information could have an adverse impact on the agency ability to monitor lenders and assess program effectiveness and effectively guarantee loans.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit Institutions.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,393.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0040]

National Poultry Improvement Plan; General Conference Committee Meeting and Biennial Conference

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of meetings of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and of the Biennial Conference.

DATES: The General Conference Committee will meet on June 5, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Biennial Conference will be held on June 6, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on June 7, 2008, from 8 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks, 200 Sable Oaks Drive, South Portland, ME.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew R. Rhorer, Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, 1498 Klondike Road, Suite 101, Conyers, GA 30094; (770) 922-3496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Conference Committee (the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is the Secretary's Advisory Committee on poultry health. The Committee represents cooperating State agencies and poultry industry members, and serves an essential program function by acting as liaison between the poultry industry and the Department in matters pertaining to poultry health. In addition, the Committee assists the Department in planning, organizing, and conducting the NPIP Biennial Conference.

Topics for discussion at the upcoming meetings include:

1. H5/H7 low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) program for commercial layers, broilers, and turkeys;

2. Compartmentalization of notifiable avian influenza free zones;
3. H5/H7 LPAI program for raised-for-release upland gamebird flocks;
4. Evaluation of rapid detection assays for Salmonella; and
5. Evaluation of antigen detection assays for avian influenza.

The meetings will be open to the public. The sessions held on June 6 and 7, 2008, will include delegates to the NPIP Biennial Conference. However, due to time constraints, the public will not be allowed to participate in the discussions during either of the meetings. Written statements on meeting topics may be filed with the Committee before or after the meetings by sending them to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**.

CONTACT. Written statements may also be filed at the meetings. Please refer to Docket No. APHIS-2008-0040 when submitting your statements.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of April 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: National Survey of WIC Participants II

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before *June 17, 2008*.

ADDRESSES: 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Steven Carlson, Director, Office of Research, Nutrition, and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Steven Carlson at (703) 305-2576, or via e-mail to Steven.Carlson@fns.usda.gov.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, Room 1014.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Steven Carlson (703) 305-2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: National Survey of WIC Participants II.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: To be determined.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: In accordance with the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (Public Law No. 107-300), which seeks to improve the integrity of the government's payments and the efficiency of programs and activities,

including the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), FNS is seeking to carry out a Second National Survey of WIC Participants (NSWP II). Ten years have elapsed since the first NSWP survey was conducted. That study provided national estimates of the case error rate and dollar error for the WIC program. It also collected demographic information about WIC participants and their families. The NSWP II study seeks to: (1) Estimate the annual cost of erroneous payments in the WIC program by examining erroneous payments caused by WIC certification error among applicants; and (2) provide information on the policies, procedures, operations, and staff of WIC State agencies and explore the characteristics and experiences of WIC applicants and participants. In addition, the study will develop a model for updating estimates of erroneous payments due to certification error in the WIC program that will allow the Food and Nutrition Service to calculate erroneous payments for the next 10 years before the next major NSWP study.

Affected Public: State WIC Agency officials, Local WIC Agency directors and WIC participants.

Proposed Collection: State WIC Agency Survey: Public burden is estimated at 66 minutes for one response each with a total of 99 hours for 90 respondents.

Local WIC Agency Survey: Public burden is estimated at 40 minutes for one response each with a total of 334 hours for 500 respondents.

WIC Participants Data Collection (telephone interview only): Public burden is estimated at 24 minutes for one response each with a total of 480 hours for 1200 respondents.

WIC Participants Data Collection (telephone and in-home interviews): Public burden is estimated at 60 minutes (24 minutes telephone and 36 minutes in-home) for one response each with a total of 1200 hours for 1200 respondents.

WIC Denied/Terminated Applicants Data Collection: Public burden is estimated at 6 minutes for one response each with a total of 64 hours for 640 respondents.

REPORTING BURDEN

Respondent	Estimated number of respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses (col. b × c)	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours (col. d × e)
WIC Participants—telephone interviews only	1,200	1.00	1,200	0.40080	480.960
WIC Participants—telephone and home interview	1,200	1.00	1,200	1.00000	1,200.000
WIC Denied/Terminated Applicants Data Collection	640	1.00	640	0.10020	64.128