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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 1, 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) 720-8958.

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

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Coupon Deposit Document.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0314.

Summary of Collection: Section 10 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*), requires that all verified and encoded redemption certificates accepted by financial institutions from authorized retail food stores shall be forwarded with the corresponding coupon deposits to the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) along with the accompanying Food Coupon Deposit Document Form (FCDD) FNS-521. The FCDD is currently used in the Food Stamp Program by banks and financial institutions to redeem food stamp benefits from authorized retailers and to monitor the authorization of firms for compliance and continued eligibility in the Food Stamp Program.

Need and Use of the Information: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information to track deposits of food coupons. All financial institutions use the FCDD when they deposit food coupons at the FRBs. The information to be collected is the name, address, and unique check routing code of each financial institution that deposits food coupons on the face of every FCDD. Without the FCDD, no vehicle would exist for financial institutions, the FRB and the FNS to track deposits of food coupons.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 369.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 14.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: County Committee Election.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0229.

Summary of Collection: The Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)(5)(B)), as amended, authorizes the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to prepare a report of election that includes, among other things, "the race, ethnicity and gender of each nominee, as provided through the voluntary self-identification of each nominee". The information will be collected using form FSA-669-A, "Nomination Form for County FSA Committee Election". Completion of the form is voluntary.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information on race, ethnicity and gender of each nominee as provided through the voluntary self-identification of each nominee agreeing to run for a position. The information will be sent to Kansas City for preparation of the upcoming election. The Secretary will review the information annually. If the information is not collected in any given year, the Secretary would not be able to prepare the report as required by the regulations.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 6,700.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Long Term Contracting System (LTCS).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0249.

Summary of Collection: The Long Term Contracting System (LTCS) is a Web-based application that streamlines the bid entry and evaluation function for Long-term, Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quality contracts. The Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) will generally issue invitation for bids to purchase commodities for domestic feeding program on an annual, semi-annual, monthly, or quarterly basis; however, invitation may be issued more frequently depending on various program requirements. Bid offers will be received, evaluated and awarded within the LTCS.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will be processed through the LTCS bid evaluation program to determine optimal awards. KCCO will analyze the results of the bid evaluation and award contracts to the responsible and responsive bidders whose offers are most advantageous to USDA in terms of the lowest overall cost. The information is required to procure agricultural commodities for domestic feeding programs. Without the

information, KCCO could not meet program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Semi-annually; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 920.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Child and Adult Care Food Program: National Average Payment Rates, Day Care Home Food Service Payment Rates, and Administrative Reimbursement Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes for the Period July 1, 2008 Through June 30, 2009

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the annual adjustments to the national average payment rates for meals and snacks served in child care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, at-risk afterschool care centers, and adult day care centers; the food service payment rates for meals and snacks served in day care homes; and the administrative reimbursement rates for sponsoring organizations of day care homes, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. Further adjustments are made to these rates to reflect the higher costs of providing meals in the States of Alaska and Hawaii. The adjustments contained in this notice are made on an annual basis each July, as required by the laws and

regulations governing the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

DATES: These rates are effective from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert M. Eadie, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594, 703-305-2590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Definitions

The terms used in this notice have the meanings ascribed to them in the Child and Adult Care Food Program regulations, 7 CFR part 226.

Background

Pursuant to sections 4, 11, and 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1753, 1759a and 1766), section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) and sections 226.4, 226.12 and 226.13 of the regulations, notice is hereby given of the new payment rates for institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). These rates are in effect during the period, July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

As provided for under the law, all rates in the CACFP must be revised annually, on July 1, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, for the most recent 12-month period. In accordance with this mandate, the United States Department of Agriculture last published the adjusted national average payment rates for centers, the food service payment rates for day care homes, and the administrative reimbursement rates for sponsors of day care homes, for the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, on July 10, 2007, at 72 FR 37505.

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)

[Per meal rates in whole or fractions of U.S. dollars]

[Effective from July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009]

Centers		Breakfast	Lunch and supper ¹	Snack
Contiguous States	Paid	0.25	0.24	0.06
	Reduced Price	1.10	2.17	0.35
	Free	1.40	2.57	0.71
Alaska	Paid	0.37	0.40	0.10
	Reduced Price	1.94	3.78	0.57
	Free	2.24	4.18	1.15
Hawaii	Paid	0.28	0.29	0.07
	Reduced Price	1.33	2.62	0.41
	Free	1.63	3.02	0.83