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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Employment and Training (E&T) Program Activity Report.
OMB Control Number: 0584-0339.

Summary of Collection: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-33), enacted on August 5, 1997, modified the Employment and Training (E&T) Program so that States' efforts are now focused on a particular segment of the food stamp population able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs). Section 6(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and 7 CFR 273.7 require each food stamp household member who is not exempt shall be registered for employment by the State agency at the time of application and once every twelve months thereafter, as a condition of eligibility. This requirement pertains to non-exempt food stamp household member age 16 to 60. Each State agency must screen each work registrant to determine whether to refer the individual to its E&T Program. States' E&T Programs are federally funded through an annual E&T grant. Both the Food Stamp Act and regulations require States to file quarterly reports about their E&T Programs so that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) can monitor their performance.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect quarterly reports about their E&T programs so that the Department can monitor State performance to ensure that the program is being efficiently and economically operated. Without the information FNS would be unable to make adjustments or allocate exemptions in accordance with the statute.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

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

Total Burden Hours: 21,755.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Program Pre-Screening Tool.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0519.

Summary of Collection: Consistent with Section 5 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has initiated this program to enable potential Food Stamp Program applicants to assess their eligibility and

the order of magnitude of the potential benefit they may qualify for. This Pre-Screening Tool also enables citizen advocacy groups to help constituents assess their benefit eligibility. This will also help the Food Stamp Program fulfill its role as a means-tested program in accordance with Section 5 of the Food Stamp Act and part 273 of the Food Stamp Program regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: This Food Stamp Program Pre-Screening Tool will be accessible to the public as an online Web-based system. The user will be prompted to enter household size, income, expenses and resource information, and the tool will calculate and provide the user with an estimated range of benefits that the household may be eligible to receive. This information will help FNS determine the degree and type of system usage as well as potential areas for further study.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; State, Local, or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 264,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 44,000.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Program; Request for Referendum.

OMB Control Number: 0581-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Request for Referendum is a result of a settlement of a lawsuit entered into February 28, 2001, between U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Michigan Pork Producers Association, Inc., *et al.*, USDA agreed to conduct a request for referendum to determine whether 15 percent of eligible pork producers and importers want a referendum on the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order—more commonly known as the Pork Checkoff. The Pork Checkoff is authorized by the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985 (Act). The Act authorizes the collection of assessments from pork producers and importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Marketing Service will collect the request for referendum information using form LS-54-1 and Customs Form 7501 and any other needed supporting documentation. Producers must submit completed form LS 54-1 and supporting documentation including sales receipts, feed and veterinary bills to the appropriate county FSA office as proof of eligibility. Importers must submit completed form

LS 54-1, Customs Form 7501 and any other supporting documentation as needed, that demonstrates the importation of hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products as proof of eligibility. Information collected will be used by the USDA to determine whether pork producers and importers want a referendum on the Order.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time.

Total Burden Hours: 1,500.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Grain News Reports and Molasses Market News.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0005.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621) Section 203(g), directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization. Livestock and Grain News provides a timely exchange of accurate and unbiased information on current marketing conditions (supply, demand, prices, trends, movement, and other information) affecting trade in livestock, meats, grain, and wool. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), this nationwide market news program is conducted in cooperation with approximately 30 State departments of agriculture. The up-to-the-minute reports collected and disseminated by professional market reporters are intended to provide both buyers and sellers with the information necessary for making intelligent, informed marketing decisions, thus putting everyone in the marketing system in an equal bargaining position.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information on various aspects of the grain and feed industry in determining available supplies and current pricing. Industry traders use market news information to make marketing decisions on when and where to buy and sell. In addition, the reports are used by other Government agencies to evaluate market conditions and calculate price levels used for the Farmer-owned Reserve Program. The reports must be collected and disseminated by an impartial third party. Since the Government is a large

holder of grain, some type of system would have to be established to monitor the collection and reporting data.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 202.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 129.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Plan for Estimating Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0050.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621) Section 203(g), directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization. Livestock and Grain News provides a timely exchange of accurate and unbiased information on current marketing conditions (supply, demand, prices, trends, movement, and other information) affecting trade in livestock, meats, grain, and wool. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), this nationwide market news program is conducted in cooperation with approximately 30 State departments of agriculture. The up-to-the-minute reports collected and disseminated by professional market reporters are intended to provide both buyers and sellers with the information necessary for making intelligent, informed marketing decisions, thus putting everyone in the marketing system in an equal bargaining position.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information on estimation of the current day's slaughter at their plant(s) and the actual slaughter of the previous day. The report is used to make market outlook projections and maintain statistical data. The information must be collected and disseminated by an impartial third party. Since the government is a large purchaser of meat, a system to monitor the collection and reporting of data is needed. Collecting this information less frequently would hinder the timely use of this data.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 72.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly; Other: Daily.

Total Burden Hours: 623.

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Forest Service

Title: Foreign Travel Proposal (Non-Federal).

OMB Control Number: 0596-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Forest Service (FS) is seeking approval to collect information from non-federally employed individuals who are traveling outside the United States on behalf or at the request of the FS. The collection of this information is necessary to facilitate timely issuance of foreign travel authorizations. This information is shared with the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service; U.S. State Department; foreign embassies in Washington, DC; and U.S. embassies in all destination countries.

Need and Use of the Information: The FS, USDA, International Programs Travel Section uses FS-6500-1, Foreign Travel Proposal to collect the traveler's destination, purpose of trip, and dates of travel. Also collected are name, address, contact telephone numbers, passport information, security clearance, as well as contacts at each destination and hotel information. Without this information the FS cannot provide support to international programs or other countries who have requested assistance.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7.

Forest Service

Title: Federal Excess Personal Property.

OMB Control Number: 0596-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Federal Property Services and Administrative Assistance Act of 1949 and the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, as amended, authorize the Forest Service (FS) to loan federally owned property to state cooperators to use in fighting fires and providing emergency services. The Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program administers the loan FS Fire and Aviation Management fire-control stock to states. The FEPP program will provide FS officials with updated information on the condition of property loaned to state and territory cooperators. FS property management technicians will collect the information from the Forest Service Federal Excess Property Management Information System (FEPMIS) database and enter it into a National Finance Center database (PROP), as required by Federal Property Management Regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: State agencies will use the FEPMIS database to submit information regarding property details, including manufacturer, model, year of manufacture, acquisition date when an

item is acquired or no longer needed, acquisition value, Federal property identification number, serial number, condition of property, and the location of property and user of property. The database will also allow FS to manage inventory. Access to the database is limited to those with access authorized by FS Management Officers working in the Fire and Aviation staff.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 7,065.

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