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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 30, 2009.

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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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: U.S. Standards for Livestock and Meat Marketing Claims, Naturally Raised Claim for Livestock and the Meat and Meat Products Derived from such Livestock.

OMB Control Number: 0581–NEW.

Summary of Collection: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1622) directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “to develop and improve standards quality, condition, quantity, grade, packaging, and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.” The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is establishing a voluntary standard for a naturally raised marketing claim that livestock producers may request to have verified by USDA.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information from applicants requesting the services for the Quality Systems Verification Programs (QSVP) using Form LS–313, “Application for Service.” The QSVP is a collection of voluntary, audit-based, user-fee funded programs. This will allow applicants to have program documentation and program processes assessed by AMS auditor(s) and other USDA officials to provide validity to such naturally raised livestock claims and, in certain cases, access to markets that require AMS verification. AMS verification of a claim would be accomplished through an audit of the production process in accordance with procedures that are contained in 7 CFR part 62.

Description of Respondents: Business for profit.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses/Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 483.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Implementation of the APHIS Ag Discovery Program.

OMB Control Number: 0579–NEW.

Summary of Collection: Ag-Discovery is an outreach program designed to give

students ages 12–17 an opportunity to learn about agriculture, the mission of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) programs. The objective(s) of the Ag-Discovery Program is to: (1) Provide students an opportunity to live on a university campus while learning about APHIS programs; (2) identify and recruit students who are interested in agricultural science; (3) provide demonstrations in APHIS programs including veterinary medicine, animal science, plant pathology; and (4) increase awareness of career opportunities within APHIS. The Application and brochure is provided to the applicant via of the APHIS and University Web site.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information annually to be used to select the participants for the various Ag Discovery Programs. The application provides the information needed to assess the students true interest in agriculture; provide references from others who are familiar with the students interest and character; and provides verification of the students age and enrollment in school. The information collected from the applications will help APHIS to rate and rank the applicants.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 210.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,780.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Negative QC Review Schedule, Status of Sample Selection of Completion

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

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 the proposed information collections for the FNS–245, Negative Case Action Review Schedule and FNS–248, Status of Sample Selection and Completion. The forms are currently used in the Quality

Control process for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The proposed collection is a revision of a collection currently approved under OMB No. 0584–0034.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 2009.

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 has 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; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Tiffany Susan Wilkinson, Program Analyst, Quality Control Branch, Program Accountability and Administration Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 822, Alexandria, VA 22302. You may also download an electronic version of this notice at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/rules/regulations/default.htm> and comment via e-mail at SNAPHQ-Web@fns.usda.gov or use the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

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, Room 822, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Tiffany Susan Wilkinson, (703) 305–2410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Negative Quality Control Review Schedule.

OMB Number: 0584–0034.

Form Number: FNS–245 and 248.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2009.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collections.

The FNS–245, Negative Case Action Review Schedule:

Abstract: The FNS–245, Negative Case Action Review Schedule, is designed to collect quality control (QC) data and serve as the data entry form for negative case action QC reviews in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). State agencies complete the FNS–245 for each negative case in their QC sample. The reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with the completion of the FNS–245 has decreased from 123,374 hours to 117,651 hours. The 5,723 hour decrease is a result of a reduction in the total case selection from 39,782 in FY 2004 to 38,911 in FY2007.

Affected Public: State or Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53 State Agencies.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 734.17 Records.

Estimated Total Annual Response: 38,911.

Estimated Time per Report: 3.0236 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden: 117,651 Hours.

The FNS–248, Status of Sample Selection and Completion:

Abstract: The FNS–248, Status of Sample Selection and Completion, tracks a State's progress in sample selection and case completion on a monthly basis. A proposed rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: Discretionary Quality Control Provisions of Title IV of Public Law 107–171", was published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 2005 (70 FR 55776). The rulemaking proposed to eliminate this form as a means of collecting this information and would allow State agencies to report in a manner as directed by the regional offices. FNS expects to publish a final rule on this subject in 2010. Until then, the use of FNS–248 will be discontinued because the data collected has decreased to only four elements: Active and Negative Sampling Intervals and Active and Negative Number of Sample Cases Selected. These elements must be reported monthly by the States, but may be sent through various mediums to their regional offices. The annual reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with this new way of collecting the four elements significantly decreases the burden from 348 hours to approximately 64 hours.

Affected Public: State or local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.