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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 17, 2017.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by May 22, 2017 will be considered. Written comments 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. 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: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Regulations—Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0043.

Summary of Collection: The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, including breastfeeding promotion and support, and health care referrals to low income, nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five. Currently, WIC operates through State health departments in 50 States, 34 Indian Tribal Organizations, American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The Federal regulations governing the WIC Program (7 CFR part 246) require that certain program-related information be collected and that full and complete records concerning WIC operations are maintained. The WIC Program is authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended.

Need and Use of the Information: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) collects information from state and local agencies, applicants, and retail vendors to determine eligibility in the WIC Program. This information includes participant certification information (e.g., income and nutrition risk); nutrition education documentation; local agency and vendor application and agreement information; vendor sales and shelf price data; data related to vendor monitoring and training; and financial and food delivery system records. Additionally, information related to Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) delivery is also collected as a result of the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Related Provisions of Public Law 111–296 Final Rule published on March 1, 2016. State Plans are the principal source of information about how each State agency operates its WIC Program. The information is needed for the general operation of the Program, including regulatory compliance, and for ongoing program integrity and cost-saving efforts. The information is also used by FNS to manage, plan, evaluate,

make decisions, and report on WIC Program operations.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or Households; Businesses or Other for Profit; Not-for profit institutions; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 7,751,897.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Semi-annually; Monthly; and Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,773,950.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Meeting of Expert Panel on Publication of Farm Operator Demographics

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announces a meeting of an Expert Panel on Publication of Farm Operator Demographic data obtained through the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

DATES: The Panel meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. There will be an opportunity for public comments at 9:15 a.m. on May 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The Panel meeting will take place in U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6309, South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Written comments may be filed before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person identified herein at: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6035, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda J. Young, Director, Research and Development Division, telephone 202–690–0027, eFax: 855–593–5472, or email: hq_rdd_od@nass.usda.gov.

General information about NASS can also be found at https://www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/index.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NASS will be convening a panel of subject matter experts covering a broad range of expertise and interests on May 16–17, 2017. This meeting will focus on six questions relating to the publication of demographic data obtained from the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

The expert panel is to consider the following questions:

(1) What demographic information should NASS publish on persons involved in making decisions for the farm or ranch operation?

(2) How does NASS address publications in light of the specific change from single principal operator to multiple persons responsible for decisions?

(3) How does NASS present to the data user the correct linkage from the 2017 Census of Agriculture data to data from earlier censuses?

(4) A Farm Typology is defined utilizing the designation of a single “principal operator” and is used by the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) for analysis. NASS also publishes some Census of Agriculture tables based on this Farm Typology. How should NASS link the farm operator data to farm typology as used by ERS?

(5) The Census of Agriculture is integrated with the NASS Agricultural Resource Management Survey Phase 3 (ARMS3). Some of the analysis done by ERS is based on the “principal operator’s” household. How should ERS identify the household for use in ARMS3?

(6) What new tables and data presentations are needed to publish data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture decision-making questions?

During this meeting, the panel will also consider statements provided by the public on data needs relating to demographics. The panel meeting is open to the public. The public is asked to preregister for the meeting at least 10 business days prior to the meeting. Your pre-registration must state the names of each person who will be attending from your group, organization, or interest represented; the number of people planning to give oral comments, if any; and whether anyone in your group requires special accommodations.

Submit registrations to hq_rdd_od@nass.usda.gov or USDA/NASS, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6035, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–2001. Members of the public who request to give oral comments to the

Panel must arrive at the meeting site by 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday May 16, 2017. Oral comments should each be limited to five minutes or less. There have been 2 hours allotted for public comments. Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the meeting. Comments should be limited to 500 words or less. The public may file written comments by mail to USDA/NASS, Room 6035, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., South Building, Washington, DC 20250–2001. Written comments can also be sent via eFax: 855–593–5472, or email: hq_rdd_od@nass.usda.gov. All statements will become a part of the official records of the Panel meeting and will be kept on file for public review in the office of the Director, Research and Development Division.

Signed at Washington, DC, April 3, 2017.

R. Renee Picanso,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee for a Meeting To Review and Discuss Testimony Regarding Civil Rights and Voter Participation in the State

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Illinois Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Friday, May 05, 2017, at 12:00pm CST for the purpose of finalizing preparations to host a public hearing on civil rights and voter participation in the state.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, May 05, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. CST.

Public Call Information: Dial: 888–417–8462, Conference ID: 3370306.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Wojnaroski, DFO, at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov or 312–353–8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-

free call-in number: 888–417–8462, conference ID: 3370306. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Midwestern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353–8324, or emailed to Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at (312) 353–8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Midwestern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Illinois Advisory Committee link (<http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=246>). Select “meeting details” and then “documents” to download. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission’s Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at the above email or street address.

Agenda

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