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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Appeals Division.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Appeals Division's to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Customer Service Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 11, 2006, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Jerry Jobe, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Appeals Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Suite 1100, Alexandria, VA 22302, 703.305.2514, 703.305.1496 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Appeals Division Customer Service Survey.

OMB Number: 0503-0007.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: NAD proposes to extend and revise its currently approved information collection survey. This revision will include collecting information pertaining to its Public Awareness Program.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .33 hours per response.

Respondents: Appellants, farm show attendees, producers, and other USDA Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1176.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One (1)

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 388.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Jerry L. Jobe, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Appeals Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Suite 1100, Alexandria, Va 22302, 703.305.2514, 703.305.1496 (fax). All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Roger Klurfeld,

Director, National Appeals Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 9, 2006.

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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: 2007 Census of Agriculture.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0226.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is responsible for conducting the Census of Agriculture under the authority of the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997, Public Law 105-113. The census of agriculture is required by law every five years and is the primary source of statistics concerning the nation's agricultural industry. It provides the only basis of consistent, comparable data throughout the more than 3,000 counties in the 50 States and Puerto Rico. For the outlying areas of American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands, it is the only source of consistent, comparable agricultural data.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will serve as the basis for many agriculturally-based decisions. The data collection for the censuses of agriculture will be conducted primarily by mail-out/mail-back procedures and direct enumeration methods for Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). Collecting this information less frequently would hinder Federal, State, and local governments' ability to monitor the farm programs and environmental regulations affecting the agricultural economy.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 3,525,700.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (Every 5 years).

Total Burden Hours: 1,267,650.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Appointment of Members to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 12 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is July 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods: E-mail: smorgan@csrees.usda.gov; Fax: 202-720-6199; Mail/Hand-Delivery/Courier: National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344-A, Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Morgan-Jordan; Program Support Coordinator; Telephone: 202-720-3684.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The nominee's name, resume, and completed Form AD-755 must be sent

to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Room 344-A, Whitten Building; Washington, DC 20250-2255.

Section 1408 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3123) was amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 by adding one additional member to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which totals 31 members. Since the Advisory Boards inception by congressional legislation in 1996, each member has represented a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, non-land grant college or university with a historic commitment to research in the food and agricultural sciences, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture in September 1996 and one-third of its members were appointed for a one, two, and three-year term, respectively.

The terms for 11 of the 31 members who represent specific categories will expire September 30, 2006. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for these 11 vacant categories are sought with the exception of Category CC. This is a two-year appointment. All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to a category.

The 12 slots to be filled are:

Category A. National Farm Organization.

Category C. Food Animal Commodity Producer.

Category E. National Animal Commodity Organization.

Category F. National Crop Commodity Organization.

Category K. National Human Health Association.

Category P. Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

Category R. Non-Land Grant College or University with a Historic Commitment to Research in the Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Category T. Transportation of Food and Agricultural Products to domestic and foreign markets.

Category V. Food and Fiber Processors.

Category AA. Private Sector Organization involved in International Development.

Category CC. Research Agency of the Federal Government Other than USDA.

Category DD. National Social Science Association.

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests throughout the country. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category, will be accepted. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must fill out a form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person above or may be printed out from the following Web site: <http://www.nareeab.com> then search AD-755). All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Advisory Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Appointments to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Done at Washington, DC this 1st day of May 2006.

Merle Pierson,

Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. LS-05-09]

United States Standard for Livestock and Meat Marketing Claim, Grass (Forage) Fed Claim

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is soliciting comments on a revised proposed voluntary