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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV96-501-N]

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

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**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 Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) request for comments from the fruit, vegetable and ornamental industry to improve or change the procedures for collecting information used to compile and generate new and expand existing fruit, vegetable and ornamental reports to assist the trade in making production and marketing decisions.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 12, 1996.

**Additional Information or Comments:** Contact Terry C. Long, Chief, Fruit and Vegetable Market News Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS-USDA, Room 2503 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456; Telephone: (202) 720-2745, Fax: (202) 720-0547.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Fruit and Vegetable Market News.

**OMB Number:** 0581-0006.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** October 31, 1996.

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

**Abstract:** Collection and dissemination of information for fruit, vegetable and ornamental production and to facilitate trading by providing a price base used by producers,

wholesalers, and retailers to market products.

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 basic, 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.

The fruit and vegetable market news reports are used by academia, but are primarily used by the fruit, vegetable and ornamental trade, which includes packers, processors, brokers, retailers, and producers. The fruit and vegetable industry requested that the Department of Agriculture issue price and supply market reports for commodities of regional, national and international significance in order to assist them in making immediate production and marketing decisions and as a guide to the amount of product in the supply channel.

Many government agencies use the reports to make their market outlook projections. Data from these reports is included in the information forwarded to the Secretary's Office as well as his staff, as needed, to keep them apprised of the current market conditions and movement of fruit, vegetable, and ornamental commodities in the United States. Economists at most major agricultural colleges and universities use the reports to make both short and long term market projections. The data is used extensively by consulting firms and private economists to aid them in determining available supplies and current pricing.

The industry could not collect the information themselves as they would not want to divulge their information to competitors, and exchange of such information between competitors would violate antitrust laws. Consequently, the information must be collected, compiled, and disseminated by an impartial third party, in a manner which protects the confidentiality of the reporter. Also, since the Government is a purchaser of fruits and vegetables, a system to monitor the collection and reporting of data is needed.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average .033 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Fruit, Vegetable and ornamental industry, or other for-profit businesses, individuals or households, farms, or Federal Government.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 18,633.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondents:** 200.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 122,978 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Terry C. Long, Chief Fruit and Vegetable Market News Branch, at (202) 720-2745.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information, to: Terry C. Long, Chief, Fruit and Vegetable Market News Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS-USDA, Room 2503 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record, and will be made available at the address above, during regular business hours.

Dated: September 9, 1996.

Robert C. Keeney,

Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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## Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-065-1]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Approved information collection extension; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of animal disease control programs.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by November 12, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-065-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-065-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the use of VS Form 10-4, contact Dr. Keith Hand, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, (301) 734-7835; or e-mail: KHand@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of more detailed information, contact Ms. Cheryl Groves, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5086.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Laboratory Specimen Submission.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0090.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* January 31, 1996.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Three years ago the Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) Control Program was implemented in an effort to reduce the number of human SE outbreaks and to prevent harm to the egg-type poultry industry. The program entailed the use of a number of forms to collect information that would enable us to identify SE infected flocks.

This program, however, has now been transferred to the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). Therefore, APHIS no longer needs OMB approval for most of the forms that were being used to conduct this program.

One of the forms, VS Form 10-4, is a standard form that is routinely used when specimens (such as blood, milk, tissue, or urine) from any animal (including cattle, swine, sheep, horses, or poultry) are submitted to our National Veterinary Services

Laboratories for disease tests. This VS Form 10-4 identifies the herd or flock from which the specimens were taken, the purpose for submitting the specimens, the type of specimen submitted, and the species of animal from which the specimen was taken.

We are seeking OMB approval to continue the use of this VS Form 10-4.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours per response.

*Respondents:* State and Federal veterinarians, accredited veterinarians.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 2.524.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 15,149 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 9th day of September 1996.

A. Strating,

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request OMB review of the WIC Iron Deficiency Anemia Study.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by November 12, 1996.

**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 will have 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; and (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. Comments may be sent to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305-2117.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* WIC Iron Deficiency Anemia Study.

*OMB Number:* Not yet assigned.

*Expiration Date:* N.A.

*Type of Request:* New collection of information.

*Abstract:* The study, being undertaken jointly by FCS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will investigate the prevalence and etiology of anemia in selected communities reporting high rates of anemia to PedNSS, which do not appear to be explained by administrative or reporting error and/or faulty laboratory procedures.

Approximately 2000 one year old children in eight WIC clinics reporting high rates of anemia to (PedNSS) will receive several additional tests to determine iron status in addition to the hemoglobin or hematocrit typically required for WIC certification. Venipuncture blood samples will be drawn by a qualified phlebotomist.

**Food and Consumer Service**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—WIC Iron Deficiency Anemia Study**

**AGENCY:** Food and Consumer Service, USDA.