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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 22, 1996.

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), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

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.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: U.S. Standards for Grades of Fresh and Processed Fruits and Vegetables

OMB Control Number: 0581-0166

Summary: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, gives the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging, and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.

Need and Use of the Information: In order to carry out the standards program, market surveys are needed to gather the necessary information to create or revise grade standards that are consistent with current cultural and marketing practices.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government

Number of Respondents: 930

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion

Total Burden Hours: 930

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Title: Assurance of Compliance with the Department of Agriculture Regulations Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended)

OMB Control Number: 0524-0026

Summary: The information pertains to organizational management and financial matter of the potential grantee, as well as a certification that complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

Need and Use of the Information: The collection of this information enables the Department to determine that applicants recommended for awards are responsible recipients of federal funds.

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

Number of Respondents: 155

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One-time Only

Total Burden Hours: 1,318

Farm Service Agency

Title: Regulations for Cooperative Marketing Associations, 7 CFR Part 1425

OMB Control Number: 0560-0040

Summary: The Secretary of Agriculture and Commodity Credit Corporation have authority to make Price Support available to cooperatives on behalf of their members through both commodity statutes and the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act. Cooperative eligibility requirements form the basis for information collections.

Need and Use of the Information: Information necessary to identify problem areas and policy revision is needed to maintain the integrity of price support programs. More specifically, the consequence of not obtaining information could lead to an ineffective price support program extended through to a Cooperative Marketing Association's members.

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

Number of Respondents: 43

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually; as requested

Total Burden Hours: 26,458

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Fruit and Vegetable Market News Reports

OMB Control Number: 0581-0006

Summary: Market News Reports are authorized by Law to collect and disseminate marketing information on a area basis. Data is used by the fruit and vegetable trade as guides in making marketing decisions.

Need and Use of the Information: Market News Reports encourage efficient Marketing and orderly distribution of the nation's food and assures consumers of a steady supply of food at competitive prices.

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

Number of Respondents: 18,633

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly; Monthly; Daily

Total Burden Hours: 122,588

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Livestock and Meat Market News

OMB Control Number: 0581-0154

Summary: The information solicited from respondents includes price supply,

and movement of livestock, meat carcasses, meat cuts, and meat byproducts.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to make market outlook projections, market conditions and in determining available supplies.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government; Individuals or household; Business or other for-profit; Farms

Number of Respondents: 450

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Daily

Total Burden Hours: 7,020

Food and Consumer Service

Title: Adolescent WIC Participants Study

OMB Control Number: 0584-(New)

Summary: This is a study to conduct a needs assessment of adolescent WIC participants. The study will collect information about needs pertaining to nutritional knowledge and behavior access, knowledge of other health care services, program participation, and timing of enrollment. More specifically, this study will determine if the WIC program addresses the needs specific to pregnant adolescents and adolescent mothers in order to help them overcome barriers to good health and reduce risks associated with pregnancy for teens.

Need and Use of the Information: This study will determine the needs of adolescent participants enrolled in WIC and whether WIC adequately serves those needs.

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

Number of Respondents: 4,500

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One-time Only

Total Burden Hours: 4,550

Food and Consumer Service

Title: Report of School Program Operations

OMB Control Number: 0584-0002

Summary: This report collects participation data from state education agencies for four child nutrition programs administered by the Food and Consumer Service.

Need and Use of the Information: The data is used to monitor the proper use of Food and Consumer Service program funds.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government

Number of Respondents: 62

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly

Total Burden Hours: 110,112

Food and Consumer Service

Title: CACFP Study

OMB Control Number: 0584-0459

Summary: The information collected includes household income of child and adult care Food Program participants.

Need and Use of the Information: Reliable household income information is needed to develop reasonable estimate of impacts of welfare reform initiatives.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households

Number of Respondents: 715

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One-time

Total Burden Hours: 59

Donald Hulcher,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Rural Housing Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service and Farm Service Agency.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), this notice announces the Rural Housing Service (RHS) and Farm Service Agency's (FSA) intention to request an extension on an information collection currently approved for the agencies' application receiving and processing procedures. The regulations governing these activities are published under the authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), as amended.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven R. Bazzell, Senior Loan Officer, Farm Credit Programs Loan Making Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA/FSA/FPLMD/Stop 0522, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415. Telephone (202) 690-4022, e-mail sbazzell@wdc.fsa.usda.gov or facsimile (202) 690-1117.

Title: 7 CFR 1910-A, Receiving and Processing Applications.

OMB Number: 0575-0134.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1997.

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

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0575-0134, as identified

above, is needed to enable FSA to process direct farm loan requests from the public. The FSA provides low cost loans to family size farmers who are temporarily unable to secure credit from commercial sources that fall into three major loan program purposes: Real estate, annual production, and disaster recovery. This regulation outlines the application policies, procedures, along with information required to establish an applicant's eligibility to obtain FSA direct farm loans. The type of information collected from applicants primarily consists of business organization, production and financial data.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .87 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, farms, businesses or other for profit small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24,000

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.85

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 80,568

Copies of the information collection can be obtained from Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 720-9734.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions; (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. Comments may be sent to Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0743, Washington, DC 20250-0743. 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.

Dated: November 22, 1996.

Grant Buntrock,
Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

Dated: November 22, 1996.

Eileen Fitzgerald,
Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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