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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 11, 1999.

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 Departmental 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) 720-6746.

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: Plan for Estimating Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0050.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1046 (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 basis, 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. Livestock and Grain News provides a timely exchange of accurate and unbiased information on current marketing conditions (supply, demand, prices, trends, movement, and other information) affecting trade in livestock, meats, grain, and wool. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), this nationwide market news program is conducted in cooperation with approximately 30 state departments of agriculture. The up-to-the-minute reports collected and disseminated by professional market reporters are intended to provide both buyers and sellers with the information necessary for making intelligent, informed marketing decisions, thus putting everyone in the marketing system in an equal bargaining position. AMS will collect information using market new reports.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information from processing plants on the estimated of the current day's slaughter and the actual slaughter of the previous day. The report is used to make market outlook projections and maintain statistical data. The information must be collected and disseminated by an impartial third party. Since the Government is a large purchaser of meat, a system to monitor the collection and reporting of data is needed.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; individuals or households; farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 82.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly; other: daily.

Total Burden Hours: 740.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation.

OMB Control Number: 0560-NEW.

Summary of Collection: USDA provides a variety of commodities for domestic food distribution programs. The types of commodities available to transport for Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) include: dairy products (milk, butter, and cheese), fruit and vegetables (canned and frozen), and mixed loads of dry freight. The purpose of this information collection is to establish the motor carrier transportation service needs of USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA), and KCCO for the movement of its freight traffic; and to ensure that motor freight carriers providing transportation services have both the willingness and the capability to meet these needs. The Standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation necessitates the collect information to determine motor carrier compliance with the requirements and to determine eligibility of motor carriers to haul agricultural products for FSA. FSA will collect information by mail from motor carriers.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to establish the motor carrier's qualifications, insurance coverage, and carriage rates and conditions. Without this information FSA and KCCO could not obtain transportation services to meet program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 141.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once.

Total Burden Hours: 141.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Standard Operating Agreement Governing Intermodal Transportation.

OMB Control Number: 0560-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency (FSA), in conjunction with the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO), delivers commodities worldwide. FSA ships commodities via motor carrier, intermodal marketing company, railroad, or ocean carrier. Intermodal Marketing Companies (IMC) are required to provide information relative to Trailer on Flatcar/Container or on Flatcar (TOFC/COFC) rates and

agreements. The use of the Standard Operating Agreement Governing Intermodal Transportation is necessary to collect information to determine IMC compliance with KCCO eligibility requirements. FSA will collect information by mail from IMCs.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to establish the Intermodal Marketing Companies qualifications, insurance coverage, and carriage rates and conditions. Without this information FSA and KCCO could not meet program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profits; Federal; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 23.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once.

Total Burden Hours: 23.

Forest Service

Title: Interpretive Association Annual Report.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0097.

Summary of Collection: The Organic Administration Act of 1897 (30 Stat. 11; 16 U.S.C. 55) and the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960 (Pub. L. 86-517 Stat. 215; 16 U.S.C. 528-531) gives Forest Service (FS) general authorities to provide public education and information about the preservation and conservation of the natural resources; and to promote the agency mission to achieve quality land management to meet the diverse needs of people through education about the variety of outdoor recreation uses of the natural resources. The Cooperative Funds and Deposits Act of December 12, 1975 (Pub. L. 94-148, 89 Stat. 804; 16 U.S.C. 565a-1 thru 565a-3) authorizes FS to enter into cooperative agreements with public and private agencies, organizations, institutions, or persons. Non-profit Interpretive Associations affiliated with the Forest Service provide important supplementary services to National Forest visitors. The agreements between FS and the Interpretive Associations state that Interpretive Associations need to submit annual reports and financial statements to the FS. FS will collect information using Form FS-2300-5. Annual Report Interpretive Associations.

Needs and Use of the Information: FS will collect information pertaining to income, expenditures, and annual accomplishments of each interpretive association to the regional forester. Without the collection of information, effective management of interpretive association programs including the monitoring of income allocation for special projects, would not be possible.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 52.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 52.

Agricultural Research Service

Title: USDA Biological Shipment Record—Beneficial Organisms.

OMB Control Number: 0518-0013.

Summary of Collection: Collection of information related to the introduction and release of non-indigenous biological control organisms contributes to the biological control and taxonomic research programs of USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS). Provision of the data is entirely voluntary and is used to populate the USDA Release of Beneficial Organisms in the United States and Territories (ROBO) database. ARS will collect information using forms AD-941, AD-942 and AD-943.

Need and Use of the Information: ARS will collect information on the biological/control and taxonomic research program in USDA by recording the introduction and release of non-indigenous biological control organisms and pollinators in the United States.

Description of Respondents: Federal; non-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion, annually.

Total Burden Hours: 25.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Meeting of Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the second meeting of the Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets will be held June 22, 1999. The role of the committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the Emerging Markets Program. The committee will also advise USDA on

ways to increase the involvement of the U.S. private sector in cooperative work with emerging markets in food and rural business systems and review proposals submitted to the Program.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 22, 1999, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 5066 South Agriculture Building.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss those proposals the Emerging Markets Office has received which may qualify for Emerging Markets Program funding. The minutes of the meeting announced in this Notice shall be available for review. The meeting is open to the public and members of the public may provide comments in writing to Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, room 6506 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave. SW., Washington, D.C. 20250, but should not make any oral comments at the meeting unless invited to do so by the Co-chairpersons.

Signed at Washington, DC, June 1, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request a Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request a revision to a currently approved information collection, the Agricultural Resources Management Study and Chemical Use Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 25, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Rich Allen, Associate