

Number of Respondents: 180,000.
Frequency of Responses:
 Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 87,647.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Nutrition Education for Food & Nutrition Service Population Groups.
OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.
Summary of Collection: Diet has a significant impact on the health of citizen and is linked to four leading causes of disease, which can reduce the quality of life and cause premature death. While these diet-related problems affect all Americans, they have a greater impact on the disadvantaged populations reached by many of the Food and Nutrition Service Programs (FNS). One of FNS' goals includes improving the nutrition of children and low-income families by providing access to program benefits and nutrition education in a manner that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence. The information collection is based on the Children Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, the National School Lunch Act of 1966, as amended, the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, as amended, and the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983, as amended. The Eat Smart Play Hard (ESPH) Campaign is a multi-phase nutrition education and promotion program geared particularly towards children, including their caregivers, who are eligible for FNS nutrition assistance programs. Phase I of the ESPH will consist of a spokes character with accompanying posters, brochures, activity sheets, and a kit of promotional materials. For Phase II of ESPH Campaign, FNS will develop additional messages and materials for a subsection of children and caregivers group, an interactive children's Internet Web site, and convert existing English education materials to appropriate language and culture for Hispanic audiences. FNS will also develop nutrition education and promotion materials for mothers with 2-18-year-old children in low-literacy and Spanish-speaking population. The educational materials and promotional vehicles will serve as an important means to formulate and relay behavioral and motivational messages encompassed by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information through interviews or written responses. The information collected will provide FNS with formative input and feedback on how best to reach and motivate preschool and school-age children,

caregivers, Hispanic audiences as well as low-literacy groups to make changes consistent with the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans. FNS will also use the information collected to develop program materials to motivate the target audience to change their nutrition and physical activity-related behavior.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 6,192.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 3,538.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: California Prune/Plum Tree Removal Program—Section 32—Final Rule.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0201.

Summary of Collection: The authority to implement the California Prune/Plum Diversion Program or "tree pull" is established under (3) Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended (7 U.S.C. 612c) ("Section 32"). The Prune Diversion Program is administered under the supervision of the Agriculture Marketing Service. The Prune Marketing Committee (PMC) is the agency responsible for locally administering the Federal Marketing Order for California prunes. Requirements of this program apply only to those growers who voluntarily participate in the tree removal program. The information provided by the participants is essential to carry out the program and to administer release of payments.

Need and Use of the Information: To meet program requirements, producers are required to fill out two forms, FV-298, Application for Prune Tree Removal Program, and FV-299, Tree Removal Notice and Verification Form. Form FV-298 collects information on the producer, the person completing the application, the number of trees to be removed, acreage, and past production. Form FV-299 provides PMC with the number of trees the producer agrees to remove. AMS and PMC use the information gathered from these forms to determine payment calculation and certify participation in the program.

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

Number of Respondents: 481.
Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 250.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Vidalia Onions grown in Georgia, M.O. No. 955.

OMB Control Number: 0581-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Marketing Order No. 955 (7 CFR Part 955) covers

the handling of Vidalia onions grown in Georgia. This order is effective under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674). The changes in the order for reporting requirements would allow the Committee to obtain shipment reports from handlers on a weekly basis rather than monthly and would increase the amount of information requested. These changes would provide the Committee with an earlier indication of problems with late compliance, thus reducing the problems currently experienced with late reporting.

Need and Use of the Information: The handlers will use FV-181, "Vidalia Onion Handlers Report Form," to inform the Committee of their weekly receipts and shipments of Vidalia onions during the season. The Committee will use the information to ensure compliance with order regulations and assist in oversight and planning. Only authorized representatives of USDA will use the information. Without the handler reports, the Committee would not be able to collect assessments and provide for daily oversight of the order's operation.

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

Number of Respondents: 109.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Weekly.

Total Burden Hours: 136.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-127-1]

Availability of a Study on Systems Approaches to Mitigating Plant Pest Risk

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the National Plant Board, at the request of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, has prepared a study on the role for and application of systems approaches designed to guard against the introduction of plant pathogens into the United States on imported plants and associated

products. We are making this study available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 01-127-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 01-127-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 01-127-1" on the subject line.

A copy of the study and any comments that we receive on it may be reviewed in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Alan K. Dowdy, Associate Director, Center for Plant Health Science and Technology, PPQ, APHIS, 1017 Main Campus Drive, Suite 2500, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 513-2400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title IV of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-224), known as the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 through 7772, referred to below as the Act), incorporated preexisting plant quarantine and related statutes into a comprehensive law aimed at, among other things, clarifying and augmenting the Secretary's authority to detect, control, and eradicate plant pests and noxious weeds.

Section 412(e) of the Act directs the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study of the role for and application of systems approaches designed to guard against the introduction of plant

pathogens into the United States on imported plants and associated products. A systems approach is defined in the Act as a defined set of phytosanitary procedures, at least two of which have an independent effect in mitigating pest risk associated with the movement of commodities.

To conduct the study required by § 412(e) of the Act, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) entered into a cooperative agreement with the National Plant Board (NPB), an organization of the plant pest regulatory agencies of each of the States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, to carry out the study. The agreement directed the NPB to coordinate the project, to conduct the actual research, to prepare a report of the findings, and to provide overall leadership to participating scientists from State departments of agriculture, colleges and universities, the private sector, and the Agricultural Research Service of the USDA.

The NPB has now given its final draft to APHIS. Before the Department presents its report on the results of this study to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, as required by the Act, APHIS is making the study available to the public for review and comment.

The study makes the finding that "systems approaches are both scientifically and theoretically sound." In addition, the study notes that in every case in which a systems approach has been applied to date, it has "facilitated trade and concurrently thwarted the introduction and establishment of unwanted plant pathogens."

The study recommends that APHIS use the process of systems engineering when developing systems approaches for importations of plants or plant products. Systems engineering has seven steps: Requirements development, concept development, full-scale engineering, system development, system test, system operation, and retirement and replacement.

The first step, requirements development, involves defining the problem as the customer sees it; this is the critical step for stakeholder input. The study also recommends that APHIS strengthen its monitoring and verification of systems approaches.

We invite your comments on the study. Please consider the following questions in your comments:

- What are the implications you see for import markets if we accept the NPB's recommendations?

- What are the implications you see for export markets if we accept the NPB's recommendations?

- Do you believe that there would be value in having APHIS use the systems engineering process recommended in the study to develop and evaluate a systems approach for a plant or plant product you wanted to import into the United States?

- Are there particular disadvantages to the use of a systems engineering process which would militate against its adoption?

- What are options for improved verification and monitoring of systems approaches?

- Are there other relevant issues that need to be addressed that are not discussed in the study?

The study is available in our reading room (information on the location and hours of the reading room is listed under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice) or on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/>. You may also request that a copy be mailed to you by registering at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/> or by contacting the person listed under

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you request that a copy be mailed to you, please specify whether you desire a printed copy or a copy on compact disk.

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