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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 24, 2007.

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Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Food Donation Programs (Food for Progress & Section 416(b) and McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program).

OMB Control Number: 0551-0035.

Summary of Collection: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) helps provide U.S. agricultural commodities to feed millions of hungry people in needy countries through direct donations and concessional programs. Food aid may be provided through four program authorities: Food for Progress; Section 416(b); the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program; and Public Law 480 (Pub. L. 480). The authorities to collection information for these programs are under 7 CFR Part 1499, Foreign Donation Programs and 7 CFR Part 1599, McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information from the Cooperating Sponsor to determine its ability to carry out a food aid program, to establish terms under which the commodities will be provided, to monitor the progress of commodity distribution, including how transportation is procured, and to evaluate both the program's success and the Cooperating Sponsor's effectiveness in meeting certain goals. Information is also collected from ship owners/brokers shipping the commodity to its destination.

Description of Respondents: Not for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 241.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; Semi-annually; Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 50,434.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Program: State Agency Options.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0496.

Summary of Collection: The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work

Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) establishes a program whereby needy households apply for and receive food stamp benefits. It specifies national eligibility standards but allows State agencies certain options in administering the program. These options relate to establishing a homeless shelter deduction; establishing periodically reviewing, and updating standard utility allowances to be used in excess shelter cost computation; and establishing a methodology for offsetting costs of producing self-employment income. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information from state agencies on the methods used to calculate these deductions and allowances.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information from State agencies on how the various Food Stamp Program implementation options will be determined. The information collected will be used by FNS to establish quality control reviews, standards and self-employment costs.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 236.

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Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Small Enterprise Chicken Study.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0260.

Summary of Collection: The Small Enterprise Chicken Study is an information collection by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). This study is designed to collect information on flocks with 1,000 to 19,999 chickens. In the past, APHIS poultry studies, conducted by National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) have focused on the commercial table-egg layer industry, backyard poultry, and live poultry markets. The objectives of the study are as follows: (1) To describe characteristics of operations with 1,000 to 19,999 chickens, including bird species on-hand, seasonal inventory, and marketing of free-range chickens or eggs, and organic, or other niche-market products; (2) describe movements of animals, people, waste products, vehicles, and equipment on and off operations, and estimate the distances associated with these movements; (3) examine biosecurity practices, including bird access to the outdoors. The information will be collected using NAHMS form 200.

Need and Use of the Information: The information from the study will be used to develop parameters for two disease simulation models: The North American Animal Disease Spread Model and the Multiscale Epidemiologic/Economic Simulation and Analysis Model. The information will also be used to develop background information on this segment of the poultry industry.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1.250.

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