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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 16, 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 these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

Food and Consumer Service

Title: Food Stamp Program Store Application(s)

Summary: The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, requires that the Agency determine the eligibility of firms and specified programs to accept and redeem food stamp benefits and to monitor them for compliance and continued eligibility.

Need and Use of the Information: This information is used for determining a firm's eligibility for participation in the program, program administration, compliance monitoring and investigations and for sanctioning stores found to be violating the program.

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

Number of Respondents: 80,613.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 18,347.

Title: Federal Collection Methods for Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims.

Summary: This Program is designed to help collect debts owed for overissued food stamp benefits.

Need and Use of the Information: Data is needed to assure unpaid claims are properly noted and efforts to collect monies are valid.

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

Number of Respondents: 327,552.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Weekly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 72,862.

Title: Study of Direct Certification.

Summary: Study will collect nationally representative data on the status of direct certification usage and assess multiple aspects of it. Respondents will be state and local entities involved with the National School Lunch Program.

Need and Use of the Information: Data will be used to inform officials on how direct certification is being implemented nationally, what seems to work best in various settings, the programmatic and/or cost savings resulting from direct certification, and the effect of direct certification on student eligibility and participation in the National School Lunch Program.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,376.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One-time only.

Total Burden Hours: 2,307.

Forest Service

Title: Application for Prospecting Permit.

Summary: Application information is collected to ensure that a complete, concise description of the proposed geophysical activity is obtained and thereby ensure timely and effective review and decision-making in full compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other requirements given in the National Forest Management Act of 1976.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used by the issuing office to ensure a thorough accurate and timely review of the proposed plan of operations.

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

Number of Respondents: 70.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 18.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1944-1, "Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants".

Summary: Information is collected from non-profit organizations who want to develop a Self-Help program in their area to increase the availability of affordable housing.

Need and Use of the Information: This information is needed by the Rural Housing Service to determine if the organization is capable of successfully carrying out the requirements of the Self-Help program.

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

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Quarterly, Monthly, Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,640.

Farm Service Agency

Title: CCC Conservation Contract.

Summary: These requirements are for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program and the Farmland Protection Program.

Need and Use of the Information: Eligible land owners may apply for financial assistance. The agreement or contract must include a conservation plan. Federal cost share payments may be made to the land user upon successful application of the conservation treatment.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 27,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time only.

Total Burden Hours: 43,450.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by August 16, 1996.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Provisions Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons not Subject to the Peanut Marketing Agreement.

Summary: Public Law 101-220 amended the Agricultural Agreement

Act of 1937 to require all peanuts handled by persons who have not entered into the Peanut Marketing Agreement to be subject to the same quality and inspection requirements as are in effect under the agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to verify compliance with inspection, quality and disposition requirements. This insures that only wholesome peanuts of good quality enter edible market channels.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 45.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 591.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR—1944—B, Housing Application Packing Grants.

Summary: The Rural Housing Service make grants to private and public non-profit organizations and State and local governments to package housing applications in colonies and designated counties.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is necessary to assure the organizations participating in this program are eligible entities and have participated in application packaging.

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

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 900.

Foreign Agricultural Services

Title: Sugar to be Imported and Re-exported in Refined Form or in Sugar Containing Products or Used for the Production of Polyhydric Alcohol.

Summary: The proposed regulations revise current regulations to conform them to our obligation under the North American Free Trade Agreement and to implement changes arising out of the adoption of the Uruguay Round Agreement Implementation Act.

Need and Use of the Information: The Licensing Authority will use this information to determine whether the equivalent quantity of sugar entered will be exported by the entering company or by a manufacturer or sugar containing products or used for the production of Polyhydric alcohol. Without this information the Licensing Authority would be unable to identify who would be responsible for exporting or using entered sugar.

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

Number of Respondents: 220.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 3,866.

Title: Regulations covering CCC's Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) & CCC's Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-103).

Summary: The GSM-102 and GSM-103 programs of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) were developed to expand U.S. exports by making available export credit guarantees to encourage U.S. private sector financing of foreign purchases of U.S. agricultural commodities on credit terms.

Need and Use of the Information:

Collection of information is required in order to become an eligible participant in the program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 365.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 6,499.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Handling of Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida—Addendum.

Summary: Marketing Order No. 905 authorizes the regulation a certain agricultural commodities for the purpose of providing orderly marketing conditions in interstate commerce and to improve return to growers. Currently the Agricultural Marketing Service is considering a proposal to limit the volume of small Florida red seedless grapefruit. If this proposal is implemented, new information collection would be required.

Need and Use of the Information: To ensure compliance with volume regulation of red seedless grapefruit that would provide the Florida citrus industry and the Department of Agriculture with important information to ensure fair regulation within the industry.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,176.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On Occasion; Weekly.

Total Burden Hours: 204.

Food and Consumer Service

Title: Disaster Food Stamp Program.

Summary: The Food Stamp Act provides that program assistance be provided to all disaster-affected households who make application and are determined eligible for such assistance.

Need and Use of the Information:

This information is needed to determine

the eligibility of households applying for disaster food stamp assistance and for maintaining records regarding the disaster food stamp program.

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

Number of Respondents: 92,433.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 51,132.

Title: Coupon Account and Destruction Report.

Summary: The Food Stamp Act of 1977 requires an appropriate procedure for determining and monitoring the level of coupon inventories under the control of issuance agents for the purpose of maintaining inventories at proper levels. The procedure also involves monitoring coupon deliveries, in-state transfers and return of coupons to inventory and exercising control over the destruction of unusable coupons.

Need and Use of the Information:

This collection accounts for coupons received as payment on recipient claims mutilated or improperly manufactured old series coupons for exchange and coupons returned for miscellaneous reasons. FCS-471 is the vehicle that transmits unusable coupons to a destruction point, and in the documentation for destroyed coupons.

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

Number of Respondents: 10,276.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 40,331.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Application for Inspection & Certification of Animal Byproducts.

Summary: USDA Veterinary Services provide export certification services to U.S. processors desiring to qualify shipment of certain animal byproducts for export to foreign countries.

Need and Use of the Information:

Without proper certification importing countries will not accept products, and applicant would be unable to conduct business with that country.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 10.

Forest Service

Title: Commercial Use of "Woodsy Owl" Symbol.

Summary: Business can be licensed to use the "Woodsy Owl" symbol for commercial purposes.

Need and Use of the Information: Information is needed to collect royalty fees and to gauge effectiveness of licenses in meeting guaranteed sales objectives.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 60.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Scrapie Flock Certification, Animal Identification, and Indemnification Procedures.

Summary: Legislation allows the Secretary of Agriculture to prevent, control and eliminate domestic diseases such as scrapie, as well as to take action to prevent and to manage exotic diseases such as hog cholera, and African swine fever.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to assist in disease prevention.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,180.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 15,846.

Title: Horse Protection Regulations.

Summary: The information collection certifies and licenses designated qualified persons and horse industry organizations.

Need and Use of the Information: The information provides the primary means of detaching "sore" horses and eliminating them from exhibition or showing.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 650.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Quarterly; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7,195.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado—Marketing Order 948.

Summary: Marketing Order was designed to permit regulation of certain agricultural commodities for the purpose of providing orderly marketing conditions in interstate commerce and improving returns to growers.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used for program compliance.

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

Number of Respondents: 592.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Biennially; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 578.

Food and Consumer Service

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

Number of Respondents: 327,552.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Quarterly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 72,862.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), 7 CFR Parts 704 and 1410.

Summary: The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) regulations set forth the basic policies, program provisions, and eligibility requirements for owners and operators to enter into and carry out long-term CRP contracts with financial and technical assistance and for making cost-share and annual rental payments under the program.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to implement and provide program benefits under the current legislation.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 272,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; One-time only.

Total Burden Hours: 34,371.

Emergency Processing of This Submission Has Been Requested by: August 23, 1996.

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Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Request for Nominations for the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality.

DATES: Nominations must be received in writing or reaffirmed (see

Supplementary Information section) by September 23, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send written nominations to Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George C. Bluhm, National Agricultural Meteorologist, NRCS, (916) 752-1018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Task Force Purpose

As required by Section 391 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (FAIR) of 1996, the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) shall establish a task force to review research results by any Federal Agency that addresses air quality issues related to agriculture or agriculture infrastructure. Recommendations from the Task Force will be provided to the Secretary of Agriculture for guidance on air policy implementations. NRCS intends to meet all requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) relative to this Task Force.

The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force will review any policy recommendations issued by any federal agency that would establish controls over farming or ranch operations in behalf of cleaner air. Specifically the task force is to provide insights to potential local impacts of proposed policy changes. The Task Force will:

1. Review research on agricultural air quality supported financially and technically by any federal agency,
2. Base recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture upon sound scientific findings after adequate peer review and taking into account economic feasibility,
3. Work to ensure intergovernmental (Federal, state, and local) cooperation to establish policy for agriculture air quality and to avoid duplication,
4. To the extent practical, assist any federal agency to correct their erroneous data with respect to agriculture air quality.

Task Force Membership

The Task Force will be made up of United States citizens. The Task Force will be composed of:

1. Individuals with expertise in agricultural air quality and/or agricultural production.
2. Individuals representing regional concerns.
3. Representatives of institutions with expertise in agricultural air quality impacts on human health.
4. Five representatives from commodity groups having expertise in production agriculture.