

Respondents: Avocado producers and for-profit businesses handling fresh avocados produced in Florida.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 208.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.48.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 103 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the marketing orders and the Department's oversight of those programs, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the AMS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collections techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should reference either or both the OMB No. 0581-0091 (the Florida Lime Marketing Order No. 911), and OMB No. 0581-0078 (the Florida Avocado Marketing Order No. 915), and be sent to USDA in the care of Caroline C. Thorpe or Aleck J. Jonas at the addresses above.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 3, 1996.

Robert C. Keeney,

Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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[No. LS-96-008]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) request for comments from the livestock and meat industry to improve or change the procedures for collecting information used to compile and generate new and expand existing livestock and meat reports to assist the

trade in making production and marketing decisions.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Jimmy A. Beard, Assistant to the Chief, Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, Livestock and Seed Division, AMS-USDA, Room 2623 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jimmy A. Beard, (202) 720-1050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Livestock and Meat Market News.

OMB Number: 0581-0154.

Expiration Date of Approval: 11-30-96.

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

Abstract: Collection and dissemination of information for livestock, meat, and meat production facilities trading by providing a price base used by packers, wholesalers, and retailers to market products.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (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.

The livestock and market news reports are used by academia, but are primarily used by the livestock and meat trade, which includes packers, processors, brokers, retailers, and producers. The livestock and meat industry requested that the Department of Agriculture issue livestock and meat trade market reports for livestock, beef carcasses, boxed beef cuts, pork cuts, calf, lamb, and meat byproducts in order to assist them in making immediate production and marketing decisions and as a guide to the amount of product in the supply channel.

Many government agencies use the reports to make their market outlook projections. Data from these reports is included in the information forwarded to the Secretary's Office as well as his staff to keep them apprised of the current market conditions and movement of livestock and meat in the United States. Economists at most major agricultural colleges and universities use the reports to make both short and long term market productions. The data is used extensively by consulting firms and private economists to aid them in

determining available supplies and current pricing.

The industry could not collect the information themselves as they would not want to divulge their information to competitors, and exchange of such information between competitors would violate antitrust laws. Consequently, the information must be collected, compiled, and disseminated by an impartial third party, in a manner which protects the confidentiality of the reporter. Also, since the Government is a large purchaser of meat, a system to monitor the collection and reporting of data is needed.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .03 hours per response.

Respondents: Livestock and meat industry, or other for profit businesses, individuals or households, farms, or Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 450.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 520.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,020 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jimmy A. Beard, Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, at (202) 720-1050.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information, to: Jimmy A. Beard, Assistant to the Chief, Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, Livestock and Seed Division, AMS-USDA, Room 2623 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

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, and will be made available at the address above, during regular business hours.

Dated: September 3, 1996.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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[Docket No. FV-96-303]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the U.S. Standards for Grades of Fresh and Processed Fruits and Vegetables.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 12, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Frank O'Sullivan, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2065 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, (202) 720-2185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

OMB Number: 0581-0166.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 1996.

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

Abstract: The U.S. Standards for Grades of Fresh and Processed Fruits and Vegetables provide a common trading language to growers, packers/shippers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, and other financially interested parties which will promote a better product and create more uniformity throughout the industry.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1087-1091, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) (AMA) directs and authorizes the Department to develop standards of quality, grades, grading programs, and services which facilitate trading of agricultural products and assure consumers of quality products which are graded and identified under USDA programs.

The AMA also directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture 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. There is a total of 314 U.S. Standards for Grades of Fresh and Processed Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Miscellaneous Products.

The information and collection process is used by the Fruit and Vegetable Division prior to developing a proposal, which is a formal version of

a new or revised standard. This gives the Division the opportunity to gather and discuss information from all parts of the industry and other interested parties as to the likely impacts of the suggested changes or additions to the standard. If this process was not possible, the USDA would incur additional costs by rewriting and modifying the standards, or even worse, develop a standard that would be of no use.

The information and collection requirements in this request are necessary to carry out the intent of the AMA, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to create and revise U.S. Standards for Fresh and Processed Fruits and Vegetables that are consistent with current cultural and marketing practices.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of the USDA (AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Division's national staff; regional directors and their staffs; Federal-State supervisors and their staffs; and resident Federal-State graders, which includes State agencies). The information is used to administer and to conduct and carry out the grading services requested by the respondents and for the purpose of developing and maintaining U.S. grade standards. The Agency is the primary user of the information, and the secondary user is each authorized State agency which has a cooperative agreement with AMS.

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

Respondents: State or local governments, businesses or other for-profit, Federal agencies or employees, small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 930.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: one.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 930 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the function of the Fresh and Processed Fruit and Vegetable industries in regard to uniform trading language and USDA's oversight of that program; (2) the accuracy of the collection burden estimate and the validity of methodology and assumptions used in estimating the burden on respondents; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information requested; and, (4) ways to minimize the burden, including use of automated or electronic technologies.

Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0166 and be sent to USDA in care of Frank O'Sullivan at the address above. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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: September 4, 1996.

Eric M. Forman,

Acting Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economics and Statistics Administration

2000 Census Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409), we are giving notice of a meeting of the 2000 Census Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 1996, from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

The Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice Chair, and up to thirty-five member organizations, all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Advisory Committee will consider the goals of Census 2000 and user needs for information provided by that census, and provide a perspective from the standpoint of the outside user community about how operational planning and implementation methods proposed for Census 2000 will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The Advisory Committee shall consider all aspects of the conduct of the 2000 census of population and housing, and shall make recommendations for improving that census.

DATES: On Thursday, September 26, 1996, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anyone wishing additional information about this meeting, or who wishes to