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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 25, 1997.

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, DC 20503 and to the Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 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) 720-6204 or (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.

#### • National Agricultural Statistics Service

*Title:* Agricultural Resources Management, Chemical Use and Post-harvest Chemical Use Surveys.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0218.  
*Summary of Collection:* Collect production cost data and data on the application of chemicals after harvesting of fruits and vegetables.

*Need and Use of the Information:* To provide estimates on the extent of residue of chemicals on fruits and vegetables; to produce environmental and economic estimates of the costs of farming.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms.  
*Number of Respondents:* 72,195.  
*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Annually.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 35,232.

#### • Rural Housing Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 3570-B, Community Facilities Grant Program.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0173.  
*Summary of Collection:* The information collection includes an agreement for administrative requirements and a statement of inability to obtain credit from other sources.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is used to fulfill the requirements for the community facilities grant program.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 200.  
*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 438.

#### • Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

*Title:* Importation of Fresh Hass Avocado Fruit.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0579-New.  
*Summary of Collection:* Information collected includes an application for permit, phytosanitary inspection certificate, marking requirements and an annual work plan.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is needed to safely import fresh Hass Avocado fruit from Mexico.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 157.  
*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 3,098.

#### • Rural Business-Cooperative Service

*Title:* Cooperative Value-Added Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570-0019.  
*Summary of Collection:* Information collected from respondents includes an application for Federal assistance and a project proposal.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information will be used to determine eligibility for the funding of programs that will encourage value-added activities to enhance the economic sustainability of rural communities.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 75.  
*Frequency of Responses:* Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 1,446.

#### • Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

*Title:* Regulations and Related Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements—Packers and Stockyard Programs.

*OMB Control Number:* 0580-0015.  
*Summary of Collection:* Information collected includes applications for registration, trust fund agreements, special reports, and scale tests.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is used to provide business transaction safeguards that are necessary to protect financial interests and trade practices of livestock producers and others in the livestock industry.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.  
*Number of Respondents:* 10,950.  
*Frequency of Responses:* Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Semi-annually; annually.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 301,106.

#### • Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* Olives Grown in California Marketing Order No. 932.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581-0142.  
*Summary of Collection:* Information collected includes referendum ballots, assessments, sales reports, inventory holdings and marketing agreements.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is used to regulate the provisions of Marketing Order No. 932.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 692.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Every 2–6 yrs.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,880.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV97–998–2 NC]

#### 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 for Marketing Agreement No. 146 Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts (7 CFR part 998).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by September 29, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Jim Wendland, Marketing Specialist, DC Marketing Field Office, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, room 2525–S, Washington, DC 20090–6456; telephone: (202) 720–2170, or Fax: (202) 720–5698.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Marketing Agreement No. 146, Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts—7 CFR part 998.  
*OMB Number:* 0581–0067.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* January 31, 1998.

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

*Abstract:* Marketing agreement and order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables and specialty crops, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Such regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and adequate returns to

producers. Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674), the Agreement was established for handlers who voluntarily signed it. Signers agreed to have peanuts inspected, meet both incoming and outgoing quality regulations, be chemically tested and certified “negative” as to aflatoxin. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee the Agreement's operations and consider issuing regulations recommended by a committee of producer and handler representatives from each of the three areas.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMAA, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the Peanut Marketing Agreement program, which has been operating since 1965.

The Agreement authorizes the issuance of quality regulations along with inspection requirements. The Agreement also provides authority for limited indemnification. The Agreement, and rules and regulations issued thereunder, authorize the Peanut Administrative Committee (Committee), which is responsible for locally administering the program, to require handlers and growers to submit certain information. Much of the information is compiled in aggregate and provided to the industry to assist in marketing decisions.

The Committee has developed forms as a means for persons to file required information with the Committee relating to peanut supplies, shipments, dispositions, and other information needed to carry out the purpose of the AMAA and Agreement. USDA forms are used by peanut growers and handlers, who are nominated by their peers to serve as representatives on the Committee, to submit their qualifications to the Secretary. Other USDA forms are used by handlers to sign the Agreement.

These forms require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the Agreement, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the AMAA as expressed in the Agreement.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of the USDA, including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Division regional and headquarter's staff, and authorized employees of the Committee. Authorized Committee employees, and the industry, which may be provided only aggregate (not confidential) information, are the primary users of the

information and AMS is the secondary user.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.246 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Peanut producers and for-profit businesses handling fresh and processed peanuts produced in the 16-state production area.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 29.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 9.19.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 126 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments should reference OMB No. 0581–0067 and the Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146, and be sent to USDA in care of Jim Wendland 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 become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Consumer Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—The Integrity Profile (TIP)

**AGENCY:** Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.