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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV05-502-N]

Notice of Request for Revision to an Extension 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 a currently approved information collection for Fruit and Vegetable Market News.

DATES: Comments received by September 19, 2005, will be considered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Terry C. Long, Chief, Fruit and Vegetable Market News Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS-USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop-0238, Washington, DC 20250-0238; telephone: (202) 720-2175, fax: (202) 720-0547. All comments will be available for public inspection at this address during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Fruit and Vegetable Market News.

OMB Number: 0581-0006.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Revision to an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Collection and dissemination of information for fruit, vegetable and ornamental production and to facilitate trading by providing a price base used by producers, wholesalers, and retailers to market product.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621, *et seq.*), 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 fruit and vegetable industry provides information on a voluntary basis, and is gathered through confidential telephone and face-to-face interviews by market reporters. Reporters request supplies, demand, and prices of over 400 fresh fruit, vegetable, nut ornamental, and other specialty crops.

The fruit and vegetable market news reports are used by academia, but are primarily used by the fruit, vegetable and ornamental trade, which includes packers, processors, brokers, retailers, and producers. The fruit and vegetable industry requested that the Department of Agriculture issue price and supply market reports for commodities of regional, national and international significance 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 and staff, as needed, to keep them apprised of the current market conditions and movement of fruit, vegetable, and ornamental commodities in the United States. Economists at most major agricultural colleges and universities use the reports to make both short and long term market projections. The data is used extensively by consulting firms and private economists to aid them in determining available supplies and current pricing.

The information is collected, compiled, and disseminated by an impartial third party, in a manner which protects the confidentiality of the reporter. Further, since the Government is a purchaser of fruits and vegetables, 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 .033 hours per response.

Respondents: Fruit, vegetable, and ornamental industry, or other for-profit businesses, individuals or households, farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,174.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 119,787.

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 may be sent to: Terry C. Long, Chief, Fruit and Vegetable Market News Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS-USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop-0238, Washington, DC 20250-0238.

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: July 18, 2005.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-04-303]

United States Standards for Grades of Field Grown Leaf Lettuce

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Reopening and extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period on possible development of United States Standards for Grades of Field Grown Leaf Lettuce is reopened and extended.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 19, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240; fax (202) 720-8871; e-mail FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov.

Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours. The proposed United States Standards for Grades of Field Grown Leaf Lettuce is available at either the above address, or by accessing the AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbdoctlist.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David L. Priester, at the above address or call (202) 720-2185; e-mail David.Priester@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A notice was published in the **Federal Register**, March 24, 2005, (70 FR 15065) requesting comments on the possible development of the United States Standards for Grades of Field Grown Leaf Lettuce. The proposed standards would provide industry with a common language and uniform basis for trading, thus promoting the orderly and efficient marketing of field grown leaf lettuce. Additionally, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is seeking any comments related to the proposed standards that may be necessary to better serve the industry. The comment period ended May 23, 2005.

A comment was received from a national industry association representing independent produce wholesale receivers, expressing the need for additional time to comment. The association requested the comment period be extended to allow the association an opportunity to meet further with their members to discuss the proposed standards.

After reviewing the request, AMS is reopening and extending the comment period in order to allow sufficient time

for interested persons, including the association, to file comments.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: July 15, 2005.

Kenneth C. Clayton,
Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Buckhorn Mountain Project a Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement or for Crown Jewel Mine, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, Okanogan County, WA.

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On September 5, 2003, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Buckhorn Mountain Project, a Supplement to the final environmental impact statement for the Crown Jewel Mine was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 52736). The Forest Service has decided to cancel the preparation of this EIS. The NOI is hereby rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be addressed to Jan Flatten, Forest Environmental Coordinator, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forest, Okanogan Valley Office, 1240 Second Avenue South, Okanogan, WA 98840. Telephone: (509) 826-3277.

Dated: July 12, 2005.

Norm Day,
Holden Project Manager, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Import Certificates, End-User Certificates, and Delivery Verification Procedures.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0093.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 645 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 15 to 30 minutes per response.

Number of Respondents: 2,221 respondents.

Needs and Uses: Import or End-User Certificates are an undertaking by the government of the country of ultimate destination (the issuing government) to exercise legal control over the disposition of the items covered by the importer (ultimate consignee or purchaser) and transmitted to the exporter (applicant). The control exercised by the government issuing the Import or End-User Certificate is in addition to the conditions and restrictions placed on the transaction by BIS. This collection of information also contains recordkeeping and reporting requirements that involve Import or End-user Certificates as supporting documentation accompanying an application for an export license (approved by OMB under control no. 0694-0088). Another reporting requirement allows exporters to request an exception to the imports certificate (or its equivalent) procedure. This reporting requirement also covers requests for exceptions to the delivery verification procedure.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, DOC Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, e-mail address, David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov, or fax number, (202) 395-7285.

Dated: July 15, 2005.

Madeleine Clayton,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.
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