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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Comments regarding this information collection received by February 26, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: School Meals Operations Study: State Agency COVID–19 Child Nutrition Waivers Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0607.

Summary of Collection: This study was originally called the Child Nutrition Program Operations Study II. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has changed the name of the study series to School Meals Operations (SMO) Study to better reflect the specific programs on which the study ordinarily collects data. The annual data collected from this study allows FNS to describe and assess program operations, provide input for legislation and regulations on the CN programs, and develop pertinent technical assistance and training for program staff at the State and local levels. This information is necessary for FNS to understand how recent and proposed legislation, regulations, policies, and initiatives change the child nutrition program operations. However, for the SY 2020–2021 data collection, FNS has repurposed the SMO Study to collect the data needed to meet the congressionally-mandated reporting requirements for the 21 COVID–19-related Child Nutrition waiver requests specified in section 2202 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (Pub. L. 116–127). These nationwide waiver requests affected requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), the NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO), the School Food Service Program (SFSP), and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Need and Use of the Information: This mandatory study will collect data from the State Child Nutrition directors through a web-survey and an administrative data collection. The survey portion of the study will collect information relevant to the implementation of the nationwide waivers, and the administrative data collection will collect disaggregated administrative data from the State agencies. This study will help the State agencies fulfill their congressionally-mandated reporting requirements by focusing on the use of COVID–19-related nationwide waivers and the administration of CN Programs that operated under nationwide waiver

authority during March 2020 through September 2020. FNS will use the data to assess meal service levels to determine coverage within and across states, look for patterns and trends across site types, and assess how the waivers improved services to children since, in the absence of these waivers, meal service may not have been possible. The information will also inform FNS's planning, policy, and guidance related to state and local meal service operations during future emergency situations and unanticipated school closures.

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

Number of Respondents: 67.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,173.

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Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: CCC’s Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM–102).

OMB Control Number: 0551–0004.

Summary of Collection: The Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM–102) is administered by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This program provides guarantees to exporters in order to maintain and increase overseas importers ability to purchase U.S. agricultural goods. The Export Credit Guarantee Program underwrites credit extended by U.S. private banks to approved foreign banks using dollar-denominated, irrevocable letters of credit. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will collect information from the guarantee application submitted by the participants through an electronic system or in writing (via fax or email) or mail.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information from participating U.S. exporters in order to determine the exporter’s eligibility for program benefits. The information collection is necessary to enable exporters, U.S. banks and foreign banks to receive the benefits of the program and to allow CCC to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, the Debt Collection Improvement Act, and non-procurement suspension and debarment regulations found at 2 CFR pars 180 and 417. If the information were not collected CCC would be unable to determine if export sales under the program would be eligible for coverage or, if coverage conformed to program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 47.

Frequency of Responses: Record keeping, Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,130.

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) provides U.S. agricultural commodities to feed millions of hungry people in needy countries through direct donations and concessional programs. USDA Food aid may be provided through three program authorities: Food for Progress authorized by the Food for Progress Act of 1985, Section 416(b); and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and Public Law 480.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information from recipients desiring to receive grants or cooperative agreements under the programs to determine their ability to carry out a food aid program, to establish the terms under which the commodities will be provided, to monitor the progress of commodity distribution (including how transportation is procured), to monitor the progress of expenditure of monetization funds, and to evaluate both the program’s success and the participant’s effectiveness in meeting the agreed upon 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: 61.

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

Total Burden Hours: 88,309.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Pima Agriculture Cotton Trust Fund.

OMB Control Number: 0551–0044.

Summary of Collection: Section 12602 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–79) (The Act), as amended by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–334), authorizes distributions out of the Pima Agriculture Cotton Trust Fund (“Pima Cotton Trust Fund”) in each of calendar years 2018 through 2023, payable to qualifying claimants. Eligible claimants are directed to submit a notarized affidavit, following the statutory procedures specified in Section 12314(c) or (d) of the Act.

Need and Use of the Information: Distributions out of the Trust Fund is payable to (1) One or more nationally recognized associations established for the promotion of pima cotton for use in textile and apparel goods; (2) certain yarn spinners of pima cotton that produced ring spun cotton yarns in the United States from pima cotton during the prior calendar year; and (3) manufacturers who cut and sew cotton shirts in the United States who certify that they used imported cotton fabric during the prior calendar year. Eligible claimants for a distribution from the Pima Cotton Trust Fund are directed to submit a notarized affidavit. The Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) will use the information provided in the affidavits to certify the claimants’ eligibility and to authorize payment from the Pima Cotton Trust Fund. If eligible claimants do not submit an affidavit with the required information they will not be entitled to a distribution from the Pima Cotton Trust Fund.

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

Number of Respondents: 9.

Frequency of Responses: Record keeping, Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 9.

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