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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-NOP-15-0005; NOP-15-04]

#### National Organic Standards Board (NOSB): Call for Nominations

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; call for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) was established to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on the implementation of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA). Through this Notice, The USDA is requesting nominations to fill five (5) upcoming vacancies on the NOSB. The positions are as follows: Farmers/growers (2), consumer/public interest advocates (2), and a USDA Accredited Certifying Agent (1). The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint one person to each of these five positions to serve a 5-year term of office that will commence on January 24, 2016, and end January 23, 2021.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Nomination applications are to be mailed to Rita Meade, USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 2648-S., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250; or electronically sent via Email to: [Rita.Meade@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Rita.Meade@ams.usda.gov). Electronic submittals by email are preferred.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Arsenault, (202) 720-0081; Email: [Michelle.Arsenault@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Michelle.Arsenault@ams.usda.gov); or Rita Meade, (202) 260-8636; Email: [Rita.Meade@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Rita.Meade@ams.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OFPA of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 6501 *et seq.*), requires the Secretary to establish an organic certification program for producers and handlers of

agricultural products that have been produced using organic methods. The OFPA includes the requirement that the Secretary establish an NOSB in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2 *et seq.*). The purpose of the NOSB is to assist in the development of a proposed National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and to advise the Secretary on the implementation of the OFPA.

The NOSB is composed of 15 members; including 4 organic producers, 2 organic handlers, a retailer, 3 environmentalists/resource conservationists, 3 public/consumer representatives, a scientist, and a certifying agent. Through this Notice, USDA is seeking nominations to fill the following five (5) positions: Farmers/growers (2), consumer/public interest advocates (2), and a USDA Accredited Certifying Agent (1). As per the OFPA, individuals seeking appointment to the NOSB at this time must: Own or operate an organic farming operation; represent public interest or consumer interest groups; and/or be a certifying agent as identified under section 6515 of this title.

Selection criteria include such factors as: Understanding of organic principles and practical experience in the organic community; demonstrated experience in the development of public policy such as participation on public or private advisory boards, boards of directors or other comparable organizations; participation in standards development or involvement in educational outreach activities; a commitment to the integrity of the organic food and fiber industry; the ability to evaluate technical information and to fully participate in Board deliberation and recommendations; and the willingness to commit the time and energy necessary to assume Board duties; demonstrated experience and interest in organic production; organic certification; support of consumer and public interest organizations; demonstrated experience with respect to agricultural products produced and handled on certified organic farms; and such other factors as may be appropriate for specific positions.

To nominate yourself or someone else, please submit: A resume, a cover letter, and a Form AD-755, which can be accessed at: [www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf](http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf). Resumes must

be no longer than 5 pages, and include at the beginning a summary of the following information: Current and past organization affiliations; areas of expertise; education; career positions held; any other notable positions held. You may also submit a list of endorsements or letters of recommendation, if desired. Resume and completed requested background information are required for a nominee to receive consideration for appointment by the Secretary.

If USDA receives a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), for records relating to NOSB nominations, your application materials may be released to the requester. Prior to the release of the information, personally identifiable information protected by the FOIA Privacy Act will be redacted.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that the recommendations of the NOSB take into account the needs of the diverse groups that are served by the Department, membership on the NOSB shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The information collection requirements concerning the nomination process have been previously cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0505-0001.

Dated: April 6, 2015.

**Rex A. Barnes,**  
Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document No. AMS-LPS-15-0001]

#### 2015 Rates Charged for AMS Services

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing the 2015

rates it will charge voluntary grading, inspection, certification, auditing and laboratory services for a variety of agricultural commodities including meat and poultry, fruits and vegetables, eggs, dairy products, and cotton and tobacco. The 2015 regular, overtime, holiday, and laboratory services rates will be applied at the beginning of the crop year, fiscal year or as required by law (June 1 for cotton programs) depending on the commodity. This action established the rates for user-funded programs based on costs incurred by AMS.

**DATES:** April 10, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sonia Jimenez, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 3069–S, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250; telephone (202) 720–5115, fax (202) 720–8477; email [sonia.jimenez@ams.usda.gov](mailto:sonia.jimenez@ams.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, (AMA) (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), provides for the collection of fees to cover costs of various inspection, grading, certification or auditing services covering many agricultural commodities and products. The AMA also provides for the recovery of costs incurred in providing laboratory services. The Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act (7 U.S.C. 471–476) and the U.S. Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51–65) provide for classification of cotton and development of cotton standards materials necessary for cotton classification. The Cotton Futures Act (7 U.S.C. 15b) provides for futures certification services and the Tobacco Inspection Act (7 U.S.C. 511–511s) provides for tobacco inspection and grading. These Acts also provide for the recovery of costs associated with these services.

On November 13, 2014, The Department of Agriculture (Department) published in the **Federal Register** a final rule that established standardized formulas for calculating the fees charged by AMS user-funded programs (79 FR 67313).

This notice announces the fee rates for voluntary grading, inspection, certification, auditing and laboratory

services for a variety of agricultural commodities including meat and poultry, fruits and vegetables, eggs, dairy products, and cotton and tobacco on a per-hour rate and, in some instances, the equivalent per-unit cost. The per-unit cost is provided to facilitate understanding of the costs associated with the service to the industries that historically used unit-cost basis for payment. The fee rates will be effective at the beginning of the fiscal year, crop year, or as required by specific laws (June 1 for cotton programs).

The rates reflect direct and indirect costs of providing services. Direct costs include the cost of salaries, employee benefits, and if applicable, travel and some operating costs. Indirect or overhead costs include the cost of Program and Agency activities supporting the services provided to the industry.

These services include the grading, inspection or certification of quality factors in accordance with established U.S. Grade Standards; audits or accreditation according to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards and/or Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles; and other marketing claims. The quality grades serve as a basis for market prices and reflect the value of agricultural commodities to both producers and consumers. AMS' grading and quality verification and certification, audit and accreditation, plant process and equipment verification, and laboratory approval services are voluntary tools paid by the users on a fee-for-service basis. The agriculture industry can use these tools to promote and communicate the quality of agricultural commodities to consumers. Laboratory services are provided for analytic testing, including but not limited to chemical, microbiological, biomolecular, and physical analyses. AMS is required by statute to recover the costs associated with these services.

As required by the Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act (7 U.S.C. 471–476), consultations regarding the establishment of the fee for cotton classification with U.S. cotton industry

representatives were held between January 2014 and the present. Representatives of all segments of the cotton industry, including producers, ginner, bale storage facility operators, merchants, cooperatives, and textile manufacturers were informed of the fees during various industry-sponsored forums.

### Rates Calculations

AMS calculated the rate for services, per hour per program employee using the following formulas (a per-unit base is included for programs that charge services based on a per-unit base):

(1) *Regular rate.* The total AMS grading, inspection, certification, classification, audit, or laboratory service program personnel direct pay divided by direct hours for the previous year, which is then multiplied by the next year's percentage of cost of living increase, plus the benefits rate, plus the operating rate, plus the allowance for bad debt rate. If applicable, travel expenses may also be added to the cost of providing the service.

(2) *Overtime rate.* The total AMS grading, inspection, certification, classification, audit, or laboratory service program personnel direct pay divided by direct hours, which is then multiplied by the next year's percentage of cost of living increase and then multiplied by 1.5, plus the benefits rate, plus the operating rate, plus an allowance for bad debt. If applicable, travel expenses may also be added to the cost of providing the service.

(3) *Holiday rate.* The total AMS grading, inspection, certification, classification, audit, or laboratory service program personnel direct pay divided by direct hours, which is then multiplied by the next year's percentage of cost of living increase and then multiplied by 2, plus benefits rate, plus the operating rate, plus an allowance for bad debt. If applicable, travel expenses may also be added to the cost of providing the service.

All rates are per-hour except when a per-unit cost is noted. The specific amounts in each rate calculation are available upon request from the specific AMS program.

## 2015 RATES

### Cotton Fees

#### 7 CFR Part 27—Cotton Classification Under Cotton Futures Legislation

Subpart A—Regulations; §§ 27.80–27.90 Costs of Classifications and Micronaire

## 2015 RATES—Continued

| Cotton Standardization                                                                                |                                        |          |         |                               |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                                       | Regular                                | Overtime | Holiday | Includes travel costs in rate | Start date    |
| Certification for Futures Contract (Grading services for samples submitted by CCC-licensed samplers). | \$3.50/bale                            |          |         | X                             | June 1, 2015. |
| Transfer of Certification Data to New Owner or Certified Warehouse (Electronic transfer performed).   | \$0.20/bale or \$5.00 per page minimum |          |         | X                             | June 1, 2015. |

**7 CFR Part 28—Cotton Classing, Testing, and Standards**

Subpart A—Regulations Under the United States Cotton Standards Act; §§ 28.115–28.126 Fees and Costs

Subpart D—Cotton Classification and Market News Service for Producers; § 28.909 Costs; § 28.910 Classification of Samples and Issuance of Classification Data; § 28.911 Review Classification.

| Cotton Grading                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                              |       |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Form 1: Grading Services for Producers (submitted by licensed sampler).                                                             | \$2.20/bale                                                                                                  | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Form 1 Review (new sample submitted by licensed sampler) .....                                                                      | \$2.20/bale                                                                                                  | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Form A Determinations (sample submitted by licensed warehouse)                                                                      | \$2.00/bale                                                                                                  | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Form C Determinations (sample submitted by non-licensed entity; bale sampled under USDA supervision).                               | \$2.00/bale                                                                                                  | ..... | June 1, 2015. |
| Form D Determination (sample submitted by owner or agent; classification represents sample only).                                   | Instrument and Manual Grade: \$2.00/bale; Instrument Grade Only: \$1.75/bale                                 | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Foreign Growth Classification (sample of foreign growth cotton submitted by owner or agent; classification represents sample only). | Instrument and Manual Grade: \$2.00/bale; Instrument Grade Only: \$1.75/bale                                 | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Arbitration (comparison of a sample to the official standards or a sample type).                                                    | Instrument and Manual Grade: \$4.00/bale; Instrument Grade Only: \$2.70/bale; Manual Grade Only: \$2.20/bale | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Practical Cotton Classing Exam (for non-USDA employees) .....                                                                       | Exam: \$105/applicant; Reexamination: \$85/applicant                                                         | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Special Sample Handling (return of samples per request) .....                                                                       | \$0.50/sample                                                                                                | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Electronic Copy of Classification Record .....                                                                                      | \$0.05/bale (\$5.00/month minimum with any records received)                                                 | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Form A Rewrite (reissuance of Form 1, Form A, or Futures Certification data or combination).                                        | \$0.15/bale or \$5.00/page                                                                                   | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Form R (reissuance of Form 1 classification only) .....                                                                             | \$0.15/bale or \$5.00/page minimum                                                                           | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| International Instrument Level Assessment .....                                                                                     | \$4.00/sample                                                                                                | X     | June 1, 2015. |

**Dairy Fees****7 CFR Part 58—Grading and Inspection, General Specifications for Approved Plants and Standards for Grades of Dairy Products**

Subpart A—Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products; §§ 58.38–58.46 Fees and Charges

|                                                                     |         |          |          |   |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|---|--------------|
| Continuous Resident Grading Service .....                           | \$76.00 | \$114.00 | \$152.00 | X | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Non-resident and Intermittent Grading Service .....                 | 82.00   | 123.00   | 164.00   | X | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Non-resident Services 6 p.m.–6 a.m. (10 percent night differential) | 90.20   | 135.30   | 180.40   | X | Oct 1, 2015. |
| State Graders .....                                                 | 82.00   | 123.00   | 164.00   | X | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Equipment Review .....                                              | 82.00   | 123.00   | 164.00   | X | Oct 1, 2015. |

## 2015 RATES—Continued

|                              |        |     |     |       |              |
|------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|-------|--------------|
|                              |        |     |     |       |              |
| Fax Charge .....             | 4.00   | N/A | N/A | ..... | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Derogation Application ..... | 123.00 | N/A | N/A | ..... | Oct 1, 2015. |

## Fruit and Vegetable Fees

**7 CFR Part 51—Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (Inspection, Certification, and Standards)**

Subpart A—Regulations; §§ 51.37–51.44 Schedule of Fees and Charges at Destination Markets § 51.45 Schedule of Fees and Charges at Shipping Point Areas

|                                                                                              |                  |          |          |                |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| Quality and Condition Inspections for Whole Lots .....                                       | \$151.00 per lot |          |          | .....          | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Condition—Only Inspections for Whole Lots .....                                              | \$125.00 per lot |          |          | .....          | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Quality and Condition or Condition—Only Inspections for Additional Lots of the Same Product. | \$69.00 per lot  |          |          | .....          | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Dockside Inspections—Each package weighing <30 lbs .....                                     | \$0.038 per pkg. |          |          | .....          | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Dockside Inspections—Each package weighing >30 lbs .....                                     | \$0.059 per pkg. |          |          | .....          | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Charge per Individual Product for Dockside Inspection .....                                  | \$151.00 per lot |          |          | .....          | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Charge per Each Additional Lot of the Same Product .....                                     | \$69.00 per lot  |          |          | .....          | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Inspections for All Hourly Work .....                                                        | \$74.00          | \$112.00 | \$148.00 | .....          | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Audit Services .....                                                                         | \$92.00          |          |          | <sup>1</sup> X | Oct 1, 2015. |

**7 CFR Part 52—Processed Fruits and Vegetables, Processed Products Thereof, and Other Processed Food Products**

Subpart—Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification; §§ 52.41–52.51 Fees and Charges

|                                                               |         |         |          |                |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| Lot Inspections .....                                         | \$62.00 | \$93.00 | \$124.00 | X              | Oct 1, 2015. |
| In-plant Inspections Under Annual Contract (year-round) ..... | 49.00   | 73.50   | 98.00    | X              | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Additional Graders (in-plant) or Less Than Year-Round .....   | 65.00   | 97.50   | 130.00   | X              | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Audit Services .....                                          | 92.00   |         |          | <sup>1</sup> X | Oct 1, 2015. |

## Meat and Livestock Fees

**7 CFR Part 54—Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards)**

Subpart A—Regulations; §§ 54.27–54.28 Charges for Service

|                                          |         |         |          |       |              |
|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------|--------------|
| Commitment Grading .....                 | \$61.00 | \$78.00 | \$122.00 | X     | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Non-commitment Grading .....             | 71.00   | 78.00   | 122.00   | ..... | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Night Differential (6 p.m.–6 a.m.) ..... | 78.00   | N/A     | 122.00   | ..... | Oct 1, 2015. |

**7 CFR Part 62—Livestock, Meat and Other Agricultural Commodities (Quality Systems Verification Programs)**

Subpart A—Quality Systems Verification Definitions § 62.300 Fees and Other Costs for Service

|                           |          |  |  |       |              |
|---------------------------|----------|--|--|-------|--------------|
| Auditing Activities ..... | \$108.00 |  |  | ..... | Oct 1, 2015. |
|---------------------------|----------|--|--|-------|--------------|

**7 CFR Part 75—Regulations for Inspection and Certification of Quality of Agricultural and Vegetable Seeds**

§ 75.41 General

|                          |                         |         |          |       |              |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|----------|-------|--------------|
| Laboratory Testing ..... | \$52.00                 | \$78.00 | \$104.00 | X     | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Administrative Fee ..... | \$13.00 per certificate |         |          | ..... | Oct 1, 2015. |

## Poultry Fees

**7 CFR Part 56—Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs**

Subpart A—Grading of Shell Eggs; §§ 56.45–56.54 Fees and Charges

**7 CFR Part 70—Voluntary Grading of Poultry and Rabbit Products**

## 2015 RATES—Continued

|                                                                                   |                      |                      |                      |       |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|
| Subpart A—Grading of Poultry and Rabbit Products; §§ 70.70–70.78 Fees and Charges |                      |                      |                      |       |              |
| Resident Service (in-plant) .....                                                 | <sup>2</sup> \$42.68 | <sup>2</sup> \$47.16 | <sup>2</sup> \$67.28 | X     | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Resident, Night Differential (6 p.m.–6 a.m.) .....                                | <sup>2</sup> 45.16   | <sup>2</sup> 49.60   | <sup>2</sup> 69.76   | X     | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Resident, Sunday Differential .....                                               | <sup>2</sup> 48.80   | <sup>2</sup> 53.28   | N/A                  | X     | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Resident, Sunday and Night Differential .....                                     | <sup>2</sup> 51.28   | <sup>2</sup> 55.76   | N/A                  | X     | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Fee Service (non-scheduled) .....                                                 | 77.28                | 93.24                | 115.89               | ..... | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Audit Service .....                                                               | 89.20                | 116.08               | 139.89               | ..... | Oct 1, 2015. |

## Science and Technology Fees

## 7 CFR Part 91—Services and General Information (Science and Technology)

## Subpart I—Fees and Charges; §§ 91.37–91.45

|                                                 |         |          |          |       |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|-------|--------------|
| Laboratory Testing Services .....               | \$88.00 | \$103.00 | \$118.00 | ..... | Oct 1, 2015. |
| Laboratory Approval Services <sup>3</sup> ..... | 136.00  | 163.00   | 191.00   | X     | Jan 1, 2016. |

## Tobacco Fees

## 7 CFR Part 29—Tobacco Inspection

Subpart A—Policy Statement and Regulations Governing the Extension of Tobacco Inspection and Price Support Services to New Markets and to Additional Sales on Designated Markets;

Subpart B—Regulations; §§ 29.123–29.129 Fees and Charges; § 29.500 Fees and charges for inspection and acceptance of imported tobacco

Subpart F—Policy Statement and Regulations Governing the Identification and Certification of Non-quota Tobacco Produced and Marketed in Quota Area; § 29.9251 Fees and Charges

|                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                  |         |         |       |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|---------------|
| Domestic Permissive Inspection and Certification (re-grading of domestic tobacco for processing plants, retesting of imported tobacco, and grading tobacco for research stations.). | \$47.40                          | \$53.70 | \$64.45 | ..... | June 1, 2015. |
| Export Permissive Inspection and Certification (grading of domestic tobacco for manufacturers and dealers for duty drawback consideration).                                         | \$0.0025/pound                   |         |         | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Grading for Risk Management Agency (for Tobacco Crop Insurance Quality Adjustment determinations).                                                                                  | \$0.01/pound                     |         |         | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Pesticide Test Sampling (collection of certified tobacco sample and shipment to AMS National Science Laboratory for testing).                                                       | \$0.0054/kg or \$0.0025/pound    |         |         | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Pesticide Retest Sampling (collection of certified tobacco sample from a previously sampled lot for re-testing at the AMS National Science Laboratory; fee includes shipping).      | \$115.00/sample and \$47.40/hour |         |         | X     | June 1, 2015. |
| Standards Course (training by USDA-certified instructor on tobacco grading procedures).                                                                                             | \$1,200.00/person                |         |         | ..... | June 1, 2015. |
| Import Inspection and Certification (grading of imported tobacco for manufacturers and dealers).                                                                                    | \$0.0154/kg or \$0.0070/pound    |         |         | X     | June 1, 2015. |

<sup>1</sup> Travel costs outside the United States will be added to the fee, if applicable.

<sup>2</sup> Administrative charges are applied in addition to hourly rates for resident service as specified in Part 56, Subpart A, § 56.52(a)(4); Part 56, Subpart A, § 56.54(a)(2); Part 70, Subpart A, § 70.76(a)(2); Part 70, Subpart A, § 70.77(a)(4) and Part 70, Subpart A, § 70.77(a)(5).

<sup>3</sup> Travel costs outside the United States will be added to the fee, if applicable.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 15b; 7 U.S.C. 473a–b; 471–476; 7 U.S.C. 511, 511s; and 7 U.S.C. 7 U.S.C. 55 and 61; 7 U.S.C. 51–65; 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

Dated: April 6, 2015.

**Rex A. Barnes,**  
Associate Administrator.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request—School Breakfast  
Program****AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this information collection. This collection is a revision of a currently approved collection which FNS employs to determine public participation in the School Breakfast Program.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 8, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Lynn Rodgers-Kuperman, Branch Chief, Program Monitoring, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service,

U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 636, Alexandria, VA 22302-1594. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Lynn Rodgers-Kuperman at 703-305-2879 or via email to [lynn.rodgers@fns.usda.gov](mailto:lynn.rodgers@fns.usda.gov). Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Lynn Rodgers at 703-305-2595.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 7 CFR part 220, School Breakfast Program.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0012.

*Expiration Date:* August 31, 2015.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (CNA) (42 U.S.C. 1773) authorizes the School Breakfast Program (SBP) as a nutrition assistance program and authorizes payments to the States to assist them to initiate, maintain, or expand nonprofit breakfast programs in schools. The provision requires that "Breakfasts served by schools participating in the School Breakfast Program under this section shall consist of a combination of foods and shall meet minimum nutritional requirements prescribed by the Secretary on the basis of tested nutritional research." This information collection is required to administer and operate this program in accordance with the NSLA (National School Lunch Act). The Program is administered at the State

and school food authority (SFA) levels and operations include the submission of applications and agreements, submission and payment of claims, and maintenance of records. The reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with this revision is summarized in the charts below. The difference in burden is mainly due to adjustments, such as the removal of duplicate burden and an increase in schools participating. All of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements associated with the SBP are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget and are in force. This is a revision of the currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* (1) State agencies; (2) School Food Authorities; and (3) schools.

*Number of Respondents:* 110,270 (56 SAs; 20,386 SFAs; 89,828 schools).

*Number of Responses per Respondent:* 10.017493.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1,104,629.

*Reporting time per Response:* 0.226043.

*Estimated Annual Reporting Burden:* 249,694.

*Number of Recordkeepers:* 110,270 (56 SAs; 20,386 SFAs; 89,828 schools).

*Number of Records per Record Keeper:* 295.1368.

*Estimated total Number of Records/Response to Keep:* 32,544,740.

*Recordkeeping time per Response:* 0.109837.

*Total Estimated Recordkeeping Burden:* 3,574,613.

*Annual Recordkeeping and Reporting Burden:* 3,824,307.

*Current OMB Inventory for Part 220:* 3,924,902.

*Difference (change in burden with this renewal):* (100,595).

See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

| Affected Public                      | Est. number of respondents | Est. frequency of responses per respondent | Total annual responses | Est. total hours per response | Est. total burden |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Reporting</b>                     |                            |                                            |                        |                               |                   |
| State agencies .....                 | 56                         | 36.3393                                    | 2,035                  | 0.2757                        | 561               |
| School Food Authorities .....        | 20,386                     | 10.022270                                  | 204,314                | 0.99954                       | 204,219           |
| Schools .....                        | 89,828                     | 10                                         | 898,280                | 0.05                          | 44,914            |
| Total Estimated Reporting Burden ... | 110,270                    | 10.017493                                  | 1,104,629              | 0.226043                      | 249,694           |
| <b>Recordkeeping</b>                 |                            |                                            |                        |                               |                   |
| State agencies .....                 | 56                         | 50                                         | 2,800                  | 0.17976                       | 503               |
| School Food Authorities .....        | 20,386                     | 10                                         | 203,860                | 0.083                         | 16,920            |