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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 27, 2009.

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), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental 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) 720-8681.

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.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1744-C, Advance and Disbursement of Funds—Telecommunications.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0023.

Summary of Collection: Section 201 of the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936 authorizes the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans for the purpose of providing telephone service to the widest practicable number of rural subscribers. A borrower requesting loan advances must submit RUS Form 481, "Financial Requirement Statement". Along with the Form 481 the borrower must also submit a description of the advances and upon request copies of backup documentation relating to the transactions. The information is used to determine what projects the contracts listed on the Form relate to.

Within a reasonable amount of time, funds are advanced to the borrower for the purposes specified in the statement of purposes.

Need and Use of the Information: The Form 481 is used by RUS to record and control transactions in the construction fund. RUS will collect information and verify that the funds advanced are related directly to loan purposes. If the information were not collected, RUS would not have any control over how loan funds are spent or a record of the balance to be advanced.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 177.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,223.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1717 subpart Y, Settlement of Debt Owed by Electric Borrowers.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0116.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to electric systems to provide and improve electric service in rural areas pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) (RE Act). Only those electric borrowers that are unable to fully repay their debts to the government and who apply to RUS for

relief will be affected by this collection of information. The information collected will be similar to that which any prudent lender would require to determine whether debt settlement is required and the amount of relief that is needed.

Need and Use of the Information:

RUS will collect information to determine the need for debt settlement; the amount of debt the borrower can repay; the future scheduling of debt repayment; and, the range of opportunities for enhancing the amount of debt that can be recovered.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,000.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Evaluation of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

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 proposed information collection. This collection is a new collection for the Food and Nutrition Service Evaluation of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to examine how the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program is currently being implemented and to estimate program impacts on participating students.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 2, 2009.

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: Steven Carlson, Director, Office of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Steven Carlson at 703-305-2576 or via e-mail to

Steve.Carlson@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 written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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 Steven Carlson at 703-305-2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food and Nutrition Service Evaluation of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

OMB Number: Not Yet Assigned.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Determined.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is intended to fight childhood obesity and improve overall diet quality by teaching children more healthful eating habits. The FFVP began as a pilot project in four states pursuant to provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171). Schools selected to participate in the FFVP are reimbursed for providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to students during the school day, outside of normal school

breakfast and lunch meals. Under section 4304 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246), the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) was amended to authorize the expansion of the FFVP to selected schools nationwide, including Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. This was accomplished by incorporating the FFVP into its own section in the NSLA, section 19, 42 U.S.C. 1770. As part of this authorizing legislation, the Secretary of Agriculture was tasked in section 19(h) with conducting an evaluation of the FFVP. The legislation states:

“(1) In General.—The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of the program, including a determination as to whether children experienced, as a result of participating in the program—

(A) Increased consumption of fruits and vegetables;

(B) other dietary changes, such as decreased consumption of less nutritious foods; and

(C) such other outcomes as are considered appropriate by the Secretary.”

The evaluation of the FFVP has two main objectives: (1) To examine how the FFVP is currently being implemented, and (2) to estimate program impacts on participating students. To address these objectives, FNS has specified 36 research questions that are grouped into six broad research categories for the evaluation:

1. Description of participating schools.

2. Description of participating children.

3. Description of FFVP implementation.

4. Examine impacts of FFVP on school environment.

5. Examine program impacts on children including consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, consumption of other foods, nutritional status and attitudes towards fresh fruits and vegetables.

6. Examine contextual effects of nutrition education and delivery systems on FFVP.

To evaluate program impacts on participating students, data will be collected from 6,144 students in grades 4-6 in 256 public elementary schools in 16 states as well as parents, teachers, school food service managers and principals. Half (128) of the sampled schools will participate in the FFVP and the other half (128) will be non-FFVP participating schools. To examine the implementation of the FFVP, data will be collected from an additional 448 schools that participate in the FFVP to provide a random sample of all schools

participating in the program. Implementation data will also be collected from the 128 participating schools in the impact study, thus totaling 576 schools for the implementation study.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal, Individuals and Households—Respondent groups identified include: (1) State Child Nutrition (CN) Directors; (2) Directors of School Food Authorities (SFAs); (3) School Principals; (4) School food service managers; (5) Teachers; (6) Students (grades 4, 5 and 6); and (7) Parents of sampled students.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents is 18,854. This includes: 7,680 students (80% will complete interview; subsample will complete a second 24-hour dietary recall); 7,680 parents (80% will complete brief questionnaire); 768 teachers (90 percent will complete brief questionnaire); 256 school food service managers (95 percent will complete brief interview); 816 school principals (86 percent will complete Web survey); 816 SFA directors (86 percent will complete Web survey), and 54 State CN Directors (90 percent will complete Web survey), 16 of whom will provide some additional administrative data for the impact study states.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Two major types of data collection activities will be used: Web surveys with three respondent groups and in-school data collection with five different respondent groups. State CN Directors or designees will be asked to participate in two Web surveys, and those agencies in the 16 impact study states will provide additional detail on FFVP applications and reimbursements. SFA Directors and Principals will each participate in one Web survey. School food service managers will be interviewed in person two times on sample days for information about foods served in FFVP, and school meals (School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program) on those days. Teachers and parents of sampled students will each complete one short questionnaire. Sampled students will all participate in an individual 24-hour dietary recall which may be assisted by a one-day food diary. A subsample of the students will complete a second 24-hour dietary recall on a nonconsecutive day, which may be assisted by a one-day food diary.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 19,180.

Estimated Time per Response: About 30 minutes (0.48 hours). The estimated time of response varies from 3 to 65

minutes depending on respondent group, as shown in the table below.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 508,668 minutes (8,477.8 hours). See the table below for estimated

total annual burden for each type of respondent. The burden estimates assume the use of a one-day food diary completed by sampled students and a second one-day food diary completed by

a 10% subsample of students which may be deemed necessary for collecting usual intake of foods and/or nutrients. If the food diaries are not included, the burden estimates would be lower.

Respondent		Estimated number of respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated average number of hours per response	Estimated total hours
Students—record-assisted dietary recalls.	Completed	6,144	1.00	6,144.0	1.0833	6655.8
	Attempted	1,536	1.00	1536.0	0.0500	76.8
Students—second dietary recall (10% subsample).	Completed	614	1.00	614.0	0.5833	358.1
	Attempted	154	1.00	154.0	0.0500	7.7
Parents	Completed	6,144	1.00	6,144.0	0.0833	511.8
	Attempted	1,536	1.00	1,536.0	0.0500	76.8
Teachers	Completed	691	1.00	691.0	0.0833	57.6
	Attempted	77	1.00	77.0	0.0500	3.9
School Food Service Managers	Completed	243	2.00	486.0	0.1667	81.0
	Attempted	13	2.00	26.0	0.0500	1.3
School Principals	Completed	704	1.00	704.0	0.3333	234.6
	Attempted	112	1.00	112.0	0.0500	5.6
State CN Directors	Completed	49	2.00	98.0	0.3333	32.7
	Attempted	5	2.00	10.0	0.0500	0.5
State CN Directors (Administrative Data).	Completed	16	2.00	32.0	0.5000	16.0
	Attempted	0	2.00	0.0	0.0500	0.0
School Food Authority (SFA) Directors.	Completed	704	1.00	704.0	0.5000	352.0
	Attempted	112	1.00	112.0	0.0500	5.6
Totals		18,854		19,180.0		8,477.8

Dated: August 25, 2009.

Julia Paradis,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey. Revision to burden hours will be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length. We will also be discontinuing the Nursery and Christmas Tree Production Survey for

this approval cycle. NASS will be able to use production data from the Census of Horticulture (0535-0236) to calculate weights and expansions for the chemical use data.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 2, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0244, by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 720-6396.

- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Nursery and Christmas Tree Production Survey and Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0244.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2010.

Type of Request: To revise and extend a currently approved information collection for a period of three years.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition, as well as economic statistics, environmental statistics related to agriculture and also to conduct the Census of Agriculture.

This includes estimates of production and value of key nursery products and chemical use by nursery and floriculture production operations.

The Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey, is conducted every 3 years; it measures chemical usage, related to the production of nursery and floriculture crops in six major producing States. The resulting publication, is part of the NASS series on Agricultural Chemical Usage, and it summarizes rates of application, total amount of active ingredients applied, and use of pest management practices.