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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 23, 2010.

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) 720-8958.

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.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0001.

Summary of Collection: The Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota regulation (the Regulation) (7 CFR part 6) governs the administration of the import licensing system applicable to most dairy products subject to tariff-rate quotas (TRQs). The TRQs were established in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States as a result of certain provisions in the Uruguay Round Agreement Act (Pub. L. 103-465) that converted existing absolute quotas to TRQs. Imports of nearly all cheese made from cow's milk (except soft-ripened cheese such as Brie) and certain non-cheese dairy products (including butter and dried milk) are subject to TRQs and the Regulation. Licenses are issued each quota year to eligible applicants and are valid for 12 months (January 1 through December 31). Importers without licenses may enter dairy articles only at the over-quota tariff-rates. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will use the information to assure that the intent of the legislation is correctly administered and to determine eligibility to obtain benefits under the Regulation. If the information were collected less frequently, FSA would be unable to issue licenses on an annual basis in compliance with the Regulation.

Description of Respondents: Business or other-for-profit; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 700.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping, Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 459.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection; Online Registration for FSA-sponsored Events and Conferences

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension without revision of the information collection associated with online registration for FSA-sponsored events and conferences. The information collection is needed for FSA to obtain information from the respondents who register on the Internet to make payment and reservations to attend any FSA-sponsored conferences and events.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 28, 2010.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Farm Service Agency, USDA, Office of External Affairs, Jeff Kerby, 1400 Independence Avenue, Mail Stop 0506, SW., Washington, DC 20250.
- *E-mail:* jeff.kerby@wdc.usda.gov.
- *Fax:* (202) 720-2979.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Jeff Kerby at the above addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Kerby, Office of External Affairs, (202) 720-1593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Online Registration for FSA-sponsored Events and Conferences.

OMB Number: 0560-0226.

Expiration Date of Approval: 05/31/2010.

Type of Request: Extension with no revision.

Abstract: The collection of information is necessary for people to

register online to make payment and reservations to attend conferences and events. They can register on FSA's Online Registration site on the Internet. Respondents who do not have access to the Internet can register by mail or fax. The information is collected by the FSA employees who sponsor the conferences and events. The FSA is collecting common elements from interested respondents such as name, organization, address, country, phone number, State, city or town, payment options (cash, credit card, check) and special accommodations requests. The respondents are mainly individuals who are interested in attending the FSA-sponsored conferences or events. The information is used to collect payment from the respondents and make hotel reservations and other special arrangements as necessary.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 15 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Average Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 900.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 225 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection and to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) 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.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, March 18, 2010.

Jonathon W. Coppess,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection; Minority Farm Register

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection for the Minority Farm Register. The Minority Farm Register is a voluntary register of minority farm and ranch operators, landowners, tenants and others with an interest in farming or agriculture. USDA Office of Outreach uses the collected information to better inform minority farmers about USDA programs and services.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by May 28, 2010.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Monique B. Randolph, Staff Assistant, Farm Service Agency, STOP 0599, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0503.

- *E-mail:* monique.randolph@usda.gov.

- *Fax:* 202-690-0408.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Monique B. Randolph at the above addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monique B. Randolph, Staff Assistant, Farm Service Agency, (202) 720-0402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Minority Farm Register.

OMB Number: 0560-0231.

Expiration Date: 9/30/2010.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: The Minority Farm Register is a voluntary register of minority farm and ranch operators, landowners, tenants and others with an interest in farming or agriculture. The registrant's name, address, email, phone number, race, ethnicity, gender, farm location, and signature will be collected. The name, address, and signature are the only items required to register.

Providing this information is completely

voluntary. USDA's Office of Outreach will use this information to help inform minority farmers and ranchers about programs and services provided by USDA agencies.

The Minority Farm Register is maintained by FSA and jointly administered by FSA and USDA's Office of Outreach. Because USDA partners with community-based organizations, minority-serving educational institutions, and other groups to communicate USDA's program and services, the Office of Outreach may share information collected with these organizations for outreach purposes. The race, ethnicity, and gender of registrants may be used to provide information about programs and services that are designed for these particular groups. Information about the Minority Farm Register is available on the internet to ensure that the program is widely publicized and accessible to all.

Respondents: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Forms Filed per Person: 1.

Estimated Total Number of Responses: 5,000.

Estimated Average Time to Respond: 5 minutes and 1 hour of traveling time.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4667.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection and to help us to:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) 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.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for OMB approval.