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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 7, 2013.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. 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), New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC; New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC, 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: 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 by June 12, 2013. 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.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Almonds Grown in California (7 CFR Part 981).

OMB Control Number: 0581–0242.

Summary of Collection: Marketing Order No. 981 (7 CFR part 981) regulates the handling of almonds grown in California and emanates from the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, (Act) Secs. 1–19, 48 Stat. 31, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674) to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the California almond marketing order program. The board has developed forms as a means for persons to file required information with the board relating to the treatment of almonds to reduce the potential for Salmonella bacteria prior to shipment.

Need and Use of the Information: Almond handlers are required to submit annual treatment plans to the board and inspection agency to ensure such plans are complete and auditable regarding how they plan to treat their almonds to reduce the potential for Salmonella. The plan will be approved by the Board and must address specific parameters for the handler to ship almonds. The Board also gathers information from entities interested in being almond process authorities that validate technologies, to accept and further process untreated almonds and entities interested in being auditors. The information collected would be used only by authorized representatives of USDA, including the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs' regional and headquarters' staff, and authorized employees and agents of the board.

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

Number of Respondents: 175.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; Annually; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 4,200.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by June 12, 2013 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

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

OMB Control Number: 0535-0244.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is charged with the responsibility of providing reliable, up-to-date information concerning the Nation's crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition, as well as environmental statistics. This includes estimates of production and value of key nursery products and chemical use by nursery and floriculture production operations. Congress appropriated funds for the collection of pesticide use data on nursery and floriculture operations. This data will expand the existing NASS pesticide database that contains comprehensive annual pesticide use reports. NASS will collect the information using surveys. The authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204.

Need and Use of the Information: Nursery and Christmas tree production data and nursery and floriculture chemical use data will be used by NASS, the Environmental Protection Agency, the nursery and floriculture industries, and other parties to assess the environmental and economic impact of various programs, policies, and procedures on nursery and floriculture operators and workers. The basic chemical use and farm practices information also will be used to enhance the national chemical use database maintained by NASS. This database is an integral source of data necessary for on-going risk assessments related to dietary exposure to chemicals, worker safety, water quality, and ecological resources.

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

Number of Respondents: 8,136.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Triennial.

Total Burden Hours: 5,075.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection With Additional Merge of Additional Collection: Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Fresh and Processed Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products

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 merger of Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) Fresh Products Division with the Processed Products Division: The newly combined program is named Specialty Crops Inspection Division. The purpose of this notice is to revise and rename two information collections, 0581-0125 Regulation Governing Inspection, Certification, Standards, and Audit Services for Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products—7 CFR part 51 and 0581-0234 Reporting Requirements under the Regulations Governing Inspections and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables and Related Products—7 CFR part 52. This notice also combines, 0581-0125 Regulation Governing Inspection, Certification, Standards, and Audit Services for Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products—7 CFR part 51 and 0581-0234 Reporting Requirements under the Regulations Governing Inspections and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables and Related Products—7 CFR part 52 providing approved information collections into one and request extension approval of the information collection retitled Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Fresh and Processed Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products 7 CFR part 51 and part 52 from the Office of Management and Budget. Specialty Crops Inspection Division provides nationwide inspection, certification and auditing services for fresh and processed fruits, vegetables, and other products on a "user fee" basis to facilitate trading of agricultural products on international, interstate and intrastate levels.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 31, 2013, to be assured consideration.

Additional Information: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the Web at <http://www.regulations.gov> or contact Nathaniel W. Taylor, Inspection Branch Chief, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, and 20250; email: Nathaniel.Taylor@ams.usda.gov; Ph.: 800-811-2373; or fax: 202-720-0393. Comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be posted without change, including the identity of the individuals or entities and their personal information, and will be available for public inspection via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the address cited above during regular business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Governing Inspection Certification and Audit Services for Fresh and Processed Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products—7 CFR part 51 and part 52.

OMB Number: 0581-0125.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2013.

Type of Request: Revision and Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, (7 U.S.C., 1621-1627) as amended authorizes the Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Inspection Division to provide inspection and certification of the quality and condition of agricultural products. Specialty Crops Inspection Division provides a nationwide inspection, grading, and auditing service for fresh and processed fruits, vegetables and other products to shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and other financially interested parties on a "user fee" basis. The use of services is voluntary and is made available only upon request or when specified by some special program or contract. Information is needed to carry out the inspection, grading, or auditing services. Such information includes; the name and location of the person or company requesting services, the type and location of the product to be inspected, the type of inspection being requested, information that will identify the product or type and scope of audit requested. With this revision, Specialty Crops Inspection Division is including information collection requirements currently approved by OMB control number 0581-0125 Regulations