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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 5, 2008.

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

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Customer Data Worksheet Request for SCIMS Record Change.
OMB Control Number: 0560-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Critical Customer Data is required in order to identify USDA program participants and ensure that benefits are directed to the correct customer and respective Tax Identification Numbers. There is no public law regarding the use or collection of Critical Customer Data. The option to document and track Critical Customer Data changes is necessary to ensure the integrity of the database and to provide the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources and Conservation Service and Rural Development a method of verifying the validity of the information, and provide a necessary basis for pursuing legal remedies when needed.

Need and Use of the Information: Critical Customer Data is necessary to input customer information for identity purposes and to provide a point of contact for the respective customer and a valid Tax Identification Number to direct program benefits to. The AD-2047 will be used to document Critical Customer Data changes and also to provide a spot check documentation form. Failure to collect and timely maintain the data collected will result in erroneous/outdated point of contact information, which could result in program information and benefits being directed to incorrect recipients.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 51,750.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (when necessary).

Total Burden Hours: 24,323.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

In-Handling Charges for Commodities Pledged as Collateral for Marketing Assistance Loan

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will discontinue reimbursing producers or warehouse operators for in-handling charges. This begins with the 2008-crop for all commodities except cotton. Producers must pay or provide for all in-handling charges on warehouse-stored commodities before CCC will accept commodities as collateral for a warehouse-stored marketing assistance loan. Also, producers must pay or provide for the payment of in-handling charges for farm-stored commodities that are delivered to a warehouse in settlement of a farm-stored marketing assistance loan.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 8, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) (2002 Farm Bill) authorizes the marketing assistance loan program for all commodities. In the past, CCC paid warehouse operators or reimbursed producers for in-handling charges on forfeited commodities that were pledged as collateral for warehouse-stored marketing assistance loans or delivered to CCC in satisfaction of a farm-stored marketing assistance loan.

Starting with the 2008-crop year, CCC will no longer pay warehouse operators or reimburse producers for in-handling charges that are applicable to either warehouse-stored commodities that are pledged as collateral for marketing assistance loans or farm-stored