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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 are requested regarding: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by August 18, 2025. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted, identified by docket number 0535–0264, within 30 days of the publication of this notice by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov. Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.
- *E-fax:* 855–838–6382.
- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions to: Brent Chittenden, 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: Brent Chittenden, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2024.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: 2025 Area Screening Survey, a pilot study for the June Area Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0264.

Summary of Collection: The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow-on surveys. NASS plans to conduct the 2025 Area Screening Survey, as a pilot study to support potential improvements and validate the methodology to the June Area Survey. The proof-of-concept and pilot study results will inform changes to the information collection approach and ensure the updated methodology is robust and effective. If successful, this initiative could lead to significant cost reductions and/or decreased respondent burden for the June Area Survey. The target population for the 2025 Area Screening Survey, a pilot study for the June Area Survey, comprises all tracts in Colorado, Illinois, New York, Oregon, and Texas. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S.C. Title 7, Section 2204. The 2025 Area Screening Survey aimed at testing a new screening questionnaire for the June Area Survey under OMB Control Number 0535–0213.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of this pilot study to support potential improvements and validate the methodology for the June Area Survey. The proof-of-concept and pilot study results will inform changes to the information collection approach and ensure the updated methodology is

robust and effective. By leveraging the data collected through the June Area Survey and the findings from the pilot study, NASS and other users ensure that agricultural practices and policies are based on accurate, reliable, and current data, which supports the operational, research, and policy needs of the agricultural community.

Description of Respondents: Farmers and Ranchers.

Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once a year.

Total Burden Hours: 3,540.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Dairy Market News.

OMB Control Number: 0581–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) (AMA), as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “to collect and disseminate marketing information, including adequate outlook information on a market-area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements, aiding in the maintenance of farm income, and bringing about a balance between production, and utilization of agricultural products.” The collection of information in this request is based on the AMA, Title II, Subtitle A, § 203, principally, paragraphs (b), (g), and (k) that direct the Secretary of Agriculture to determine agricultural marketing costs and develop efficient marketing methods to reduce the price spread between producer and consumer; to collect and disseminate marketing information to bring about a balance between production and utilization of agricultural products; and to collect, tabulate, and disseminate agricultural marketing statistics.

Under this authority, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Dairy Market News (DMN) Division works to provide current coverage of prices, supply, demands, trends, movement, and other pertinent information affecting the trade of milk and related products, as well as locally produced and marketed products. The information requested is used to compile and disseminate market reports that provide current, unbiased, and factual information to all stakeholders in the U.S. agricultural industry. Market News reports assist producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, and others to make informed decisions concerning production, purchasing, and sales.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, AMS requests approval of this existing information collection in use without an OMB control number

and describes the associated reporting and recordkeeping burden.

Need and Use of the Information: DMN reports are used primarily by dairy farmers and dairy industry stakeholders to determine future production and marketing projections, and to make marketing and contracting decisions. Federal agencies involved in food purchase programs and institutional buying rely on DMN reports as a source of supply and price data, to make policy decisions, and to perform a variety of other functions. Other USDA agencies including the Foreign Agricultural Service, Economic Research Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service use DMN reports to track prices, market conditions, and agricultural productivity, and to serve as indicators of economic growth. Economists, investors, and agricultural analysts use DMN reports to forecast, conduct policy analysis, and/or make financial decisions based on available supplies and current pricing. DMN reports are also widely used by the private sector including producers, farmers, processors, distributors, retailers, restaurants, consultants, brokers, forecasters, and transportation, financial, and educational institutions. Information for DMN reports is collected via email, telephone, and in-person or virtual meetings. Industry provides information using records kept in normal business practice.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 120.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 518.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations Governing the Review of Butterfat Testing Records.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0340.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*) directs the Department to develop programs that will provide for and facilitate the marketing of agricultural products. One of these programs is the Grade Label Program, a USDA voluntary inspection and grading program for dairy products (7 CFR part 58). In this program a USDA grader grades dairy products according to U.S. grade standards. Products meeting U.S. grade standards are permitted to use the applicable USDA grade shield on the packaging. Dairy processors, buyers, retailers, institutional users, and consumers requested this program to assure the uniform quality of dairy products in the marketplace.

Need and Use of the Information: In order for any service program to perform satisfactorily, there must be written guides and rules, which in this case are regulations for the provider and user. For the above reasons, General Specifications for Dairy Plants Approved for USDA Inspection and Grading Service were developed and issued under the authority of the Act. These regulations are essential to administer the program needed by the user and to carry out the purposes of the Act. This information collection seeks to replace butterfat testing by a USDA inspector with an annual review of a plant’s butterfat testing records which are kept as part of their normal business records. A recordkeeping requirement is needed to authorize a USDA inspector to review plant records on-site.

Description of Respondents:

Businesses or other for-profits; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 17.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 85.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: NOP Market Development for Mushrooms and Pet Food.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0347.

Summary of Collection: The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. chapter 94), authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish and implement the National Organic Program (NOP) and accredit certifying agents to certify that farms and businesses meet national organic standards. The purpose of OFPA is to: (1) establish national standards governing the marketing of certain agricultural products as organically produced products; (2) assure consumers that organically produced products meet a consistent standard; and (3) facilitate interstate commerce in fresh and processed food that is organically produced (7 U.S.C. 6501).

On December 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published the “Market Development for Mushrooms and Pet Food” final rule (104367) related to mushroom production practices and organic pet food handling under the USDA organic regulations (7 CFR part 205). AMS took this action to increase uniformity in organic mushroom production practices and organic pet food handling and reduce organic certification discrepancies between certifying agents. The final rule clarifies how the existing organic crop standards apply to mushroom production and establish organic pet food as a processed product that must follow existing organic

handling requirements. Additionally, the rule would specify organic requirements for unique aspects of mushroom production like substrate, compost, and spawn and allows synthetic taurine to be used in organic pet food handling. This rulemaking supports the intent of OFPA, “to assure consumers that organically produced products meet a consistent standard” and to “establish national standards” for products marketed as organic (7 U.S.C. 6501).

All certified organic operations, including current organic mushroom production and organic pet food handling operations, must develop and maintain an organic system plan (OSP) to comply with the USDA organic regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has currently approved information collections associated with the OSP under OMB control number 0581–0191, allowing AMS to fully implement the NOP. As a result of this final rule, currently certified organic mushrooms and pet food operations and certifying agents would need to verify continued compliance of their organic system plans (OSPs) with the final rule. While the final rule would amend the USDA organic regulations to codify existing organic practices, certified organic operations and certifying agents may need to make minor adjustments to the existing recordkeeping and reporting practices to maintain compliance. Additionally, the final rule adds allowances for nonorganic plant materials to be used in mushroom substrate when functionally equivalent organic materials are not commercially available. This allowance will require additional documentation for organic mushroom operations. AMS is estimating that organic mushroom operations will have annual reporting and recordkeeping paperwork burdens to utilize this exception.

Need and Use of the Information: Organic inspectors, certifying agents, State Organic Programs, operations, and AMS will use the information collected to verify that organic management practices meet the requirements of the USDA organic regulations and OFPA. The rule’s amendments will likely

require certifying agents to review and update the TM–10CG (Application for Accreditation) form submitted to AMS at the time of their accreditation renewal. Specifically, the rule may require certifying agents to update policies, procedures, and staff training descriptions that are submitted with the form. AMS will use the information collected to verify that certifying agents meet the requirements of the USDA organic regulations and OFPA.

Description of Respondents: Businesses or other for-profits; Farms.
Number of Respondents: 519.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,371.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Domestic Sugar Program—FY 2025 Reassignment of the Overall Sugar Marketing Allotment, Cane Sugar and Beet Sugar Marketing Allotments and Company Allocations and No Actions Under the Feedstock Flexibility Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing this notice to: revise fiscal year (FY) 2025 (crop year 2024) beet sugar allocations to sugar beet processors; state cane sugar allotments and allocations to sugarcane processors; and to reassign FY 2025 cane sugar marketing allocations to raw cane sugar imports already anticipated. These actions apply to all domestic beet and cane sugar marketed in the United States from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. USDA’s Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) also announced today that it does not expect to purchase and sell sugar under the Feedstock Flexibility Program for

crop year 2024, which runs from Oct. 1, 2024, to Sept. 30, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlann Unger; telephone: (773) 573–5163; or email: Carlann.Unger@usda.gov. Individuals with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY mode)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reassignments of FY 2025 Beet Sugar Allocations and Cane Sugar Allotments and Allocations

In accordance with section 359e of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359ee), after evaluating each sugar beet and sugarcane processor’s ability to market its full allocation, USDA is transferring FY 2025 allocations from sugar beet processors with a surplus allocation to those with a deficit allocation. Similarly, USDA is transferring FY 2025 allocations from Florida sugarcane processors with a surplus allocation to Louisiana sugarcane processors with a deficit allocation. USDA has determined that, after these actions, domestic cane sugar supplies are still inadequate to fill the FY 2025 cane sugar marketing allotment.

In accordance with 7 U.S.C. 1359ee(b)(1), USDA is reassigning 500,000 STRV of the cane allotment deficit to raw cane sugar imports already anticipated, given the absence of any CCC stocks of sugar. In Table 1 below, the amount of change in each processor’s allocation is in the column labeled “Reassignments.” Each processor’s allocation resulting from these changes is shown in the column labeled “Revised FY25 Allocations.”

USDA is not reassigning any FY 2025 beet allocations to raw cane sugar imports at this time given the uncertainty about how much beet sugar will be produced from new crop sugar beets in the final two months (August–September) of FY 2025.

TABLE 1—FY 2025 REVISED BEET AND CANE ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS
[Short tons, raw value]

Distribution	Initial FY25 allotments & allocations	Reassignments	Revised FY25 allocations
Beet Sugar	5,682,293	0	5,682,293
Cane Sugar	4,772,708	– 500,000	4,272,708
Imports	500,000	500,000