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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Meeting of Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets will be held on June 15-16, 2004. The role of the committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the Emerging Markets Program. The committee also advises USDA on the involvement of the U.S. private sector in cooperative work with emerging markets in food and rural business systems, and reviews proposals submitted to the Program.

DATES: The meeting will convene on June 15, 2004, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on June 16, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 5066—South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. Please send written comments to Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, Stop 1042.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Freeman by e-mail at emo@fas.usda.gov or by telephone at (202) 720-4327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss those proposals submitted to the Emerging Markets Program, which qualify for funding from the program.

The meeting is open to the public and members of the public may provide comments, but they should not make any oral comments at the meeting unless invited to do so by the co-chairpersons.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 26, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request an 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 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intention the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection, the Cold Storage Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 9, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250 or to gmcbride@nass.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol House, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cold Storage Survey.
OMB Control Number: 0535-0001.
Expiration Date of Approval: 11/30/04.

Type of Request: To extend a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service

is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition. The monthly Cold Storage Survey provides information on national supplies of food commodities in refrigerated storage facilities. A biennial survey of refrigerated warehouse capacity is also conducted to provide a benchmark of the capacity available for refrigerated storage of the nation's food supply. Information on stocks of food commodities facilitates proper price discovery and orderly marketing, processing, and distribution of agricultural products. The Cold Storage Survey was previously approved by OMB in 2001 for a 3-year period. NASS intends to request that the survey be approved for another 3 years.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 25 minutes per response.

Respondents: Refrigerated storage facilities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,000 hours.

These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Ginny McBride, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments: 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 will 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 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection