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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Doreen Chen-Moulec, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250, *telephone:* (202) 205-7760, *fax:* (202) 720-3157, *email:* *uscodex@fsis.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The AFTF is responsible for:

(a) The development of guidelines intended for governments on how to apply the existing Codex risk assessment methodologies to the various types of hazards related to contaminants/residues in feed ingredients, including feed additives used in feeding stuffs for food producing animals. The guidelines should include specific science based risk assessment criteria to apply to feed contaminants/residues. These criteria should be consistent with existing Codex methodologies.

The guidelines should also consider the need to address the establishment of rates of transfer and accumulation from feed to edible tissues in animal-derived products according to the characteristics of the hazard.

The guidelines should be drawn up in such a way as to enable countries to prioritize and assess risks based upon local conditions, use, exposure of

animals and the impact, if any, on human health.

(b) Develop a prioritized list of hazards in feed ingredients and feed additives for governmental use. The list should contain hazards of international relevance that are reasonably likely to occur, and are thus likely to warrant future attention.

In doing so, due consideration should be given to the prioritized list of hazards as recommended by the FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Animal Feed Impact on Food Safety. Clear criteria should be used to prioritize the list of hazards and to take account of the potential transfer of contaminants/residues in feed to edible animal products (e.g. meat, fish meat, milk and eggs).

The AFTF is hosted by Switzerland.

Issues to be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 6th Session of the AFTF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the AFTF by Codex and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.
- Report on activities of the FAO, WHO and other International Intergovernmental Organizations.
- Proposed draft guidelines on application of risk assessment for feed.
- Proposed draft prioritized list of hazards in feed.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat before the meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the January 18, 2012, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Daniel McChesney, U.S. Delegate for the 6th Session of the AFTF (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 6th Session of the AFTF.

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Done at Washington, DC on: November 14, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Suspend the Distillers Co-Products Survey and All Associated Reports

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of suspension of data collection and publication.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to suspend the Distillers Co-Products survey currently approved under docket 0535–0247.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–4333, or through the NASS OMB Clearance Officer at ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Suspension of Distillers Co-Products Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0247.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2014.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to conduct surveys in order to prepare national, State, and county estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, prices, and collect information on related environmental and economic factors.

Timeline: NASS will suspend this information collection as of November 17, 2011 due to increased budget constraints. Also, NASS will not publish any publications that would normally be generated from these data collections, unless there is a change in the anticipated budget shortfall.

Authority: These data were collected under authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a)

(General Duties of the Secretary of Agriculture). 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.

Estimate of Burden: There will be no further public reporting burden for this collection of information.

Signed at Washington, DC, October 25, 2011.

Joseph T. Reilly,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Reduce the Frequency of Chemical Use Surveys and All Associated Reports

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of reduction in data collection and publication.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to reduce the currently approved information collections for chemical use surveys approved under OMB # 0535–0218. The chemical use surveys included in this docket are: Agricultural Resource

Management Survey Phase II (ARMS II), Vegetable Chemical Use Survey, Fruit Chemical Use Survey, and Post Harvest Chemical Use Survey. The Post Harvest survey was suspended under a previous notice.

The ARMS II Chemical Use Survey is normally conducted every year and it consists of two versions; Production Practices and Costs Report (PPCR), and the Production Practices Report (PPR). The PPR component is conducted with NASS-only funding to gather field crop chemical use data. The PPCR is co-funded by a cooperative agreement with the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS). The PPCR component efficiently collects costs associated with the various production practices to complete the cost of production estimates for ARMS targeted crop commodities. The ARMS Phase II–PPCR efficiently collects detailed cropping practice and cost data by focusing on field-level and expanding to whole farm, thus greatly reducing respondent burden while maintaining accuracy of reported data.

For the 2011 crop year, NASS is making no changes to the Fruit Chemical Use survey and Field Crops Chemical Use survey. Barley and sorghum are the targeted crops for Field Crops Chemical Use survey. Please note that wheat and soybeans were originally in the 2011 crop year but were moved to 2012 crop year due to current budget cuts.

Background Information

Crop year	NASS commodity	ERS commodity (PPCR)
2011	Fruit	Barley, Sorghum.
2012	Wheat (PPR) and Soybeans	Soybeans.
2013	Vegetable	Rice and Peanuts.
2014	Cotton	Cotton.
2015	Corn and Potatoes (PPR)	To be determined (Corn and Dairy).
2016	Fruit	To be determined (Wheat).
2017	Wheat (PPR) and Soybeans	To be determined (Soybeans).
2018	Corn and Potatoes	To be determined.
2019	Vegetable	To be determined.
2020	Cotton	To be determined.

The crop rotations were determined using the current long range data collection plan. Each of the field crops will be collected three times during the 10 year plan except cotton which will be collected only twice. With the current plan, each commodity would be collected five times. With the proposed crop rotation, fruit and vegetables chemical use would each be collected twice in the 10 year plan while currently the data would be collected five times each.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Reduction in the Frequency of the Chemical Use Surveys Currently Approved.

OMB Control Numbers: 0535–0218.

Expiration Dates of Approval: December 31, 2011.

Type of Request: To reduce the frequency of some of the chemical use surveys currently approved, along with the resulting publications.

Abstract: The primary functions of the National Agricultural Statistics Service include the collection of data and the preparation and issuance of state and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, prices, and environmental and economic factors.