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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the federally owned invention disclosed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/774,810 "Intermediate-Moisture Formed Food Products Made From Partially Dehydrated Fruit and/or Vegetables and Novel Methods of Packaging Thereof", filed January 30, 2001, is available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Fiorini Ranch of Turlock, California, an exclusive license to this invention.

DATES: Comments must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Fiorini Ranch of Turlock, California has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of

this published notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Michael D. Ruff,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Application for the Senior Community Service Employment Program

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection for application to the Senior Community Service Program. The Forest Service surveys senior applicants for enrollment into the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Questions asked are personal information such as: Name, age, income residency, gender, education, ethnic group, English speaking ability, veteran, and disability status. This information is used to qualify individuals for enrollment into the SCSEP and assist with subsidized placement for the agency's special use program. The collected information will help the Forest Service determine eligibility for enrollment in the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Information will be collected from prospective applicants and enrollees age 55 years or older.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Director, Senior, Youth, & Volunteer Programs Staff, (MAIL STOP 1136), Forest Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20090-1136. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (703) 605-5115 or by e-mail to: syvp/wo@fs.fed.us. The public may

inspect comments received at 1621 N. Kent Street, Room 1010, Rosslyn, VA 22209. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (703) 605-4853.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Priscella McCray, Senior, Youth, & Volunteer Programs Staff, at (703) 605-4853.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is designed to provide part-time employment opportunities and training to low-income and disadvantaged persons age 55 or above. To establish the eligibility of each individual for enrollment into the program, it is necessary to collect income information and age data. The application document is the tool needed to collect this pertinent data and other relevant information required by the Department of Labor. The Department of Labor is the grantor for the SCSEP and provides guidelines for the program's operation. The authority for data collection is contained in the **Federal Register** Rules and Regulations, section 641.100, prepared by the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The application is used by Forest Service Staffs to collect information required to determine eligibility for enrollment in the SCSEP. Information attesting that the applicant meets the current income guidelines and age requirements to participate and benefit from the SCSEP, is documented on the application, signed by the applicant, and the Forest Service staff. The application also becomes a part of the participant's official personnel folder and is maintained with other personnel documents related to the employment and work history of the individual.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

Title: Application for the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

OMB Number: 0596-0099.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: Sections I and II are completed by the applicant or a Forest

Service official on behalf of the applicant, to determine eligibility for the program or continued participation in the program. The remaining sections, III, IV, and V are completed by a Forest Service official with responsibility for determining eligibility for participation in the program. The statistical data in these sections are collected and used for a Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) prepared by the Forest Service and transmitted to the Department of Labor. The QPR is a requirement of the current program regulations. The data collected from the Forest Service is used by the Department of Labor to prepare a composite activity report highlighting the program's accomplishments and demographic efforts over the program year and is transmitted annually to Congress.

Data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 12 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Economically disadvantaged individuals, including legal aliens, age 55 or older.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 6,500.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,300 hours.

Request for Comments

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) The necessity of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of agency functions, including the practical utility of the information; (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) the enhancements of the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) the minimization of the burden of collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: July 30, 2003.

Irving W. Thomas,

Acting Deputy Chief, Business Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Revise 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 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision to a currently approved information collection, (OMB No. 0535-0244) the Nursery Production Survey and Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 20, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Ginny McBride, NASS OMB Clearance Officer, USDA, 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, NASS, USDA, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

OMB Control Number: 0535-0244.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2004.

Type of Request: Intent to Seek Approval to Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: This NASS information collection will again measure production and value of key nursery products as well as chemical use in nursery and floriculture operations. The first Nursery Production Survey, covering the year 2000, revealed that gross value of sales for 9 categories of nursery products totaled \$3.32 billion in seventeen selected States. Although nursery production continues to be the fastest growing segment of American agriculture, the USDA has not

previously made regular estimates of nursery production. The Nursery Production Survey will update the production and economic contribution of the nursery industry to U.S. agriculture every 2 years by conducting a census of nursery and greenhouse operations with sales over \$10,000 in the 17 major producing States. These operations will receive the production mail questionnaire with some telephone and personal interview follow-up for non-response.

The first Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey measured chemical use, covering the year 2000, related to the production of nursery and floriculture crops in the six major producing States. The resulting publication, part of the NASS series on Agricultural Chemical Usage, summarized rates of application, total amount of active ingredients applied, and use of pest management practices. NASS collects on-farm chemical use data to enhance the quality of information used in the evaluation of issues related to agricultural chemicals, including pesticide registrations. Pest management data are used to measure integrated pest management (IPM) adoption levels and evaluate the impact of alternative pesticide regulations, policies, and practices. A sample of nursery and floriculture operations with sales over \$10,000 in the major States will be personally interviewed, since chemical use data are not accurately collected by telephone or mail. Data collection for both surveys is scheduled to coincide with the annual Commercial Floriculture Survey (of production, OMB docket #0535-0093) in January—March 2004. 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.

Estimate of Burden: Based on data collected on the 2000 Nursery Production Survey, the nursery production questionnaire is expected to average 35 minutes per respondent. Based on the 2000 Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey, it is estimated that the chemical use questionnaire will average 60 minutes per respondent.

Respondents: Producers of nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,800.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,000 hours.