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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 16, 2010.

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) 720-8681.

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

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Technical Assistance Program, 7 CFR Part 1775.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0112.

Summary of Collection: Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), 7 U.S.C. 1926, authorizes Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans and grants to public agencies, American Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations. The loans and grants fund the development of drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas with populations of up to 10,000 residents. Nonprofit organizations receive Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) and Solid Waste Management (SWM) grants to help small rural communities or areas identify and solve problems relating to community drinking water, wastewater, or solid waste disposal systems. The technical assistance is intended to improve the management and operation of the systems and reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources. TAT and SWM are competitive grant programs administered by RUS.

Need and Use of the Information: Nonprofit organizations applying for TAT and SWM grants must submit a pre-application, which includes an application form, narrative proposal, various other forms, certifications and supplemental information. RUS will collect information to determine applicant eligibility, project feasibility, and the applicant's ability to meet the grant and regulatory requirements. RUS will review the information, evaluate it, and, if the applicant and project are eligible for further competition, invite the applicant to submit a formal application. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility, improper use of funds, or hindrances in making grants authorized by the TAT and SWM program.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 142.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion; Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 7,060.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

OMB Control Number: 0572-0117.

Summary of Collection: In December 1998, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published its revised Environmental Policies and Procedures and in 2003 revisions were made to clarify policy on certain environmental review processes. The rule promulgated environmental regulations that cover all RUS Federal actions taken by RUS' electric, telecommunications, water and environmental programs. The regulation was necessary to ensure continued RUS compliance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and certain related Federal environmental laws, statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders. RUS electric, telecommunications, water and environmental program borrowers provide environmental documentation to assure that policy contained in NEPA is followed.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to evaluate the cost and feasibility of the proposed project and the environmental impact. If the information is not collected, the agency would not be in compliance with NEPA and CEQ regulations.

Description of Respondents: Non-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,339.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 486,440.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Education and Administrative Reporting System (EARS).

OMB Control Number: 0584–0542.

Summary of Collection: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has developed Education and Administrative reporting System (EARS) for the nutrition education (SNAP–ED) component of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is provided for in section 11(f) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020 (f)(3)(B)(ii)). EARS will provide uniform data and information about the nutrition education activities of all participating States across the country. The data and information collected through EARS will inform management decisions, support policy initiatives, provide documentation for legislative, budget and other requests, and support planning within the agency. Data will be

submitted electronically by all state SNAP agencies annually.

Need and Use of the Information: EARS will allow for the collection of uniform data on program activities, making it possible to describe who is reached, what they are taught and how resources are used in SNAP–Ed. Data collected under this system include demographic characteristics of participants receiving nutrition education benefits, topics covered by the educational intervention, education delivery sites, education strategies, and resource allocation. Without this data, FNS would not be able to respond timely and effectively to legislative and budget information requests or monitor trends in program activities.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 52.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,808.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request Revision and 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, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Aquaculture Surveys. Revision to burden hours may be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 20, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535–0150, by any of the following methods:

• *E-mail:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

• *Fax:* (202) 720–6396.

• *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions to: David Hancock, 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: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Aquaculture Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0150.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2010.

Type of Request: To revise and extend a currently approved information collection for a period of three years.

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 Aquaculture Surveys collect information on both trout and catfish. The trout surveys include: Inventory counts, sales (dollars, pounds and quantity), percent of product sold by outlet at the point of first sale, number of fish raised for release into open waters, and losses. The catfish surveys include: inventory counts, water surface acreage used for production, sales (dollars, pounds, and quantity), number of catfish processed, and amount of catfish feed delivered to catfish producers. Survey results are used by government agencies in planning farm programs.

• Twenty-five States are in the trout growers' survey. In January, previous year trout sales data are collected from farmers and distributed fish data are collected from State and federal hatcheries.

• Nine States are in the catfish grower's survey. Data are collected from farmers in January for January inventory, water surface acreage, and previous year sales. In addition, farmers in the three major catfish producing States are surveyed in July for mid-year inventory and water surface acreage.

• All catfish processing plants, with the capacity to process 2,000 pounds of live weight per 8 hour shift are in the catfish processing survey. Plants are surveyed monthly for amount purchased, prices paid, amount sold, prices received, and end-of-month inventories.

• Fourteen catfish millers are surveyed monthly for the amount of feed delivered for food-size fish and fingerlings and broodfish.