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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 6, 2007.

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) 720-8958.

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

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Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal Health Monitoring System Dairy 2007.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0205.

Summary of Collection: Collection and dissemination of animal health data and information is mandated by 7 U.S.C. 391, the Animal Industry Act of 1884, which established the precursor of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services, the Bureau of Animal Industry. The collection, analysis and dissemination of livestock and poultry health information on a national basis are consistent with the APHIS mission of protecting and improving American agriculture's productivity and competitiveness. In connection with this mission, the National Animal Health Monitoring System's (NAHMS) program includes periodic national commodity studies to investigate animal health related issues and examine general health and management practices used on farms. NAHMS will initiate the fourth national data collection for dairy through Dairy 2007. The Dairy 2007 study is a part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. dairy population.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of this fourth dairy study is to collect information, through questionnaires and biologic sampling to help the United States detect trends in the management, production, and health status of the nation's dairy industry over time. Without this type of national data, the U.S.'s ability to detect trends in management, production, and health status, either directly or indirectly, would be reduced or nonexistent.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 4000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7,888.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-TM-07-0032; TM-07-05]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: The meeting dates are Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, March 29, 2007, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Requests from individuals and organizations wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting are due by the close of business on March 16, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at The Washington Plaza Hotel located at Ten Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

- Requests for copies of the NOSB meeting agenda, may be sent to Ms. Valerie Frances, Executive Director, NOSB, USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268. The NOSB meeting agenda and proposed recommendations may also be viewed at www.ams.usda.gov/nop.

- Comments on proposed NOSB recommendations may be submitted in writing to Ms. Frances at either the postal address above or via the internet at www.regulations.gov only. The comments should identify Docket No. AMS-TM-07-0032; TM-07-05. It is our intention to have all comments to this notice whether they are submitted by mail or the internet available for viewing on the www.regulations.gov Web site.

- Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may also be sent to Ms. Valerie Frances at the postal address above, by e-mail at valerie.frances@usda.gov, via facsimile at (202) 205-7808, or phone at (202) 720-3252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valerie Frances, Executive Director,