

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information from herd owners on the number of animals being moved, their origin and destination sites, their disease status and identification, and the cleaning and disinfection requirements associated with the movement. If the information was not collected it would be impossible for APHIS to effectively ensure that pseudorabies-infected, exposed, or suspect swine are prevented from coming into contact with healthy animals.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 998.

Agency has requested emergency approval by April 3, 2000.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Cranberries Grown in the States of MA, RI, CT, NJ, WI, MN, OR, WA, and Long Island in the State of NY—Marketing Order No. 929.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0103.

Summary of Collection: Marketing Order No. 929 (7 CFR Part 929), regulates the handling of cranberries grown in the 10 mention states and emanates from enabling legislation (the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, Secs. 1-19, 48 Stat. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601-674). The act was designed to permit regulation of certain agricultural commodities for the purpose of providing orderly marketing conditions in interstate commerce and improving returns to growers. The objective of the marketing agreement and order is to correlate the supply of cranberries available for sale in the various trade channels with the demand in those outlets. The Agricultural Marketing Service will collect information using forms FV-53, -259, -260, and -263.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information from the form on cranberry production, shipments, inspection, and export. The Cranberry Marketing Committee, which represents growers and locally administers the order. The committee and its staff are responsible for keeping information in individual handlers inventories and receipt confidential. Information gathered by the committee would only be reported in the aggregate, along with other pertinent cranberry data. If information was not collected it would eliminate data needed to keep the cranberry industry and the Secretary abreast of changes at the State and local level.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,285.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Quarterly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,750.

William McAndrew,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-020-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of the regulations requiring permits for movement of restricted animals.

DATES: We invite you to comment on this docket. We will consider all comments that we receive by June 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comment and three copies to: Docket No. 00-020-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 00-020-1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the regulations requiring permits for movement of restricted animals, contact Dr. Diane Sutton, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Animal Health Programs Staff, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-7709. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals.

OMB Number: 0579-0051.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing the spread of contagious, infectious, or communicable animal diseases from one State to another and for eradicating such diseases from the United States. In connection with this mission, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, carefully monitors animals which either have, or have been exposed to, diseases of quarantine significance as these animals are transported to appropriate slaughtering facilities.

When farm animals (such as cattle, swine, sheep, or horses) become sick or have been exposed to a disease of quarantine significance, it is important that they be removed promptly from the farm to prevent exposing and infecting other animals. In such situations, the owner of sick or exposed animals may have the animals transported from the farm to a slaughtering establishment. When this movement requires animals to be transported across State lines, the owner is required to complete a "Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals," also known as VS Form 1-27.

It is imperative that these animals not be removed from the vehicle during transport or be otherwise diverted from their destination, since such an event could result in the spread of a disease of quarantine significance among healthy animals. VS Form 1-27, which is completed by specified personnel at the farm of origin and again at the point of destination, is our primary means of ensuring that these animals move directly from the farm to the slaughtering establishment.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning this information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .05 hours per response.

Respondents: State field personnel, accredited veterinarians, meat inspectors, animal health technicians, and other regulated entities, including owners of cattle, swine, horses, sheep, and goats.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 3,847.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 2.5258.

Estimated annual number of responses: 9,717.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 740 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of April 2000.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Guaranteed Farm Loans.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 6, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phillip Elder, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, STOP 0523, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0523, telephone (202) 690-4012 or Electronic mail: phillip_elder@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: (7 CFR part 762) Guaranteed Farm Loans

OMB Control Number: 0560-0155.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2000.

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

Abstract: Section 309(h) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1929(h)) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to guarantee loans for CONACT purposes made by legally authorized lending agencies to eligible farmers and ranchers. FSA must assure that farmers and ranchers, joint operators, farm cooperatives, private domestic corporations and partnerships that are controlled by farmers and ranchers engaged primarily and directly in farming or ranching in the United States comply with CONACT requirements and implementing regulations at 7 CFR part 762 in order to obtain the requested assistance. A guaranteed farm ownership loan applicant, for example, must be a citizen of the United States; own and operate or become the owner and operator of not larger than a family size farm; and be unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms. The reporting and record keeping requirements imposed on the public by regulations set out in 7 CFR part 762 are necessary to administer the Farm Loan Programs (FLP) guaranteed loan program in accordance with the statutory requirements listed above and are consistent with commonly performed lending practices. Periodic collection of information after loans are made is necessary to protect the Government's financial interest. The information is stored in the FSA county

office loan files or state office lender files.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 46 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profits, and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 20.24.

Estimated Number of Responses: 293,538.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 226,935 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the subject 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 techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be sent to the Desk Office for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Phillip Elder, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0523, Washington, D.C. 20250-0523.

Comments regarding paperwork burden will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on March 31, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice, renewal of charter, and request for nominations.