

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: CACFP Improper Payments Data Collection Pilot Project.

OMB Control Number: 0584–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), plays an important role in ensuring that children have adequate access to food. The CACFP is authorized under section 17 of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) to provide

funds for meals and snacks served to children in day care centers, children residing in emergency shelters, and youths participating in eligible after-school care programs. In addition, the CACFP helps improve the quality of day care and makes it more affordable for low-income families by reimbursing family day care homes (FDCHs) for serving nutritious meals and snacks to children participating in these day care facilities. USDA has identified the CACFP as one of its programs “susceptible to significant erroneous payments.” Under the Improper Payment Information Act of 2002 (IPIA; Pub. L. 107–300), the USDA must identify and reduce improper (or erroneous) payments in various food and nutrition programs. Therefore the FNS is conducting a feasibility evaluation of four possible data collection methods for validating the number and type of meals claimed for reimbursement by FDCHs in the CACFP.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected to document the number of valid meals served will be compared with data on the number of reimbursable meals claimed by the FDCHs and their sponsors to produce a national estimate of erroneous payments in the CACFP and thus meet the reporting requirements of the IPIA.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 255.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 70.

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Forest Service

Title: Research Data Archive Use Tracking System.

OMB Control Number: 0596–NEW.

Summary of Collection: Authorized under 16 U.S.C. 1645(c), Forest Service Research and Development (FS R&D) plans to create a data archive to store and disseminate data collected in the course of its scientific research. This archive will provide a sound balance between meeting obligations to scientific staff and ease-of-access by the public (research community). The information provided by this collection will assist FS R&D personnel in evaluating the research program.

Need and Use of the Information: Form FS 4000–5, General Data Use Agreement, will be used to collect the information electronically. When a member of the public requests a copy of a data set, FS R&D will collect the name, affiliation, contact information (including e-mail address), Statement of Intended Use and Data Use Agreement. FS archive staff will review the individual Data Use Agreements prior to approving release of the data set to the requestor. The collection of Data Use Agreements will be evaluated by the data archiving program to identify opportunities for improving the archive's function and offerings.