

or group of farmers based on partial or total advance payment of a subscription or membership fee. The up-front working capital generated by selling shares reduces the financial risk to the farmer(s). Generally, farmers receive better prices for their crops and have reduced marketing costs. Consumers benefit by receiving a periodic (usually weekly) delivery of fresh locally-grown fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs and other produce. They also benefit from the ability to collectively support the sustainability of local farmers.

A food hub is a business or organization that actively manages the aggregation, distribution, and marketing of source-identified food products to multiple buyers from multiple producers, primarily local and regional producers, to strengthen the ability of these producers to satisfy local and regional wholesale, retail, and institutional demand. This marketing channel also allows farm operators to capture a larger share of consumers' food dollar.

On-farm markets, CSA, as well as food hubs, comprise an integral part of the urban/farm linkage and have continued to rise in popularity, mostly due to the growing consumer interest in obtaining fresh products directly from the farm. On-farm markets, CSA, and food hubs allow consumers to have access to locally grown, farm fresh produce, enable farmers the opportunity to develop a personal relationship with their customers, and cultivate consumer loyalty with the farmers. They are also providing greater access to fresh locally-grown fruits and vegetables, as well as playing an increasing role in encouraging healthier eating.

#### **Local Food Directories and Survey—0581–0169**

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.26 hours per response, (rounded).

*Respondents:* Farmers market managers, farm operators that operate on-farm stores, operators of CSA, farm operations, and operators of food hubs.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 66,250.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 8,025.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 0.26.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,069 hours.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**Melissa Bailey,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

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 are required regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by December 27, 2022 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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.

### **Farm Service Agency**

*Title:* On-line Registration for FSA-Hosted Events and Conferences.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560–0226.

*Summary of Collection:* The collect of information is necessary for people to register on-line to make payment and reservation to attend Farm Service Agency (FSA) hosted events and conferences. The respondents will need to submit the information on-line to pay and to make reservation prior to attending any conferences and events. Respondents that do not have access to the internet can register by mail or fax.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FSA will collect the name, organization, organizations address, country, phone number, State, payment options and special accommodations from respondents and how they learned of the conference. The information collection element also includes race, ethnicity, gender and veteran status. FSA will use the information to get payment, confirm and make hotel and other necessary arrangement for the respondents. If this information is not collected, FSA would be unable to host virtual events as online registration is required. Additionally, this registration data allows us to analyze outreach program participation and use data to improve our continuing outreach and education efforts.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or households; farms; business or other for-profit; Federal Government, not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal government

*Number of Respondents:* 273,700.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 41,250.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the