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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 25, 2013.

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

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

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Evaluation of Demonstrations of NSLP/SBP Direct Certification of Children Receiving Medicaid Benefits
OMB Control Number: 0584—NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Section 103, directs USDA to demonstrate direct certification for free lunches and breakfasts to children who are receiving Medicaid and whose households have a gross income as measured by Medicaid that does not exceed 133 percent Federal Poverty Level. In response to this Federal mandate, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) seeks approval to conduct data collection as part of the Evaluation of Demonstrations of NSLP/SBP Direct Certification of Children Receiving Medicaid Benefits. The overall aim of this evaluation is to estimate the effect of direct certification using Medicaid (DC-M) on meal program access, costs, and participation.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information using a study. The study will identify the challenges the States and local education agencies (LEA) face when implementing DC-M. The study will also gather data from State and LEAs to include: (1) Certification and participation records; (2) cost surveys and interviews that include certification costs, and federal benefits costs; as well as (3) challenges in conducting DC-M matching.

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

Number of Respondents: 2,428.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly, Semi-annually, Annually, Other (instrument collected 5x/yr).

Total Burden Hours: 3,162.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Program Reporting System (FPRS).

OMB Control Number: 0584—NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is the Federal agency responsible for managing the domestic nutrition assistance programs. Its mission is to increase food security and reduce hunger in partnership with cooperating organization by providing children and low-income people with access to food, a healthful diet and nutrition education in a manner that supports American agriculture and

inspires public confidence. FNS is consolidating certain programmatic and financial data reporting requirements under the Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS), an electronic reporting system. The purpose is to give States and Indian Tribal Organizations (ITO) agencies one portal for the various reporting required for the programs that the States and ITO operate.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected will be used for a variety of purposes, mainly program evaluation, planning, audits, funding, research, regulatory compliance and general statistics. The data is gathered at various times, ranging from monthly, quarterly, annual or final submissions. With the information FNS would be unable to meet its legislative and regulatory reporting requirements for the affected programs.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 5,095.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly, Semi-annually, Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 86,811.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document No. AMS-FV-13-0022]

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request for an extension and revision of a currently approved information collection for Fruit and Vegetable Market News.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 27, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on

the Internet at <http://www.Regulations.Gov> or to the Market News Division, Fruit & Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 1529 South, Stop 0238, Washington, DC 20250-0238. Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours or at <http://www.Regulations.Gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry C. Long, Director; Fruit and Vegetable Market News Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, (202) 720-2175, Fax: (202) 720-0011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Fruit and Vegetable Market News.

OMB Number: 0581-0006.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2013.

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

Abstract: Collection and dissemination of information for fruit, vegetable and ornamental production and to facilitate trading by providing a price base used by producers, wholesalers, and retailers to market product.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), section 203(g) directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements, aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization.

The fruit and vegetable industry provides information on a voluntary basis that is gathered through confidential telephone and face-to-face interviews by market reporters. Reporters request supply, demand, and price information of over 330 fresh fruit, vegetable, nut, ornamental, and other specialty crops. The information is collected, compiled, and disseminated by Market News in its critical role as an impartial third party. It is collected and reported in a manner which protects the confidentiality of the respondent and their operations.

The fruit and vegetable market news reports are used by academia and various government agencies for regulatory and other purposes, but are primarily used by the fruit, vegetable and ornamental trade, which includes packers, processors, brokers, retailers,

producers, and associated industries. Members of the fruit and vegetable industry regularly make it clear that they need and expect the Department of Agriculture to issue price and supply market reports for commodities of regional, national and international significance in order to assist in making immediate production and marketing decisions and as a guide to the amount of product in the supply channel. In addition, the Agricultural Marketing Service buys hundreds of millions of dollars of fruit and vegetable products each year for domestic feeding programs, and Market News data is a critical component of the decision making process.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .098 hours per response.

Respondents: Fruit, vegetable and ornamental industry, or other for-profit businesses, individuals or households, farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,168.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 197.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 61,161 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 through 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 also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 24, 2013.

Rex A. Barnes,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-NOP-13-0051; NOP-13-02]

National Organic Program: Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of the currently approved information collection National Organic Program (NOP) Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

DATES: Comments received by August 27, 2013 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to Toni Strother, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, AMS/USDA, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Room 2646-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268 or by Internet: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Written comments responding to this notice should be identified with the document number AMS-NOP-13-0051; NOP-13-02. It is USDA's intention to have all comments concerning this notice, including names and addresses when provided, regardless of submission procedure used, available for viewing on the Regulations.gov (<http://www.regulations.gov>) Internet site. Comments submitted in response to this notice will also be available for viewing in person at USDA-AMS, National Organic Program, Room 2624-South Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official Federal holidays). Persons wanting to visit the USDA South Building to view comments received in response to this notice are requested to make an appointment in advance by calling (202) 720-3252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Bailey, Ph.D., Director, Standards Division, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Room 2646-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-3252, Fax: (202) 205-7808.