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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-DA-21-0024]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection for the Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting Program

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 an extension and revision of a currently approved information collection under the Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting Program. The information collected supports the marketing of dairy products and is used to verify compliance with Federal milk marketing regulations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 25, 2021, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted at the Federal eRulemaking portal: www.regulations.gov. All comments can be viewed at: www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Dairy Products Mandatory Sales Reporting.

OMB Number: 0581-0274.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2021.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*), as amended, persons engaged in manufacturing dairy products are required to provide to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) certain information, including the price, quantity, and moisture content, where applicable, of dairy products sold by the manufacturer. Manufacturers and other persons storing dairy products must also report to USDA information on the quantity of dairy products stored. This information is used by USDA to help administer Federal programs and is used by the dairy industry in planning, pricing, and projecting supplies of milk and milk products.

Under the Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting Program (7 CFR part 1170), various manufacturer reports are filed electronically on a weekly basis. USDA publishes composites of the information obtained to help industry members make informed marketing decisions regarding dairy products. The information is also used to establish minimum prices for Class III and Class IV milk under Federal milk marketing orders. Additional paper forms are filed by manufacturers on an annual basis to validate participation in the mandatory reporting program. USDA uses the information collected to verify compliance with applicable regulations.

Only authorized representatives of USDA, including AMS Dairy Program's regional and headquarters staff, have access to information provided on the forms.

Requesting public comments on the information collection and forms described below is part of the process to obtain approval through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Forms needing OMB approval are contained in OMB No. 0581-0274 and include forms for reporting cheddar cheese price, volume, and moisture content (DY-202 and DY-203); butter price and volume (DY-201); nonfat dry milk price and volume (DY-205); and dry whey price and volume (DY-204). Annual validation information is reported on Forms DA-230 and DA-230-S. Manufacturers and others who are required to file reports under this program must also maintain original records associated with the sale and storage of dairy products for two years and must make those records available to USDA upon request. Manufacturers

who produce and annually market less than one million pounds of cheddar cheese, butter, nonfat dry milk, or dry whey are exempt from the reporting requirements for those products.

Information collection requirements included in this request for an extension are as follows:

(1) Dairy Products Sales, Cheddar Cheese, 40-Pound Blocks

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per week for each report submitted.

Respondents: Cheddar cheese manufacturers of 40-pound blocks. Each reporting entity may report for a single cheddar cheese plant or it may report for more than one cheddar cheese plant, depending upon how the business is structured.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 295 hours.

(2) Dairy Products Sales, Cheddar Cheese, 500-Pound Barrels

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per week for each report submitted.

Respondents: Cheddar cheese manufacturers of 500-pound barrels. Each reporting entity may report for a single cheddar cheese plant or it may report for more than one cheddar cheese plant, depending upon how the business is structured.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 191 hours.

(3) Dairy Products Sales, Butter

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per week for each report submitted.

Respondents: Butter manufacturers. Each reporting entity may report for a single butter plant or it may report for more than one butter plant, depending upon how the business is structured.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 312 hours.

(4) Dairy Products Sales, Nonfat Dry Milk

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per week for each report submitted.

Respondents: Nonfat dry milk (NFDm) manufacturers. Each reporting entity may report for a single NFDm plant or it may report for more than one NFDm plant, depending upon how the business is structured.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 26.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 451 hours.

(5) Dairy Products Sales, Dry Whey

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per week for each report submitted.

Respondents: Dry whey manufacturers. Each reporting entity may report for a single dry whey plant or it may report for more than one dry whey plant, depending upon how the business is structured.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 243 hours.

(6) Annual Validation Survey

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per year for each report submitted.

Respondents: Dairy manufacturers. Each reporting entity may report for a single plant or it may report for more than one plant, depending upon how the business is structured.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 105.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 35 hours.

(7) Survey Follow-Up, Verification

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes for each contact from AMS.

Respondents: Dairy manufacturers. Each reporting entity may report for a single plant or it may report for more than one plant, depending upon how the business is structured. AMS may contact manufacturers as necessary to follow up on missing or incomplete reports and ensure that accurate information is provided by manufacturers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 30 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the 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.

Bruce Summers,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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United States Standards for Sorghum

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is seeking comments from the public regarding the United States (U.S.) Standards for Sorghum under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA). To ensure that standards and official grading practices remain relevant, AMS invites interested parties to comment on whether the current sorghum standards and grading practices need to be changed.

DATES: We will consider comments we receive by June 24, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. All comments must be submitted through the Federal e-rulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> and should reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Instructions for submitting and reading comments are detailed on the site. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of the individuals or entities submitting comments will be made public on the internet at the address provided above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4 of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 76(a)) grants the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to establish standards for sorghum and other grains regarding kind, class, quality, and condition. The sorghum standards, established by USDA on December 1, 1924, were last revised in 2007 (72 FR 39732) and appear in the USGSA regulations at 7 CFR 810.1401-810.1405. The standards facilitate sorghum marketing and define U.S. sorghum quality in the domestic and global marketplace. The standards define commonly used industry terms; contain basic principles governing the application of standards, such as the type of sample used for a particular quality analysis; define the basis of determination; and specify grades and grade requirements. Official procedures for determining grading factors are provided in the Grain Inspection Handbook, Book II, Chapter 9, "Sorghum." Together, the grading standards and official procedures allow buyers and sellers to communicate quality requirements, compare sorghum quality using equivalent forms of measurement, and assist in price discovery.

FGIS grading and inspection services are provided through a network of Federal, state, and private laboratories that conduct tests to determine the quality and condition of sorghum. These tests are conducted in accordance with applicable standards using approved methodologies and can be applied at any point in the marketing chain. Furthermore, the tests yield rapid, reliable, and consistent results. In addition, FGIS-issued certificates describing the quality and condition of