

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

February 11, 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) 720-8681.

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.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Broadband Initiatives Program.
OMB Control Number: 0572-0142.

Summary of Collection: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) appropriated \$2.5 billion of budget authority for establishing the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP). The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) established the BIP which may extend loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas.

Need and Use of the Information: Successful application award recipients will execute loan/grant documents prepared by the Agency. Each recipient and each contractor engaged by the recipient must provide the total amount of Recovery Act funds received and that were expended or obligated to projects or activities. Recipients and contractor must also provide the name, description, evaluation of the completion status and an estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity. Recipients of funding will be required to submit an annual CPA Audit report; adopt a Generally Accepted Accounting Principles System of Accounts and develop and maintain an index of records. Without the requested information, RUS could not determine whether applicants meet the requirements that the Recovery Act establishes for BIP financing.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 225.

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

Total Burden Hours: 12,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Agricultural Marketing Service**

[Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0061; FV12-981-1]

**Notice of Request for Extension and
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 an extension for and revision of a currently approved information collection for Almonds Grown in California, M.O. No. 981.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Marketing

Order and Agreement Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Internet: *www.regulations.gov*. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: *www.regulations.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Weiya Zeng, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Room 1406-S, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone: (202) 690-3870, Fax: (202) 720-8938, or Email: *weiya.zeng@ams.usda.gov*.

Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Jeffrey Smutny, Assistant to the Director, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Room 1406-S, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone (202) 720-9922, Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Email: *jeffrey.smutny@ams.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Almonds Grown in California, Marketing Order No. 981.

OMB Number: 0581-0242.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2013.

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

Abstract: The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the California almond marketing order (order) (7 CFR part 981), which has been operating since 1950.

The order and its rules and regulations authorize the Almond Board of California (Board), the agency responsible for local administration of the order, to require handlers and other certain entities to submit information.

In September 2007, a mandatory program was implemented under the order to help reduce the potential for Salmonella in almonds. The Board has developed forms as a means for persons to file required information with the Board relating to the treatment of almonds to reduce the potential for Salmonella. Almond handlers are