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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reinstatement

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and reinstatement under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested 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 January 9, 2025 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. 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.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Foodborne Illness Outbreak Surveys for the FSIS Public Health Partners.

OMB Control Number: 0583–0175.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS intends to collect information from state and territorial government partners on ways to strengthen the collaborative response to illness outbreaks associated with FSIS-regulated food products.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will administer a series of surveys regarding foodborne illness outbreak investigation to state and territorial government partners. The results of these surveys will help FSIS assess communication trends and prioritize outreach efforts.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 67.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA–2024–0011]

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA); Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notification of funds availability.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is announcing the availability of Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops (MASC), which will provide eligible specialty crop producers with marketing assistance payments that will help them engage in activities that aid in expanding domestic specialty crop markets or in developing new markets for their specialty crops.

DATES:

Applications Due Date: We will accept applications from December 10, 2024, through January 8, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Specialty crop growers have typically faced higher marketing costs relative to non-specialty crop producers due to the tenderness and perishability of fruits, vegetables, floriculture, nursery crops, and herbs. They must invest in specialized handling and transport equipment that control for temperature and humidity, invest in packaging equipment and materials that prevent damage to commodities, and confront the need to get perishable products to market quickly. They also face labor costs that are nearly 45 percent of total variable ¹ costs—far higher than the 9 percent average across all the agricultural sector.² Labor costs have increased steadily in recent years and input costs, in general, remain elevated in comparison with pre-pandemic levels.³

¹ Variable costs are out-of-pocket expenses that change in proportion to how much of a commodity is produced.

² USDA, Economic Research Service. 2022 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) data.

³ Coppess, Jonathan. "Measuring Farm Policy, Part 4: Basic Input Costs and Payments." *farmdoc* daily (14):66. April 4, 2024. <https://>