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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 27, 2006.

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Risk Management

Title: Organic Transition Simulation Model (OTSM) and Online Training Course.

OMB Control Number: 0563-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Under the provisions of section 522(d) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation operating through the Risk Management Agency authorized a partnership with The Rodale Institute for the development of risk management tools for use directly by agricultural producers. The goal of the partnership is to develop an Organic Transition Simulation Model to help farmers analyze a variety of risk factors and costs assessing the relative economic benefits of organic versus conventional systems over time; and a transition to organic course for farmers and Extension specialists to train producers and educators in the basics of organic production and marketing.

Need and Use of the Information: The product development data collection is necessary to obtain feedback from experts and potential users of a Web-based simulation model designed to assist farmers and agricultural extension specialists in understanding the economic and environmental consequences in making a transition from traditional to organic production techniques. Results of this collection will be used to revise and improve the simulation model. The program evaluation component of the data collection is required to assess the effectiveness of the fully developed simulation model and the accompanying training course.

Number of Respondents: 2,060.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,110.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Clearance Officer.
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Farm Service Agency

Title: Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act Report.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0097.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires foreign

investors to report in a timely manner all held, acquired, or transferred U.S. agricultural land to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Authority for the collection of the information was delegated by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Foreign investors may obtain form FSA-153, AFIDA Report, from their local FSA county office or from the FSA Internet site. Investors are required to file a report within 90 days of the acquisition, transfer, or change in the use of their land.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected from the AFIDA Reports is used to monitor the effect of foreign investment upon family farms and rural communities and in the preparation of a voluntary report to Congress and the President. Congress reviews the report and decides if regulatory action is necessary to limit the amount of foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land. If this information was not collected, USDA could not effectively monitor foreign investment and the impact of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 4,375.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 904.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-06-312]

Request for an Extension to 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 approval from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of the currently approved information collection for Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards

for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, and Other Products.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 2, 2006, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Kathleen A. Staley, Head, Field Operations Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240; Phone (202) 720-2482, Fax (202) 720-0393; E-mail Kathleen.Staley@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards for Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products 7 CFR part 51.

OMB Number: 0581-0125.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2007.

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

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.* authorizes the Secretary to inspect and certify the quality of agricultural products and collect such fees as reasonable to cover the cost of service rendered, under 7 CFR part 51. The Fresh Products Branch provides a nationwide inspection and grading service for fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products to shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and other financially interested parties on a "user fee" basis. This use of this service is voluntary and is made available only upon request or when specified by some special program or contract. Information is needed to carry out the inspection and grading services. Such information includes: the name and location of the person or company requesting the inspection, the type and location of the product to be inspected, the type of inspection being requested and any information that will identify the product.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .03 hours per response.

Respondents: Shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and others with a financial interest in lots of fresh fruits, vegetables and other products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 56,980.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: .5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,942.

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. Comments may be sent to Kathleen A. Staley, Head, Field Operations Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240; Fax (202) 720-0393. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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.

Dated: July 27, 2006.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest, Northern Hills Ranger District, SD, Citadel Project Area Proposal and Analysis

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement on a proposal to implement multiple resource management actions within the Citadel Project Area as directed by the amended Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The Citadel Project Area covers approximately 28,000 acres of National Forest System land and approximately 5,500 acres of interspersed private land southwest of Spearfish, South Dakota. proposed actions include a combination of vegetation and fuels treatments to reduce crown fire risks, reduce