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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–FTPP–22–0013]

Information Collection for USDA/DOJ Complaint Portal: FarmerFairness.gov

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an information collection package for the web form to be used for the collection of complaints and tips from the public through the *FarmerFairness.gov* web portal. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) launched a web portal to allow farmers, ranchers and interested persons to report a complaint or submit information regarding potential violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act or other federal anti-trust laws. USDA and DOJ will assess information collected to determine appropriate jurisdiction and any follow up actions. The joint USDA/DOJ web portal, *FarmerFairness.gov*, is subject to the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under the P&S Act.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 10, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. All comments should reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments submitted in response to this

notice will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at <https://www.regulations.gov/> and will be included in the record and made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Brett Offutt, Chief Legal Officer/Policy Advisor, Packers and Stockyards Division, USDA AMS Fair Trade Practices Program, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, stop 3601, Washington, DC 20250; Phone: (202) 690–4355; or Email: s.brett.offutt@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agency: AMS, USDA.

Title: FarmerFairness.gov USDA/DOJ Complaint Web Portal.

OMB Number: 0581–0333.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2022.

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

Abstract: The P&S Act and the regulations issued under the P&S Act authorize the collection of information for the purpose of enforcing the P&S Act and regulations and for conducting studies requested by Congress. The laws and regulations relating to competition in the meat and poultry industries confer separate and overlapping jurisdiction to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Justice. Farmers, ranchers, and other interested persons may not be aware of this and may not know to whom or how to file a complaint or tip if they suspect a violation of those laws or regulations. This joint complaint portal allows those farmers, ranchers and interested persons to go to one website to submit information and USDA and DOJ will determine the appropriate jurisdiction and any follow up actions. This information collection is necessary for PSD and DOJ to monitor and examine complaints regarding financial, competitive, and trade practices in the livestock, meat packing and poultry industries. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning PSD's information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Livestock auction markets, livestock dealers, packer buyers, meat packers, live poultry

dealers, Livestock and poultry organizations, farmers, ranchers, and other interested persons.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1.5 hours.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 165 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 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 become a matter of public record.

Melissa Bailey,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 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 May 11, 2022 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.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Special Need Request Under the Plant Protection Act.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0291.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Protection Act (PPA) (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. This authority has been delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers regulations to implement the PPA. Regulations governing the interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles are contained in 7 CFR part 301, “Domestic Quarantine Notices.” These regulations in “Subpart-Preemption and Special Need Requests” allow States or political subdivisions of States to request approval from APHIS to impose prohibitions or restrictions on the movement in interstate commerce of specific articles that pose a plant health risk that are in addition to the prohibitions and restrictions imposed by APHIS.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS believes that specific information—such as a pest data detection survey with a pest risk

analysis that shows that a pest is not present in a State, or if already present, the current distribution in the State, and that the pest would harm or injure the environment and/or agricultural resources of the State or political subdivision—is needed and would be considered along with more general information available to APHIS for the Administrator to be able to determine whether to grant or deny a request for a special need exemption.

The special needs request are submitted with the required information and cover letter from a requesting State to the Deputy Administrator of Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ). The required information includes: Survey. The results of a scientifically sound survey that shows that the pest of concern is not in the State or subdivision of the State, or that shows the distribution of the pest, Risk of entry. A pest risk assessment or scientific data that shows that the pest could enter the area, Harm, or injury. Information that shows that if the pest entered or spread in the State, it would harm agricultural or environmental resources. Quantitative estimates of the potential injury are preferred, Special basis. Evidence that the area has special or unique characteristics that make it more vulnerable to harm or injury, such as unique fauna or flora, special historical or cultural interest, etc., Requested restrictions; and Details about what specifically is requested, why it is necessary, why it will work and how it will help.

The administrator’s determination would be based upon his or her review of the information submitted by the State or political subdivision in support of its request and would consider any comments received. If this information was not collected or collected less frequently, it would create vulnerabilities which would cripple APHIS’ ability to prevent the introduction or spread of plant pests and diseases in the United States.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 160.

Dated: April 6, 2022.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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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 clearance 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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by May 11, 2022 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.

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Forest Service

Title: Equal Opportunity Compliance Review Reporting Tool.

OMB Control Number: 0596–0215.

Summary of Collection: All Federal agencies and the entities receiving Federal financial assistance are prohibited from discriminating in the delivery of programs and services. Agencies must comply with equal opportunity laws, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972; The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; Section 504 of the