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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Washington State University Research Foundation of Pullman, Washington, an exclusive license to Plant Variety Protection Number 200600005, the waxy wheat variety designated "Waxy-Pen," filed on October 7, 2005.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's intellectual property rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. The prospective worldwide exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of Export Enhancement Program (EEP) and Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 11, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William S. Hawkins, Director, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031, telephone (202) 720-3241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CCC's Export Enhancement Program (EEP) and CCC's Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP).

OMB Number: 0551-0028.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2006.

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

Abstract: The major objective of the EEP and DEIP is to expand U.S. agricultural exports by paying cash to exporters as bonuses, allowing them to sell U.S. agricultural products in targeted countries at competitive prices. Under 7 CFR part 1494, exporters are required to submit the following: (1) Information required for program participation (section 1494.301), (2) performance security (section 1494.401), (3) export sales information in connection with applying for a CCC bonus (section 1494.501), and (4)

evidence of export and related information (section 1494.701). In addition, each exporter must maintain accurate records showing sales and deliveries of the eligible commodity exported in connection with an agreement made under the EEP or DEIP as outlined in section 1494.1001. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan for, evaluate the use of, and account for Government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 1.08 hours per response.

Respondents: Exporters of U.S. agricultural commodities, banks or other financial institutions, producer association, export trade associations, and U.S. Government agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 47.4 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,047.68 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tamoria Thompson-Hall, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690-1690.

Requests for comments: Send comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to William S. Hawkins, Director, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031, or to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Persons with disabilities who

require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). 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.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 3, 2006.

Michael W. Yost,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP): Data Collection Requirements

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) invites the general public and other public agencies to provide input on a proposed information collection as set forth in the Proposed Rulemaking entitled "Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program" (SFMNP) that was published in the **Federal Register** on May 26, 2005. The comment period is open to provide State agencies, local governments, and non-profit organizations the opportunity to comment on the data collection burden. **DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before September 11, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FNS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Send comments to Debra R. Whitford, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 528, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

- **Web site:** Go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments through the link at the Supplemental Food Programs Division Web site.

- **E-Mail:** Send comments to WICHQ-SFPD@fns.usda.gov. Include Docket Number and title in the subject line of the message.

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

In all cases, including when comments are sent via e-mail, please label your comments as "Proposed Collection of Information: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program."

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 522, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information should be directed to Debra R. Whitford at the address indicated above or at (703) 305-2746.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

OMB Number: To be assigned.

Expiration Date: 3 years from date of approval.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Abstract: The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171, also known as the Farm Bill) gives the Department of Agriculture the authority to promulgate regulations for the operation and administration of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). The purposes of the SFMNP are to provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture (CSA) programs to low-income seniors; to increase the domestic

consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs; and to develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs.

Such requirements include, but are not limited to, financial information used to reconcile and close out SFMNP grants, submission of annual State Plans of Operation that describe in detail the operation and administration of the SFMNP at the State and local levels, local agency and authorized outlet (farmer, farmers' market, roadside stand, and/or community supported agriculture (CSA) program) applications and agreements, racial/ethnic participation data for all program participants, State agency nutrition education agreements, and State agency corrective action plans. FNS will use the collection of this information to assess how each State agency operates and to ensure the accountability of State agencies, local agencies, and authorized farmers'/farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs in administering the SFMNP.

USDA published a proposed rulemaking on the SFMNP on May 26, 2005, that contained an estimated information collection burden based on the proposed rule's requirements for program operation and administration. The Department is now soliciting comments on the accuracy and reasonableness of this estimated burden, prior to publication of a final SFMNP rulemaking.

Burden Estimate

1. Reporting

Estimated Number of Respondents: 904,088.

Respondents include State agencies, local agencies, recipients, and authorized SFMNP outlets (farmers, farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs).

Estimated Average Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.2601 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 235,153 hours.

2. Recordkeeping

Estimated Number of Recordkeepings: 900,235.

Respondents include State and local agencies.

Estimated Average Number of Recordkeepings per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Time per Recordkeeping: 0.25 hours.