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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 6, 1996.

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 these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

#### • Rural Utilities Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1789, Use of Consultants Funded by Borrowers.

*Summary:* Section 18(c) of the RE Act (7 U.S.C. 918(c)) authorizes RUS to use consultants voluntarily funded by borrowers for financial, legal, engineering, and other technical services. The consultants may be used to facilitate timely action on applications by borrowers for financial assistance and for approvals required by RUS pursuant to the terms of outstanding loan or security instruments or otherwise.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information will be used by RUS to determine whether it is appropriate to use a consultant voluntarily funded by the borrower to expedite a particular borrower application.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 6.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 12.

#### • Food Safety and Inspection Service

*Title:* Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems.

*Summary:* FSIS is establishing requirements applicable to meat and poultry establishments designed to reduce the occupancy and numbers of pathogenic microorganisms on meat and poultry products, reduce the incidence of foodborne illness associated with the consumption of those products, and provide a new framework for modernization of the current system of meat and poultry inspection.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The HACCP process will help reduce or eliminate the presence of pathogenic microorganisms in meat and poultry products.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 9,079.

*Frequency of Responses:* Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Daily.

*Total Burden Hours:* 7,904,222.

#### • Forest Service

*Title:* State and Private Forestry Accomplishment Reporting.

*Summary:* USDA Forest Service through its State and Private Forestry Branch conducts a number of cooperative programs within State agencies. These cooperative programs in Forest Management, Watershed Management, Insect and Disease Control, Forest Fire Control, Rural Community Fire Protection, and Resource Conservation and Development operate in all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Information is utilized for management reviews and audits of grant recipients and to determine that funds are being expended in a non-discriminatory manner.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 524.

#### • Farm Service Agency

*Title:* Annual Certification Requirements (7 CFR Parts 12 and 718), Assignment of Payments (7 CFR Part 1404, and Power of Attorney 7 CFR Part 720)—Addendum II.

*Summary:* These are new requirements enacted under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

*Need and use of the Information:* The information is needed in order for the county and state committee to determine benefits available to the producer(s).

*Description of Respondents:* Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,400,250.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,779,710.

#### • Food and Consumer Service

*Title:* 7 CFR Part 220—School Breakfast Program.

*Summary:* The School Breakfast Program provides for the appropriation of "such sums as are necessary to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program to assist in initiating, maintaining or expanding nonprofit breakfast programs in all schools which make application for assistance and agree to carry out a nonprofit breakfast program in accordance with this Act."

*Need and Use of the Information:* Serious legal and accountability questions would be raised if this collection was not conducted.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government

*Number of Respondents:* 66,272.

*Frequency of Responses:* Recordkeeping; Reporting: Monthly; Quarterly; Semi-annually; Annually; Daily.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,667,170.

#### • Food and Consumer Service

*Title:* 7 CFR Part 210—National School Lunch Program.

*Summary:* The National School Lunch Program provides for safeguarding the health and well-being of the Nation's children and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities and other food, by assisting the States in providing an adequate supply of food and other facilities for the establishment,

maintenance, operation, and expansion of nonprofit school lunch programs.

*Need and Use of the Information:*

Serious legal and accountability questions would be raised if the collection of information was not collected.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 114,169.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Monthly; Semi-annually; Annually; Biennially; Daily.

*Total Burden Hours:* 9,136,382.

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

*Title:* National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS).

*Summary:* Data will be collected from individuals and organizations involved in the dairy, beef, poultry, aquaculture, sheep, and equine industries, as well as from individuals or groups with knowledge of the scope, causes, and public health and/or economic consequences of new and emerging animal health issues.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information collected will be used to identify baseline trends; to determine risks and consequences of new and emerging animal health issues; and to determine the economic consequences of animal diseases management and environmental practices.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 7,240.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Monthly; Quarterly.

*Total Burden Hours:* 5,280.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements under Regulations (other than Rules of Practice) Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930.

*Summary:* The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act establishes a code of fair trading practices covering the marketing of fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. It protects growers, shippers, and distributors by prohibiting unfair practices.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act requires nearly all commission merchants, dealers, and brokers buying or selling fruits and/or vegetables in interstate or foreign commerce to be licensed. The information collected is used to administer licensing provisions under the Act.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 15,550.

*Frequency of Responses:* Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 118,476.

- Forest Service

*Title:* Visitor Permit and Visitor Registration Card

*Summary:* The visitor permit is used only where public use levels must be managed to prevent resource damage, preserve quality of the experience, or for public safety. The visitor registration card is for use as mandated by management plans.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Not having the permit and registration card could cause overuse and site deterioration in some environmentally sensitive areas. Not having the registration card would mean special studies to collect use data or management decisions based on little data.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 329,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 16,500.

- National Agricultural Statistics Service

*Title:* 1997 Census of Agriculture

*Summary:* The Census of Agriculture is conducted every 5 years. It covers all agricultural operations in each state, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that meet the farm definition. Detailed benchmark data are provided every 5 years for the agricultural sector of the economy.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The Census of Agriculture provides the only source of periodic, comparable, detailed county data descriptive of the structure of the agricultural production sectors of the United States and its territories.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,586,880.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Every 5 years.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,319,438.

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## Agricultural Marketing Service

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### Milk for Manufacturing Purposes and Its Production and Processing; Requirements Recommended for Adoption by State Regulatory Agencies

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends the recommended manufacturing milk requirements (Recommended Requirements) by reducing the maximum allowable bacterial estimate and somatic cell count in producer herd milk and by reducing the maximum allowable bacterial estimate in commingled milk. In addition, this amendment modifies the follow-up procedures when producer herd milk exceeds the maximum allowable bacterial estimate. The amendment to reduce somatic cell count and bacterial estimate was initiated at the request of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and was developed in cooperation with NASDA, dairy trade associations, and producer groups.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 12, 1996.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), the U.S. Department of Agriculture maintains a set of model regulations relating to quality and sanitation requirements for the production and processing of manufacturing grade milk. These Recommended Requirements are available for adoption by the various States. The purpose of the model requirements is to promote, through State adoption and enforcement, uniformity in State dairy laws and regulations relating to manufacturing grade milk.

On July 22, 1992, the Dairy Division of NASDA passed a resolution recommending that certain milk quality requirements be tightened. The Dairy Division of NASDA requested that the maximum allowable bacterial estimate in producer herd milk be reduced from 1,000,000 per ml. to 500,000 per ml. and that the maximum allowable somatic cell count in producer herd milk be