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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Requests

March 7, 1997.

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 (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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 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 Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

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.

- Rural Utilities Service

Title: Inventory of Work Orders.
OMB Control Number: 0572-0284.

Summary: Information is collected that allows the borrower to adjust estimates expenditures to reflect actual expenditures for the project.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to monitor the activities of the borrower to ensure funds are used for stated purposes.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 12,150.

- Food and Consumer Service

Title: Monthly Claim for Reimbursement.

OMB Control Number: 0572-New.

Summary: Earned reimbursement in the National School Lunch, Breakfast, and Special Milk Programs in based on performance, that is, an assigned rate per meal or half pint served, with cost comparison to free milk and severe need breakfast.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected will be used to compute earned reimbursement.

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

Number of Respondents: 415.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 5,764.

- Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Market Access Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0027.

Summary: The primary objective of the Market Access Program is to encourage the development, maintenance and expansion of Commercial export markets for U.S. agricultural products through cost-share assistance to eligible trade organizations that implement a foreign market development program. Financial assistance is made available on a competitive basis.

Need and Use of the Information: The Information will be used to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for government resources.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institution; Business or other for-profit; State, Local and Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 70.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting: On occasion; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 78,460.

- Forest Service

Title: Timber Sale Operating Plans.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0086.

Summary: The National Forest Management Act requires timber sale operating plans on timber sales that exceed 2 years in length.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will be used by the agency to determine eligibility for additional contract time. In addition, this information is used to plan the agency timber sale contract administration workload and to meet other contract obligations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 15,000.

Larry Roberson,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV97-917-1NC]

Notice of Request for Extension of 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 an extension to a currently approved information collection for Peaches Grown in California, Marketing Order No. 917.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 12, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Kenneth G. Johnson, Marketing Specialist, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Room 2525-S, Fruit and Vegetable Division,

Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Post Office Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, telephone: (202) 720-5127, Fax (202) 720-5698; or Terry Vawter, Marketing Specialist, California Marketing Field Office, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, 2202 Monterey Street, Suite 102B, Fresno, California, 93721; telephone: (209) 487-5901.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Peaches Grown in California, Marketing Order 917.

OMB Number: 0581-0080.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: Marketing order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables and specialty crops, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and adequate returns to producers. Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), industries enter into marketing order programs. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee the order operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from each commodity industry.

The California peach marketing order program, which has been operating since 1939, authorizes the issuance of grade, size, and maturity regulations, inspection requirements, and marketing and production research including paid advertising. Regulatory provisions apply to peaches shipped within and out of the area of production to any market, except those specifically exempted by the marketing order.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMAA, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the California peach marketing order program.

The order, and rules and regulations issued thereunder, authorize the Peach Commodity Committee (Committee), the agency responsible for local administration of the order, to require handlers to submit certain information. Much of this information is compiled in aggregate and provided to the industry to assist in marketing decisions.

The Committee has developed forms as a convenience to persons who are required to file information with the Committee needed to carry out the purposes of the Act and the order. These forms require a minimum of information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the order, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the Act as expressed in the order.

Peach growers who are nominated by their peers to serve as representatives on the Committee must file nomination forms with the Secretary.

Formal rulemaking amendments to the order must be approved in referendum conducted by the Secretary. Also, the Secretary may conduct a continuance referendum to determine industry support for continuation of the order. Handlers are asked to sign an agreement to indicate their willingness to abide by the provisions of the order whenever the order is amended. These forms are included in this request.

These forms require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the order, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the AMAA as expressed in the order, and the rules and regulations issued under the order.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of the USDA, including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Division regional and headquarters staff, and authorized employees of the Committee. Authorized Committee employees and the industry are the primary users of the information and AMS is the secondary user.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.819 hours per response.

Respondents: California peach producers and for-profit businesses handling fresh peaches produced in California.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 721.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.874.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1140 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the functioning of the California peach marketing order program and USDA's oversight of that program; (2) the accuracy of the collection burden estimate and the validity of methodology and assumptions used in estimating the burden on respondents; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information requested; and (4) ways to minimize the burden, including

use of automated or electronic technologies.

Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0080 and Marketing Order No. 917, and be mailed to Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, Post Office Box 96456, room 2525-S, Washington, DC 20090-6456. Comments should reference the docket number and page number of this issue of the Federal Register. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular USDA business hours at 14th & Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, room 2525-S.

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: March 7, 1997.

Robert C. Keeney,

Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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Food and Consumer Service

Child Nutrition Programs; Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk for the period from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and centers participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Commodity School Program. The annual adjustments are required by section 9 of the National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert M. Eadie, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, FCS, USDA, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, or by phone at (703) 305-2618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.