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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of Strategic Planning Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Strategic Planning Task Force.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Agriculture has appointed the Strategic Planning Task Force which is charged with the review of all Federally owned and funded agricultural research facilities. This 15 member task force is scheduled to meet at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center in Ames, Iowa beginning at 1:00 p.m. on May 28 and concluding at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30. Since this is the first meeting of the Task Force, the agenda will focus on orientation of the members regarding the charge to the Task Force, the current intramural and extramural research program and related facilities, and future plans for conducting the review. The last day of the meeting will be spent touring the Iowa State University facilities, as well as the ARS and APHIS facilities in the Ames area.

TIMES AND DATES: May 28, 1997, 1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.; May 29, 1997, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; and May 30, 1997, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Holiday Inn Gateway Center, US 30 and Elwood Drive, Ames, IA 50014.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open to the public.

COMMENTS: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT: Mitch Geasler, Project Director, Strategic Planning Task Force, Room 212W, Jamie E. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue,

SW., Washington, D.C. 20250.
Telephone: (202) 720–3803.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 8th day of May 1997.

Catherine E. Woteki,

Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV–97–303]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision 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 for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification and Standards for Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products—7 CFR 51.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 14, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Douglas D. Shearer, Head, Field Operations Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2049—South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250, Phone: (202) 720–2482, FAX: (202) 720–0393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

OMB Number: 0581–0125.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: 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. The use of this service is voluntary and is made available only upon request or when specified by some special program or contract.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0302205 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: 51,800.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.09857.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: \$218,144 (6,416 total burden hours x \$34.00 per hour).

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 Douglas D. Shearer, Head, Field Operations Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2049—South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20250, 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: May 9, 1997.

Robert C. Keeney,

Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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