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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 11, 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.

• Farm Service Agency

Title: Livestock Indemnity Program (7 CFR 1439).

OMB Control Number: 0560—New.

Summary of Collection: Respondents must present certification of losses and eligibility to receive payment for livestock and poultry due to disaster.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to determine the eligibility and amount of assistance in accordance with published regulations.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 60,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 120,000.

Emergency Processing of this submission has been requested by July 18, 1997.

• Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Compensation for Wheat Seed and Straw in the 1995-1996 Crop Season.

OMB Control Number: 0579-New.

Summary of Collection: Information is collected from growers and seed companies concerning wheat produced and sold during the growing season.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to compensate growers and seed companies for the loss in value of wheat seed and straw due to Karnal Bunt.

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

Number of Respondents: 70.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly.

Total Burden Hours: 210.

• Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Karnal Bunt.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0121.

Summary of Collection: The regulations for Karnal Bunt require the use of limited permits, certificates, compliance agreements, and other documents that are needed to inform the public of the requirements.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to authorize the interstate movement of regulated articles and help prevent the spread of Karnal Bunt.

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

Number of Respondents: 4,379.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly.

Total Burden Hours: 7,428.

• Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Agricultural Pest Information System.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0010.

Summary of Collection: Information is collected concerning insect pests, noxious weeds, and plant diseases.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to predict potential pest situations.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Semi-annually.

Total Burden Hours: 188.

• Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 54—Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards).

OMB Control Number: 0581-0124.

Summary of Collection: Respondents voluntarily request meat grading and certification services.

Need and Use of the Information: The application for meat grading and certification services authorizes USDA employees to perform such services in requesting establishments. The information contained on the application also serves as a legal agreement between parties.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,154.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 504.

• Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Papaya, Carambola, and Litachi from Hawaii.

OMB Control Number: 0579-New.

Summary of Collection: Certificates and limited permits will be needed to move fruit from Hawaii. Packages must be marked and sealed.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to prevent the spread of plant diseases and insect pests throughout the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 416.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 346.

• **Agricultural Research Service**

Title: Use of Facilities of the Performance of Photography/Cinematography at the U.S. National Arboretum.

OMB Control Number: 0518–New.

Summary of Collection: Persons or groups interested in the use of the facilities and grounds of the National Arboretum must make application and submit the required fee.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to determine if the requestor's needs can be met and if the request is consistent with the mission of the National Arboretum.

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

Number of Respondents: 220.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 53.

• **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

Title: 9 CFR 75 Communicable Diseases in Horses.

OMB Control Number: 0579–New.

Summary of Collection: Specific information is collected about horses that owners want tested and if equine infectious is found a complete investigation is done on the farm where the horse resides.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is collected in order to prevent the spread of equine infectious anemia.

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

Number of Respondents: 10,053.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 91,925.

• **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

Title: Asian Long Horned Beetle.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0122.

Summary of Collection: Compliance agreements appeal letters, certificates, inspections, limited permit, container markings, and 48-hour notices will be needed to allow regulated articles to move interstate from guaranteed areas in New York.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to control and

monitor the movement of the Asian long horned beetle. The regulations guarantee certain areas within the State of New York.

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

Number of Respondents: 225.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 132.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV97–931–1 NC]

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 Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington, Marketing Order No. 931.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received September 15, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Tershirra T. Yeager, Marketing Order Administration Branch, F & V, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525–S, Washington, D.C., 20090–6456, or Telephone: (202) 720–2491, Fax (202) 720–5698.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington, Marketing Order No. 931.

OMB Number: 0581–0092.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension and revision 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 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 fresh Bartlett pear marketing order program, which has been operating since 1966.

The fresh Bartlett pear marketing order authorizes the issuance of quality regulations and inspection requirements. Regulatory provisions apply to fresh Bartlett pears shipped within and outside of the production area, except those specifically exempt. The order also has authority for production and marketing research and development projects, including paid advertising.

The order, and rules and regulations issued thereunder, authorize the Fresh Bartlett Pear Marketing Committee (Committee), the agency responsible for local administration of the order, to require handlers and growers 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 means for persons to file required information with the Committee relating to fresh Bartlett pear supplies, shipments, dispositions, and other information needed to effectively carry out the purpose of the Act and order. Fresh Bartlett pears are harvested from early August through early September and are marketed through December, and these forms are utilized accordingly. A USDA form is used to allow growers to vote on amendments to or continuance of the marketing order. In addition, fresh Bartlett pear growers and handlers who are nominated by their peers to serve as representatives on the Committee must file nomination forms with the Secretary.

The forms covered under this information collection 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 Act as expressed in the order.