

National Needs Narrative (not numbered), Forms CSREES-701, CSREES-702, CSREES-703, CSREES-706, and 400 for CSREES-708. For grantees: 100 each for Forms CSREES-707 and CSREES-709.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: For applicants: 9,233 hours, broken down by: 50 hours for Form CSREES-701 (one-quarter hour per 200 respondents); 300 hours for Form CSREES-702 (one and one-half hours per 200 respondents); 50 hours for Form CSREES-703 (one-quarter hour per 200 respondents); 33 hours for Form CSREES-706 (10 minutes per 200 respondents); 2,800 hours for Form CSREES-708 (seven hours per 400 respondents); and 6,000 hours for the National Need Narrative (30 hours per 200 respondents). For grantees, this estimate is 225 hours, broken down by: 25 hours for Form CSREES-707 (one-quarter hour per 100 respondents); and 200 hours for Form CSREES-709 (two hours per 100 respondents).

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Suzanne Plimpton, Policy and Program Liaison Staff, CSREES, (202) 401-1302. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

Comments: 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 will 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Sally J. Rockey, Deputy Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, CSREES, USDA, STOP 2240, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-2240, (202) 401-1761. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov. Comments also may be submitted directly to OMB and should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20502.

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

Done at Washington, D.C., this 22nd day of January, 1998.

B.H. Robinson,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request-Determining Eligibility for Free School Meals and Milk of Children From Households Certified for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) announces its intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approval of a revision in the information collections related to making eligibility determinations for free and reduced price meals and free milk in schools. The revision is the result of a statutory change extending automatic eligibility for free meals and free milk to children from families under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, comments must be received by April 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Mr. Terry Hallberg, Chief, Program Analysis and Monitoring Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1008, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

Comments are invited on the following areas: (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 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or

other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Terry Hallberg at (703) 305-2600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR Part 245, Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools.

OMB Number: 0584-0026.

Expiration Date: 12/31/99.

Type of Request: Revision of existing collection.

Abstract: Section 109(g)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 amended Section 9(b)(6)(A)(ii) of the National School Lunch Act to extend automatic eligibility for free meals and free milk to children from families under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, provided the TANF standards are comparable to or more restrictive than the State's Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program standards in effect on June 1, 1995. Information is needed to meet the statutory requirement that the Secretary ensure that TANF is comparable to or more restrictive than the AFDC program in effect on June 1, 1995, in order for the State to implement automatic eligibility or direct certification procedures for children from TANF households. Because States have latitude in the way they administer TANF, the Secretary is asking States agencies, in cooperation with the agency in each State administering TANF, to make the comparison and inform the Secretary of their determination. Thereafter, State agencies would only have to notify the Secretary when the TANF program in their State is no longer comparable to or is no longer more restrictive than the State's AFDC Program in effect on June 1, 1995.

Estimate of Burden: A new reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 12 hours per respondent.

Respondents: State agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 52 respondents (50 States, D.C. and Guam). Although several States have two State agencies that administer the School Nutrition Programs, only 1 response per State is requested.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 624 burden hours.

Dated: January 21, 1998.

Yvette S. Jackson,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Western Washington Cascades Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Washington Cascades PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on February 19, 1998 at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Regional Office, 16018 Mill Creek Boulevard, in Mill Creek, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until about 4:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Current and potential coordination among land management and environmental regulatory agencies to further ecosystem-based management in the Western Washington Cascades Province; (2) discussion on how to best coordinate with the Yakima Province Advisory Committee regarding the implementation of the Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area Plan; (3) future meeting dates and topics through mid-September, 1998, when the current Advisory Committee charter period ends; (4) other topics as appropriate; and, (5) open public forum. All Western Washington Cascades Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chris Hansen-Murray, Province Liaison, USDA, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 21905 64th Avenue West, Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98043, 425-744-3276.

Dated: January 28, 1998.

Dennis E. Bschor,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval to Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request approval for a new information collection, the Agricultural Trade Association Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 9, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Agricultural Trade Association Survey.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to conduct an information collection.

Abstract: The survey is aimed at U.S. agricultural producer and commodity trade associations whose members produce, process, and/or market agricultural goods or services sold commercially in the U.S. and/or export markets. The survey asks for information about steps trade associations have taken or will take to help their members become more competitive in the emerging global economy. Data collected will help United States Agency for International Development to formulate programs to foster hemispheric agricultural trade that is mutually beneficial to agricultural producers in both the United States and in Latin America and the Caribbean.

These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: U.S. Trade Associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,300.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 650 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments

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 will 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to:

Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000.

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, D.C., January 21, 1998.

Rich Allen,

Acting Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection, the