

pertinent cranberry data. If information was not collected, data needed to keep the cranberry industry and the Secretary abreast of changes at the State and local level would not be available.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,306.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting: quarterly; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 874.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Program—Store Applications.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0008.

Summary of Collection: The Food Stamp Program (FSP) is designed to promote the general welfare and safeguard the health and well being of the Nation's population by raising levels of nutrition among low-income households. Section 2 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended states in part, that a Food Stamp Program is herein authorized which will permit low-income households to obtain a more nutritious diet through normal channels of trade by increasing food purchasing power for all eligible households who apply for participation. Section 9(a) of the Act requires that regulations provide for an application to be submitted by retailers and wholesalers to request approval for authorization to accept and redeem food coupons. The need to collect information is established under the Act to determine the eligibility of retail food stores, wholesale food concerns, and food service organizations applying for authorization to accept and redeem food stamp benefits, to monitor these firms for continued eligibility, to sanction stores for non-compliance with the Act, and for program management. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information using forms FNS-252, Food Stamp Application for Store, FN252-R, Food Stamp Program Application for Stores—Reauthorization, and FNS 252-2, Application to Participate in the Food Stamp Program for Communal Dining Facility/Others.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information to determine a firm's eligibility for participation in the Food Stamp Program, program administration, compliance monitoring and investigations, and for sanctioning stores found to be violating the program. FNS is also responsible for requiring updates to application information and reviewing that information to determine whether or not the retail food store, wholesale food concern, or food service organization continues to meet eligibility requirements. Owners

Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) and Social Security Numbers (SSN) may be disclosed to and used by Federal agencies or instrumentalities that otherwise gave access to EINs and SSNs. FNS and other Federal Government agencies examine such information during compliance review, audit review, special studies or evaluation efforts.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 68,770.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 15,777.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Southern Regional Listening Session

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Listening Session.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a Southern Regional Listening Session of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199, or e-mail: lshea@reeusda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127), will send representatives of its membership (11 members, the Executive Director, and a USDA administrative support person) to the Southern Region to hold a Southern

Regional Listening Session, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on August 2, 1999.

The Southern Regional Listening Session will engage southern stakeholders (small farmers, producers/ranchers, academia including 1890 and 1994 institutions, the private sector, and other stakeholder groups) in panel sessions to present statements to Advisory Board members on agricultural research and education priorities and other issues of significant concern to the South. Findings of this Listening Session will be presented to the full Advisory Board for consideration in its ongoing effort to advise USDA on future agricultural research and education priorities. Time will be allowed at the end of Listening Session panels for open discussion and audience participation.

Dates: Southern Regional Listening Session, August 2, 1999, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Place: Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or within 2 weeks after the meeting with the contact person. All statements will become a part of the official records of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Washington, D.C. 20250-2255.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 26th day of July 1999.

Eileen Kennedy,

Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-040N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Forty-sixth Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and Twenty-third Session of the CODEX

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Under Secretary for Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is sponsoring a public meeting on August

17, 1999. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about decisions on issues considered at the Forty-sixth Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Twenty-third Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission which were held in Rome, Italy June 24–25, 1999, and June 28–July 3, 1999, respectively, and to take comments on the future direction of U.S. efforts in Codex.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 1999, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 107A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC. Send an original and two copies of comments to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket #99–040N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250–3700. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Edward Scarbrough, Ph.D., U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius, Room 4861, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250; Telephone (202) 205–7760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Codex is the principal international organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. Codex meets biennially. The Executive Committee serves as the executive body of Codex between the biennial meetings.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items will be discussed during the public meeting on August 17, 1999.

1. Election of Officers of the Commission and Appointment of Regional Coordinators.

2. Report on the Forty-sixth Session of the Executive Committee.

3. Report of the financial situation of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme for 1998/99 and 2000/01.

4. Consideration of the Draft Medium-term Plan for 1998 to 2002 (This plan identifies work to be conducted by the Commission by program area and describes the medium-term objectives of that work.)

5. Consumers' involvement in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

6. Principles of Risk Analysis.

7. Consideration of Amendments to the Procedure Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. (These are matters that pertain to the operations of the Commission.)

8. Consideration of Draft Standards and Related Texts. (These are items considered at Step 5 or Step 8 of the Codex Procedure for the elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts.)

9. Consideration of Proposals to Elaborate New Standards and/or Related Texts.

10. Matters Arising from Reports of Codex Committees.

11. Designation of Host Governments for Codex Committees.

Public Meeting

The public meeting is scheduled for August 17, 1999, in Room 107A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC. Attendees will hear brief descriptions of the issues and the outcome of Commission deliberations and will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments.

Done at Washington, DC on: July 23, 1999.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Northwest Sacramento Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Northwest Sacramento Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on Wednesday, August 11, 1999, at the Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, California. The meeting will consist of a field trip, starting from the office at 7:00 a.m. and adjourning at 5:00 p.m. The main

agenda item for this meeting and the objective of the field trip is to view the Upper Stoney Creek and discuss the grant proposal for completing the watershed analysis for this watershed. Public comment periods will be held throughout the field trip. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 530–841–4468; TDD (530) 841–4573; email: chendryx/r5_klamath@fs.fed.us.

Dated: July 23, 1999.

Nancy J. Gibson,

Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Economic Development Administration.

Title: Proposal and Application for Federal Assistance, and Civil Rights Guidelines.

Agency Form Number: ED–900P and ED–900A.

OMB Approval Number: 0610–0094.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 47,350 hours (7,350 for ED–900P and 40,000 for ED–900A).

Average Hours Per Response: ED–900P Proposal for Federal Assistance—7 hours. ED–900A Application for Federal Assistance and Civil Rights Guidelines—50 hours.

Number of Respondents:

Approximately 1,850 respondents.

Needs and Uses: The information in the application is needed to determine conformance to statutory and regulatory requirements, the quality of the scope of work proposed to address the pressing needs and other economic problem(s) of the area, the merits of the activity for which funding is requested and the ability of the prospective applicants to carry out the proposed activities successfully. Those interested in obtaining a grant are to first submit a preapplication and then be invited to submit an application. The Civil Rights Guidelines are required by the