

rural communities. Section 331 and 335 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Agency, to establish provisions for security servicing policies for the loans and grants in questions. If there is a problem which exists, a recipient of the loan, grant, or loan guarantee must furnish financial information which is used to aid in resolving the problem through reamortization, sale, transfer, debt restructuring, liquidation, or other means provided in the regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agency will use several different forms to collect information from applicants, borrowers, consultants, lenders and attorneys. This information is used to determine applicant/borrower eligibility and project feasibility for various servicing actions. The information enables field staff to ensure that borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan and grant funds for authorized purposes.

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

Number of Respondents: 105.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 979.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 8, 2011.

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), *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 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) 720-8958.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Certified State Mediation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0165.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) amended its agricultural loan mediation regulations to implement the requirements of the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (the 1994 Act) and the United States Grain Standards Act of 2000 (the Grain Standards Act). The regulation continues to provide a mechanism to States to apply for and obtain matching funds grants from USDA to supplement the expenses involved with the administration of an agricultural mediation program. FSA will collect information by mail, phone, fax, and in person.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to determine whether the State meets the eligibility criteria to be recipients of grant funds, and secondly, to determine if the grant is being administered as provided by the Act. Lack of adequate information to make these determinations could result in the improper administration and appropriation of Federal grant funds.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 35.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,190.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Study to Assess the Effect of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation on Food Security in the Post-American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Environment.

OMB Control Number: 0584–New.
Summary of Collection: Section 17 (7 U.S.C. 2026) (a) (1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 provides general legislative authority for the planned data collection. This section authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into contracts with private institutions to undertake research that will help to improve the administration and effectiveness of SNAP in delivering nutrition related benefits. More specific legislative authority is found in the ARRA economic stimulus package implemented in April 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111–5, Section 101(c) (1)), which provides administrative funds to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for management and oversight and for managing the integrity and evaluation of the stimulus changes. The implementation of ARRA presents a unique opportunity to measure the impact of increased benefits on food insecurity. Over the past few years, SNAP participation has increased over 26 percent and is now at record high levels with over 20.7 million households across the nation enrolled in the program in January 2011. The prevalence of food insecurity is also at a record high level, at 14.6 percent in 2009, as noted in the latest annual report on household food insecurity. A unique opportunity to measure the impact of increased benefits on food insecurity has been presented by the implementation of the ARRA economic stimulus package of 2009, which temporarily increased the maximum allotments provided to SNAP participants by 13.6 percent, eased eligibility requirements for childless adults without jobs, and provided additional funding to state agencies responsible for administering the program.

Need and Use of the Information: This evaluation of the effect of SNAP participants on food security will provide new information on the extent to which food insecurity declines with SNAP participation in a post-ARRA environment. This will produce important new evidence on the program's impact, will inform policy decisions regarding the size of SNAP allotments for eligible households, and inform related operational decisions regarding the likely impact of allotment changes on the propensity to participate. The purpose of this data is to allow analysis that will support the following study objectives: (1) To determine how, if at all, the prevalence of household food insecurity and amount of food expenditures vary with SNAP participation. (2) To determine how, if at all, the observed results vary

by key household characteristics and circumstances. (3) To determine what factors distinguish between food secure and food insecure SNAP households with children.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or household.

Number of Respondents: 15,408.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 8,266.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) intends to request an extension for a currently approved information collection procedure for Sugar Import Licensing Programs described in 7 CFR part 1530.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before September 12, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver comments to William Janis, International Economist, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–1021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Janis at the address stated above or telephone at (202) 720–2194, or by e-mail at: William.Janis@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Sugar Imported for Export as Refined Sugar or as a Sugar-Containing Product, or used in the Production of Certain Polyhydric Alcohols.

OMB Number: 0551–0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2011.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the Sugar Import Licensing Program is to permit entry of raw cane sugar,

unrestricted by the quantitative limit established by the sugar tariff-rate quota, for re-export in refined form or in a sugar containing product or for the production of certain polyhydric alcohols. These programs are in use by as many as 250 licensees currently eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR part 1530, licensees are required to submit the following: (1) “Application for a license” information required for participation as set forth in section 1530.104; (2) “Regular reporting” of import, export, transfer, or use for charges and credits to licensees under section 1530.109; and (3) “Miscellaneous submission” of bonds or letters of credit under section 1530.107, appeals to determinations by the licensing authority under section 1530.112, or requests to the licensing authority for waivers under section 1530.113.

In addition, each participant must maintain records on all program reports as set forth in section 1530.110. The information collected is used by the licensing authority to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for program activities. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper operations of these programs.

Estimate of Burden: (1) “Application for a license” would require 20 hours per response; (2) “Regular reporting” would require between 10 and 15 minutes per transaction with the number of transactions varying per respondent; and (3) “miscellaneous submission” would require between 1 to 2 hours per bond or letter of credit, 2 to 10 hours per waiver request, and 10 to 100 hours per appeal.

Respondents: Sugar refiners, manufacturers of sugar containing products, and producers of polyhydric alcohol.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: New/Renew License: 1; Regular reporting: 75 transactions, total; Miscellaneous: Bonds/letters of credit: 1; Waiver requests: 1; Appeals: 1.

Estimated Total Burden Hours on Respondents: 1,739 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tamoria Thompson-Hall, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 690–1690.

Request of Comments: The public is invited to submit comments and suggestions to the above address regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other