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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FV-13-0012; FV 13-930-1]

Tart Cherries Grown in Michigan, New York, Et al.; 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) intent to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Tart Cherries Grown in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin, pursuant to Marketing Order No. 930 (7 CFR part 930).

DATES: Comments must be received by July 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Internet: www.regulations.gov. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Weiya Zeng, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237,

Room 1406-S, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone: (202) 690-3870, Fax: (202) 720-8938, or Email: weiya.zeng@ams.usda.gov.

Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Jeffrey Smutny, Assistant to the Director, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Fruit and Vegetable Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Room 1406-S, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone: (202) 720-9922, Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Email: jeffrey.smutny@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tart Cherries Grown in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. Marketing Order No. 930 (7 CFR part 930).

OMB Number: 0581-0177.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2013.

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. Under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), industries may enter into marketing orders. The Secretary of Agriculture oversees these operations and issues regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from the respective commodity industry.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMAA and to administer the program, which has operated since 1996.

The Federal marketing order for tart cherries (7 CFR part 930) regulates the handling of tart cherries grown in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin, hereinafter referred to as the "order." The order authorizes volume regulations that provide for a reserve pool in times of heavy cherry supplies. The order also provides for minimum grade and size regulations, and market research and development projects, including paid advertising. These provisions are not currently in use.

The order, and rules and regulations issued thereunder, authorizes the Cherry Industry Administrative Board (Board), 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 Board to assist in carrying out marketing decisions.

The Board has developed forms as a means for persons to file the required and minimum necessary reports with the Board, such as tart cherry inventories, shipments, diversions, and background data. All the information provided is needed to effectively carry out the requirements of the order and fulfill the intent of the AMAA as expressed in the order. Since this order regulates canned and frozen forms of tart cherries, reporting requirements will be in effect all year.

Eight U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) forms are also included in this request. Tart cherry growers and handlers nominated by their peers to serve as representatives on the Board must submit nomination forms to the USDA. Formal rulemaking amendments to the order must be approved in grower referenda authorized and conducted by the USDA. In addition, USDA may conduct a referendum to determine industry support for continuation of the order. Finally, handlers are asked to sign an agreement to indicate their willingness to comply with the provisions of the order if the order is amended.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of the USDA, including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs' regional and headquarters staff, and authorized Board employees. Authorized Board employees and the industry are the primary users of the information, and AMS is the secondary user.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .225 hours per response.

Respondents: Tart cherry growers and for-profit businesses handling fresh and processed tart cherries produced in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 642.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.03.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 727 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should reference this docket number and the appropriate marketing order and be sent to the USDA in care of the Docket Clerk at the address above. All comments received within the provided comment period will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, and summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 9, 2013.

Rex A. Barnes,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2013-0020]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold public meetings of the full Committee and subcommittees on June 4-6, 2013. The Committee will discuss: (1) Control strategies for reducing foodborne Norovirus infections, (2) Study of microbiological criteria as indicators of process control or insanitary conditions, and (3) Application of NACMCF recommendations to the Agricultural Marketing Service, Federal Ground Beef Purchase Program.

DATES: The full Committee will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013

from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Subcommittee on Control Strategies for Reducing Foodborne Norovirus Infections and the Subcommittee on Study of Microbiological Criteria as Indicators of Process Control or Insanitary Conditions will hold concurrent open meetings on Tuesday, June 4, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, and Thursday, June 6, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The June 4-6, 2013, full Committee and subcommittee meetings will be held at the Patriots Plaza 3, 1st Floor Auditorium and Conference Rooms, respectively, 355 E. Street SW., Washington, DC 20024. All documents related to the full Committee meeting will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room, USDA, 355 E. Street SW., Patriots Plaza 3, Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as soon as they become available. The NACMCF documents will also be available on the Internet at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_Policies/Federal_Register_Notices/index.asp.

FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting dates and post it on the FSIS Web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_Events/. Please note that the meeting agenda is subject to change due to the time required for Committee discussions; thus, sessions could start or end earlier or later than anticipated. Please plan accordingly if you would like to attend a particular session or participate in a public comment period.

Also, the official transcript of the June 4, 2013, full Committee meeting, when it becomes available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the above address and will also be posted on http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Meetings/.

The mailing address for the contact person is: Karen Thomas-Sharp, USDA, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Patriots Plaza 3, Mailstop 3777, Room 9-47, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments at the June 4, plenary session should contact Karen Thomas: Phone: (202) 690-6620; Fax (202) 690-6334; Email: Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov or at the mailing address above. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Thomas by May 28, 2013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS Internet Web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Charter/.

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Dr. Elisabeth A. Hagen, Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Mr. Michael Landa, Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Ms. Gerri Ransom, FSIS, is the Executive Secretary.

At the subcommittee meetings the week of June 4-6, 2013, the groups will discuss:

- Control strategies for reducing foodborne Norovirus infections, and
- Study of microbiological criteria as indicators of process control or insanitary conditions.

Documents Reviewed by NACMCF

FSIS intends to make available to the public all materials that are reviewed and considered by the full committee of NACMCF regarding its deliberations. Generally, these materials will be made available as soon as possible after the full Committee meeting. Further, FSIS intends to make these materials available in electronic format on the FSIS Web page (www.fsis.usda.gov), as well as in hard copy format in the FSIS Docket Room. Often, an attempt is made to make the materials available at the start of the full Committee meeting when sufficient time is allowed in advance to do so.

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