

crowns and florets as well as for florets in the U.S. No. 1 grade. AMS has also included the option for diameter to be specified in connection with the U.S. No. 1 grade for broccoli crowns. The U.S. Fancy grade length requirements for bunched broccoli is being revised to provide for minimum and maximum lengths "unless otherwise specified." The sizes for the U.S. Fancy grades and the U.S. No. 1 grades are as listed. The sizes for the U.S. Fancy grades are as follows: For Bunched Broccoli. (a) The diameter of each stalk shall be not less than 2½ inches. Unless otherwise specified, the length of each stalk shall be not less than 6 inches or more than 8½ inches. For Broccoli Crowns. (b) The diameter of each crown shall be not less than 2½ inches or more than 5 inches. Unless otherwise specified, the length of each stalk shall be not less than 2½ inches or more than 5 inches. For Broccoli Florets. (c) The diameter of each floret shall be not less than ¾ inch or more than 3 inches. Unless otherwise specified, the length of each stem shall not be less than 1 inch or more than 3½ inches. The sizes for the U.S. No. 1 grades are as follows: For Bunched Broccoli. (a) There are no requirements for diameter but diameter may be specified for any lot as set forth in "Size specifications" section. Unless otherwise specified, the length of each stalk shall be not less than 5 inches or more than 9 inches. For Broccoli Crowns. (b) There are no requirements for diameter but diameter may be specified for any lot as set forth in "Size specifications" section. Unless otherwise specified, the length of each crown shall be not less than 3½ inches or more than 6 inches. For Broccoli Florets. (c) The diameter of each floret shall be not less than 1 inch or more than 4 inches. Unless otherwise specified, the length of each floret shall not be less than 1½ inch or more than 4½ inches.

The association also wanted bunched broccoli to contain more than one stalk. AMS disagrees with this comment because, as defined in the standards, "Bunch" means: "Stalks bound together to form a unit. A single stalk may be considered a bunch if it is approximately as large as other bunches in the lot." AMS believes that this definition offers flexibility to the industry and will keep that option available.

The grower requested, that the Department consider allowing the sale of broccoli crowns as a unit or an individual item, without a weight statement. The United States Standards issued under the 1946 Act does not regulate the sale of graded commodities.

However, AMS is revising the size specification section of the standards to provide percentages to be determined and certified individually "by weight" as well as "by count" when fairly uniform.

AMS is revising the title of the standards to United States Standards for Grades of Italian Sprouting Broccoli as these standards now will apply to broccoli crowns, florets, and bunched broccoli. AMS is revising the size specification section to allow percentages to be determined "by weight" as well as "by count" when fairly uniform, in order to increase the efficiency of inspections. AMS is defining "fairly uniform" since it is referenced in the standards but not currently defined. "Fairly uniform" means: (a) For bunched broccoli: Bunches are considered fairly uniform if the diameter of the bunches within the container do not vary more than three inches. (b) For broccoli crowns: Crowns are considered to be fairly uniform if the diameter of the crowns within the container do not vary more than three inches. (c) For broccoli florets: Florets are considered fairly uniform if the diameter of the florets within the sample do not vary more than 1½ inches. Additionally, AMS is adding definitions for florets and crowns. "Florets" or "Florettes" means the main stem is cut back considerably and only a single smaller secondary stem remains with the bud cluster. Florets are bud clusters or pieces of the bud cluster that have been closely trimmed from the head. Crowns or Crown cuts are defined as: "Crowns" mean the main stem is cut back from a portion of the broccoli plant including the stems which are of lengths according to the grade applied, bud clusters, and leaves. The definition for diameter is revised to: "Diameter" means the measurement across the bud cluster. With the inclusion of crowns and florets in the standards, AMS is adding "same type" to the requirements for the grades and defining "same type" as: "Same type" means lots shall consist of broccoli with similar type characteristics, i.e., bunched can not be mixed with florets.

AMS is eliminating the unclassified category. This category is being removed from all standards when they are revised. This category is not a grade and only serves to show that no grade has been applied to the lot. It is no longer considered necessary.

The official grades of broccoli covered by these standards are determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification, and Standards of Fresh

Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (7 CFR 51.1 to 51.62).

The United States Standards for Grades of Italian Sprouting Broccoli will become effective 30-days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621—1627.

Dated: September 25, 2006.

Kenneth C. Clayton,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Performance Reporting System, Management Evaluation

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on a proposed information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested. The proposed collection would be an extension of a currently approved collection under OMB No. 0584-0010 which is due to expire January 31, 2007.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 4, 2006.

ADDRESSES: 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 shall 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Moira Johnston, Senior Program Analyst, Program Design Branch, Food Stamp Program, Food and Nutrition

Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Moira Johnston, (703) 305-2515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Performance Reporting System, Management Evaluation.

OMB Number: 0584-0010.

Expiration Date: January 31, 2007.

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

Abstract: The purpose of the Performance Reporting System (PRS) is to ensure that each State agency and project area is operating the Food Stamp Program in accordance with the requirements of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (the Act) (7 U.S.C. 2011, *et seq.*), as amended, and corresponding program regulations. Under Section 11 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2020), State agencies must maintain necessary records to ascertain that the Food Stamp Program is operating in compliance with the Act and regulations and must make these records available to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for inspection and audit.

Management Evaluation (ME) Review Schedules—Unless the State receives approval for an alternative Management Evaluation review schedule, each State agency is required, under 7 CFR part 275, to submit one review schedule every one, two, or three years, depending on the project area make-up of the State.

Data Analysis—Under 7 CFR part 275, each State must establish a system for analysis and evaluation of all data available to the State. Data analysis and evaluation is an ongoing process that facilitates the development of effective and prompt corrective action.

Corrective Action Plans—Under 7 CFR part 275, State agencies must prepare a corrective action plan (CAP) addressing identified deficiencies. The State agencies must develop a system for monitoring and evaluating corrective action and submit CAP updates, as necessary.

Affected Public: State and local agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,484.

Number of responses per respondent: 1.04.

Estimated total annual responses: 1,592.

Hours per response: 319.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 490,736.

Number of record keepers: 54.

Estimated annual hours per record keepers: 30.

Estimated annual recordkeeping burden: 1,620 hours.

Total annual reporting and recordkeeping hours: 492,356.

Dated: September 27, 2006.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on the following dates: October 16, October 24, November 8, November 17, and December 6, 2006. All of these meetings (except the November 17 meeting) will be held at the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests Headquarters office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA. The meeting on November 17 will be held at Chelan County Fire District #1, 206 Easy Street, Wenatchee, WA. These meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. During these meetings Provincial Advisory Committee members will continue the collaboration process on forest plan issues relating to the preparation of a revised forest plan for the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-664-9200.

Dated: September 27, 2006.

Paul Hart,

Designated Federal Official, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Availability of Soil Scientist Specialist Report

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Soil Scientist Specialist Report for the Basin Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Soil Productivity Best Management Practices Monitoring Compliance with Regional Soil Quality Standards is available for public review and comment. This report supplements the soils effects described in the Soils Section of the 2004 Basin Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction Final Environmental Impact Statement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: To send comments use the following mailing addresses:

(1) *U.S. Postal Service or hand-delivered comments:* Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Attention: Leaf Magnuson, 420 Barrett St, Dillon, MT 59725.

(2) *E-mail: comments-northern-beaverhead-deerlodge-butte@fs.fed.us.*

(3) *Fax:* 406-683-3855 Attn: Leaf Magnuson.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Tencick, 406-683-3930.

Dated: September 26, 2006.

Peri R. Suenram,

Planning, Budget, Systems Staff Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Revise and Extend 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. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Equine Survey.