

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: Khristy Baughman, Chief, Business Operations Support Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64133-4676. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (816) 926-1648, telephone (816) 926-6509 or by e-mail to khristy.baughman@kcc.fsa.gov. Comments regarding this information collection requirement may be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for USDA, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Hadder, Marketing Specialist, (202) 720-3816, or Sharon.Hadder@fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Food Aid Request Entry System (FARES).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0225.

Type of Request: Extension with revision.

Abstract: The information collection is necessary for the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to procure various processed foods and commodities for export under humanitarian food aid programs. The FARES was developed to automate the entry of commodity requests submitted to CCC from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), private voluntary organizations (PVOs), the World Food Program (WFP), the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), and the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average .75 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information.

Respondents: USAID, PVOs, the WFP, FAS and FSA.

Respondents: 305.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 12.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,745 hours.

Comment is invited on: (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 collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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 comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 21, 2007.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Meal Claiming Data Collection Pilot Project—Data Collection Instrument

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

This notice announces FNS' intent to request from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the data collection instrument for the CACFP Meal Claiming Data Collection Pilot Project.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before April 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Fred Lesnett, Contracting Officer's Representative, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Fred Lesnett at 703-305-2576 or via e-mail to Fred.Lesnett@fns.usda.gov.

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 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. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Fred Lesnett at 703-605-0811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CACFP Meal Claiming Data Collection Pilot Project.

OMB Number: Not Yet Assigned.

Expiration Date: Not yet determined.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (Act) (Pub. L. 107-300) requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to identify and reduce significant improper over- and under-payments in various programs, including the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Therefore, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture, is conducting a feasibility evaluation of four possible data collection methods for validating the number and type of meals claimed for reimbursement by family day care homes (FDCHs) in the CACFP. The feasibility evaluation is scheduled to collect data from August 2007 until September 2007. Localized data collection is to be conducted in up to four States to evaluate whether the data collection methodologies under evaluation can:

- *Validate the meal reimbursement claims submitted by FDCHs for the number of children who are CACFP eligible and present in the FDCHs during the time period(s) for which the meals/snacks were claimed.
- *Generate the data required for developing an estimate of improper payments, based on the meals claimed for reimbursement by FDCHs, that meet the requirements of the IPIA.
- *Be implemented nationwide in an efficient and cost effective method.

Under this task order, the contractor is to conduct a pretest evaluation which compares meal reimbursement claims submitted by FDCHs to their sponsors

and data collected through each of the following four proposed data collection methodologies:

- *Recollections of parents/guardians on their children's attendance at the FDCHs during the days and times of the claims.
- *Parent sign-in/sign-out logs which are maintained at FDCH locations and are designed to track, by day and time, parents' dropping off and picking up of their children.
- *Parent sign-in/sign-out logs and the recollections of parents/guardians.
- *Observations made on site visits to FDCHs during scheduled meal times.

Based on the findings from the pretest evaluation, the contractor shall recommend which of the data collection methods, up to four, have the greatest chance of success for validating meal reimbursement claims submitted by FDCHs. The recommended methods of data collection shall be tested by the contractor at a local level and evaluated. The testing and after-test evaluation of the selected data collection methodologies shall address, at a minimum, the following questions:

- *What are the strengths of the proposed methodology for validating the meal reimbursement claims submitted by FDCHs?
- *What are the weaknesses of the proposed methodology for validating the meal reimbursement claims submitted by FDCHs? What, if any, steps could be taken to overcome these weaknesses?
- *What is the level of confidence that the estimations of improper payments developed from application of the tested data collection methodology will meet the requirements in the IPIA?
- *What is the feasibility of administering the validation methodology on a national level? Could the methodology be administered at this time on a national level? What are the factors or events that must be present for the projected level of feasibility to take place?
- *What is the potential cost of implementing each of the data collection methodologies nationwide?

After completing the testing and evaluation of the recommended data collection methods, the contractor shall propose a data collection methodology to validate the meals claimed for reimbursement. The contractor's recommended data collection methodology shall be:

- *Presented in sufficient detail so as to be able to be applied and tested.
- *Designed so that it has a high probability of validating the meal

reimbursement claims submitted by FDCHs.

- *Feasible to administer from both a practicality and cost standpoint on a national scale.

Affected Public: A parent/guardian of each of the children attending a sample of FDCHs will be sampled and contacted by telephone.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The estimated number of respondents included in the survey of parents is 150.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: The number of responses per set of parents/guardians for a child attending a FDCH is one.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated average time to respond to the parent/guardian survey is 10 minutes (.17/Hour).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 25 hours.

Dated: February 16, 2007.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed collection; Comment Request—Evaluation of the Nebraska Rural Area Eligibility Determination for Day Care Homes Pilot

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

This notice announces FNS' intent to request from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to collect information for the evaluation of impacts of the Rural Area Eligibility Determination for Day Care Homes Pilot in Nebraska.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 30, 2007.

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

Comments may be sent to Dr. John A. Kirlin, Contracting Officer's Representative, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of John A. Kirlin at 703-305-2576 or via e-mail to John.Kirlin@fns.usda.gov.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to John A. Kirlin at 703-305-2128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Evaluation of the Nebraska Rural Area Eligibility Determination for Day Care Homes Pilot.

OMB Number: Not Yet Assigned.

Expiration Date: Not yet determined.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: As authorized by Public Law 108-265 (Section 119 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004), which amended Section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1766 (p), the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture, is evaluating the impacts of the Rural Area Eligibility Determination for Day Care Homes pilot in Nebraska. The two-year pilot expands the threshold for determining eligibility for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in rural areas of Nebraska where poor economic conditions exist. The State of Nebraska is authorized by this legislation to use either school data (on the percent of students qualifying for free or reduced-price school lunches) or census data to determine the eligibility threshold for higher (tier I) reimbursement rates. During the two-year pilot, the area eligibility threshold is reduced from the current criterion (50 percent of students qualifying for free or reduced-price school lunches) to 40 percent, thereby letting more areas qualify for higher reimbursement rates. The pilot runs from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2007.

The evaluation of the pilot will examine the impact of the reduced area