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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 6, 2007.

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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal Health Monitoring System Dairy 2007.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0205.

Summary of Collection: Collection and dissemination of animal health data and information is mandated by 7 U.S.C. 391, the Animal Industry Act of 1884, which established the precursor of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services, the Bureau of Animal Industry. The collection, analysis and dissemination of livestock and poultry health information on a national basis are consistent with the APHIS mission of protecting and improving American agriculture's productivity and competitiveness. In connection with this mission, the National Animal Health Monitoring System's (NAHMS) program includes periodic national commodity studies to investigate animal health related issues and examine general health and management practices used on farms. NAHMS will initiate the fourth national data collection for dairy through Dairy 2007. The Dairy 2007 study is a part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. dairy population.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of this fourth dairy study is to collect information, through questionnaires and biologic sampling to help the United States detect trends in the management, production, and health status of the nation's dairy industry over time. Without this type of national data, the U.S.'s ability to detect trends in management, production, and health status, either directly or indirectly, would be reduced or nonexistent.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 4000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7,888.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-TM-07-0032; TM-07-05]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: The meeting dates are Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, March 29, 2007, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Requests from individuals and organizations wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting are due by the close of business on March 16, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at The Washington Plaza Hotel located at Ten Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

- Requests for copies of the NOSB meeting agenda, may be sent to Ms. Valerie Frances, Executive Director, NOSB, USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268. The NOSB meeting agenda and proposed recommendations may also be viewed at www.ams.usda.gov/nop.

- Comments on proposed NOSB recommendations may be submitted in writing to Ms. Frances at either the postal address above or via the internet at www.regulations.gov only. The comments should identify Docket No. AMS-TM-07-0032; TM-07-05. It is our intention to have all comments to this notice whether they are submitted by mail or the internet available for viewing on the www.regulations.gov Web site.

- Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may also be sent to Ms. Valerie Frances at the postal address above, by e-mail at valerie.frances@usda.gov, via facsimile at (202) 205-7808, or phone at (202) 720-3252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valerie Frances, Executive Director,

NOSB, National Organic Program (NOP), (202) 720-3252, or visit the NOP Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to make recommendations about whether a substance should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production, and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC, in March 1992, and currently has six committees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification; Crops; Handling; Livestock; Materials; and Policy Development.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the NOP to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 108 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 272 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final National Organic Program regulation in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000, (65 FR 80548). The rule became effective April 21, 2001.

In addition, the OFPA authorizes the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and provides that no allowed or prohibited substance would remain on the National List for a period exceeding 5 years unless the exemption or prohibition is reviewed and recommended for renewal by the NOSB and adopted by the Secretary of Agriculture. This expiration is commonly referred to as sunset of the National List. The National List appears at 7 CFR Part 205, Subpart G.

The principal purposes of the NOSB meeting are to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to receive an update from the USDA/NOP and hear progress reports from NOSB committees regarding work plan items and proposed action items. The last meeting of the NOSB was held on October 17-19, 2006, in Arlington, VA.

At its last meeting, the Board concluded its first review of the 169 substances on the National List since October 2002 that were due to sunset October 2007. The Board recommended

the renewal of 166 of the 169 exemptions and prohibitions on the National List (along with any restrictive annotations), and the removal of 3 exemptions from the National List. The sunset review process will now be ongoing.

At this meeting, the Board will begin the sunset review process of 13 materials. There are 8 substances for use in crops and handling which were placed on the National List on November 3, 2003, and are scheduled to expire on November 3, 2008. There are 5 substances for use in handling which were placed on the National List on November 4, 2003, and are scheduled to expire on November 4, 2008. The sunset review process must be concluded no later than November 3 and 4, 2008, respectively. If renewal is not concluded by those dates, the use or prohibition of these 13 materials will no longer be in compliance with the National Organic Program.

The Policy Development Committee will present recommendations regarding revisions to the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual and a guide for new NOSB members. The Policy Development, Crops and Livestock Committees will jointly discuss their work towards guidance for the certification of organic research sites.

The Crops Committee will present recommendations on Ammonium salts of fatty acids and Pelargonic acid, materials petitioned for use on § 205.601. The Committee will begin their sunset review of Copper sulfate, Ozone gas, and Peracetic acid, with their respective annotations and limitations, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List 3—Inerts of unknown toxicity—for use only in passive pheromone dispensers. These National List material exemptions are due to expire on November 3, 2008, from § 205.601. The Committee will also begin their sunset review on the exemption for Calcium chloride for use as a brine-sourced foliar spray. Calcium chloride is otherwise considered a prohibited natural substance on § 205.602 and is also due to expire on November 3, 2008.

The Materials and Handling Committees will discuss the materials review process and provide an update regarding their efforts to clarify the definitions of materials on the National List in §§ sections 205.605(a), (b) and § 205.606.

The Handling Committee will present recommendations on fifty-three materials petitioned for consideration for inclusion on either § 205.605 or § 205.606 for use in organic products: Carbon dioxide, carrot fiber, celery

powder, dillweed oil, fish gelatin, fish oils, fructooligosaccharides (FOS), frozen galangal, gellan gum, hops, inulin, chipotle peppers, Koji mold, lemongrass, milled flax seed, natamycin, natural casings, non-fat dry milk, pectins (LM), poblano peppers, red peppers, rice starch, *Salvia hispanica*, sea salt, seaweed (*Wakame*, *Undaria* spp), spices (dried), sweet potato starch, turkish bay leaves, whey protein concentrates, whey protein isolate, and yeast. The following substances were petitioned for use in organic products as colors only: Annatto extract, beet juice, beta carotene, black currant juice, blueberry juice, carrot juice (orange), carrot juice (purple/black), cherry juice, chokeberry-aronia juice, elderberry juice, grape juice, grape skin extract, hibiscus juice, lycopene, paprika, pumpkin juice, purple potato juice, red cabbage extract, red radish extract, saffron, tomato juice extract, and turmeric.

Additionally, the Handling Committee will begin their sunset review of National List material exemptions on § 205.605(a) which are Agar-agar and Tartaric acid, due to expire on November 3, 2008, and Animal enzymes, Calcium sulfate, and Glucono delta-lactone, with their respective annotations and limitations, due to expire on November 4, 2008. The Committee will also begin their sunset review of material exemptions on § 205.605(b) which are Ethylene (Allowed for postharvest ripening of tropical fruit and degreening of citrus) due to expire on November 3, 2008, and Cellulose and Potassium hydroxide, with their respective annotations and limitations, due to expire on November 4, 2008.

The Livestock Committee will present their recommendations on the development of organic aquaculture (finfish) standards, and the issue of cloning in organic agriculture.

The Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification Committee will discuss the standardization of information required on organic certificates and peer review procedures.

The Meeting is Open to the Public.

The NOSB has scheduled time for public input for Tuesday, March 27, 2007, from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, March 29, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting may forward their requests by mail, facsimile, e-mail, or phone to Valerie Frances as listed in **ADDRESSES** above. Individuals or organizations will be

given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making oral presentations are requested to provide their comments in writing. Written submissions may contain information other than that presented at the oral presentation. Anyone may submit written comments at the meeting. Persons submitting written comments are asked to provide 30 copies.

Interested persons may visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> to view available meeting documents prior to the meeting, or visit www.regulations.gov to submit and view comments as provided for in ADDRESSES above. Documents presented at the meeting will be posted for review on the NOP Web site approximately 6 weeks following the meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program

Funding Opportunity Title:

Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program.

Announcement Type: Request for Applications (RFA) Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program: Initial Announcement.

CFDA Number: 10.455.

Dates: The closing date and time for receipt of an application is 5 p.m. eastern time on May 1, 2007.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding. All awards will be made and partnership agreements completed no later than September 30, 2007.

Overview: In accordance with section 522(d) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act), the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), announces the availability of approximately \$5 million in fiscal year 2007 for collaborative outreach and assistance programs for limited resource, socially disadvantaged and other traditionally under-served farmers and ranchers, who produce Priority Commodities as defined in Part I.C. Awards under this program will be made on a competitive basis for projects of up to one year. Recipients of awards

must demonstrate non-financial benefits from a partnership agreement and must agree to the substantial involvement of RMA in the project. This announcement lists the information needed to submit an application under this program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Wiggins, National Outreach Program Manager, Telephone (202) 690-2686, Facsimile (202) 690-1518, E-mail: david.wiggins@rma.usda.gov.

Application materials can be downloaded from the RMA Web site at <http://www.rma.usda.gov>; or from the Government grants Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>. Click on "Find Grant Opportunities," then select "Search Grant Opportunities," then select "Basic Search," type in "RMA" in the Keyword Search field and select "Search," select "Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program" under the Opportunity Title column to access the application package for this announcement.

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Part I—General Information

A. Legislative Authority and Background

This program is authorized under section 522(d)(3)(F) of the Act which authorizes FCIC funding for risk management training and informational efforts for agricultural producers through the formation of partnerships with public and private organizations. RMA promotes and regulates sound risk management solutions to improve the economic stability of American agriculture. One of RMA's four strategic goals is to ensure that its customers and potential customers are well informed of the risk management solutions available. On behalf of FCIC, RMA does this by offering Federal crop insurance products through a network of private-sector partners, overseeing the creation of new risk management products, seeking enhancements in existing products, ensuring the integrity of crop insurance programs, providing risk management education and information and offering outreach programs aimed at equal access and participation of underserved communities. A priority must be given to reaching producers of Priority Commodities as defined in section C of this part.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this program is to fund projects that provide limited resource, socially disadvantaged, and other traditionally underserved producers of Priority Commodities with training, informational opportunities and assistance necessary to understand:

(1) The kind of risks addressed by existing and emerging risk management tools;

(2) The features and appropriate use of existing and emerging risk management tools; and

(3) How to make sound risk management decisions.

Each partnership agreement awarded through this program will provide the applicant with funds, guidance, and the substantial involvement of RMA to deliver outreach and assistance programs to producers in a specific geographical area.

C. Definition of Priority Commodities

For purposes of this program, Priority Commodities are defined as:

- *Agricultural commodities covered by (7 U.S.C. 7333).* Commodities in this group are commercial crops that are not covered by catastrophic risk protection crop insurance, are used for food or fiber (except livestock), and specifically include, but are not limited to, floricultural, ornamental nursery,