

producers, acreage determined by FSA, and associated maps.

—Production data/information used by both FSA and RMA to establish program benefits.

(24) To employees of cooperating Federal, State, and local agencies, including State universities who are qualified to implement hurricane disaster programs or analyze the sugar industry. The specific information to be disclosed to the employees of cooperating Federal, State, and local agencies, including State universities consists of:

—Producer name/address.  
—Acreage and farm, tract, and field identifiers.  
—Environmental resources and disaster data.

(25) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when: (1) The agency suspects or has confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (2) the Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the Department or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Records are maintained in file folders and Department computer systems at applicable locations as set out above under the heading "System Location."

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records may be indexed by individual name, farm number, tax identification number, Social Security Number, or loan number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are kept in locked Government office buildings. Access to these records is limited to authorized FSA personnel and representatives. Records stored in computer files are protected by passwords and other electronic security systems. Additionally, any negotiable documents, such as warehouse receipts, are kept in a fireproof cabinet.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Program documents are destroyed within 6 years after end of participation, except for conservation program documents, which are retained for periods sufficient to insure compliance equal to the life of the practice. Other documents, such as powers of attorney or leases, are destroyed after such document is no longer valid. Original loan notes are returned to producers after liquidation of loan.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, FSA, USDA, Stop 0539, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

An individual may request information regarding this system of records or information as to whether the system contains records pertaining to the individual from the System Manager listed above.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

An individual may obtain information about a record in the system which pertains to such individual by submitting a written request to the above listed System Manager. The envelope and letter should be marked "Privacy Act Request." A request for information pertaining to an individual should contain: Name, address, ZIP code, name of system of record, year of records in question, and any other pertinent information to help identify the file.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Individuals desiring to contest or amend information maintained in the system should direct their request to the above listed System Manager, and should include the reason for contesting it and the proposed amendment to the information with supporting information to show how the record is inaccurate. A request for contesting records pertaining to an individual should contain: Name, address, ZIP code, name of system of record, year of records in question, and any other pertinent information to help identify the file.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in this system is submitted by county and State Committees and their representatives, the Office of Inspector General and other investigatory agencies, the Office of the General Counsel, the Kansas City Commodity Office, the Kansas City Management Office, the Natural Resources and Conservation Service, by

third parties, and by the individual who is the subject of the file.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Agricultural Marketing Service**

[Doc. No.: AMS-ST-07-0144; ST-07-02]

**Notice of Request for New 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 that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget of a new information collection "Laboratory Approval Programs" in support of U.S. agricultural commodities.

**DATES:** Comments received by February 11, 2008 will be considered.

*Additional Information or Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit comments on this proposal to Jane Ho, Technical Services Branch, Science and Technology, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0272 Washington, DC 20250-0272; Phone 202-690-0621, Fax 202-720-4631. Comments should be submitted in triplicate. Comments may also be submitted electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments should reference the docket number and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours and may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Laboratory Approval Programs.  
*OMB Number:* 0581-New.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 3 years from date of OMB approval.

*Type of Request:* New Information Collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), AMS provides analytical testing services that facilitate marketing and allow products to obtain grade designations or meet marketing or quality standards. Pursuant to this authority, AMS develops and maintains laboratory certification and approval

programs as needed by the agricultural industry, to support domestic and international marketing of U.S. products. These programs have been small in the past and not subject to the information collection approval provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. Changes in the import requirements of foreign countries and proposed regulatory changes make it likely that requests for laboratory certification will increase so that products may be tested at the processing site. The laboratory certification and approval programs will remain voluntary and fee for service.

To ensure that a laboratory is capable of accurately performing the specified analyses, it must adhere to certain good laboratory practices and show technical proficiency in the required areas. Checklist and form have been developed that ask the laboratory for information concerning procedures, the physical facility, employees, and their training. The laboratory must also provide Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the analyses and quality assurance. Most of the laboratory programs will include an on-site laboratory review. AMS will not approve a laboratory unless there is assurance that the laboratory is capable of performing accurate analyses.

Interested parties can obtain a copy of the form (ST-212) by calling or writing to the point of contact listed above. The information collection requirements in this request are essential to examine laboratories for entrance into the following programs:

(1) *Analyst and Laboratory Certification Program for the Detection of Trichinae in Pork* (An export program requested by Food Safety and Inspection Service).

(2) *Laboratory Verification Program for Poultry Exported from the United States to Russia* (An export program requested by Food Safety and Inspection Service).

This program contains the possibility of performing 12 different analyses in support of the exportation of poultry to Russia. Laboratories choose how many and which analyses for which they wish to be approved. Each of microbiological/chemical analyses has its own methodology and the time necessary to perform the analyses.

(3) *Aflatoxin in Pistachios Program* (A High Performance Liquid Chromatography method for exporting pistachios to European Union requested by the California Pistachio Committee) and the domestic program using a test kit analysis method (identified in the Pistachio Marketing Order); *Aflatoxin in Peanuts Program* (7 CFR part 996); and *Aflatoxin in Almonds Program*

(requested by the Almond Board of California).

These programs are single analyte, single substrate programs, but the domestic pistachio, peanut, and almond programs have the option of using two different methods. The export pistachio program and export almond program must use the specified method.

(4) Any additional programs which may be requested in the future to facilitate the marketing of U.S. agricultural products.

All laboratory approval programs will follow the same general pattern. There would be a letter of intent, a form for identification of the analyses they intend to perform, an on-site laboratory review, analysis of known samples, and analysis of proficiency samples. The length of time required would depend on the complexity of the analysis, and the time necessary to perform the analysis.

The burden hours incurred for these laboratories to submit the initial letter requesting entrance, completion of a general laboratory checklist, and correctly analyzing the test samples is a one-time occurrence. Once a laboratory is accepted, the burden will decrease and is then based on the various laboratories analyzing test samples throughout the year to maintain its program status.

Form ST-212 (Alternate Payment Form) has been developed and is included in the submission to OMB for approval. This is an option for applicant/approved laboratories to pay for the services.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8.55 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Laboratories.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 82.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 666.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 8.12.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 5695.3.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 Jane Ho, Technical Services Branch, Science and Technology, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0272 Washington, DC 20250-0272; Phone 202-690-0621, Fax 202-720-4631. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Dated: December 6, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0100; FV-06-334]

#### United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Okra

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting comments on the proposed revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Okra. AMS received a petition from the American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI) requesting that USDA revise the standards for frozen okra from a "score point" grading system to an "individual attribute" grading system. The individual attribute grading system uses sample sizes and acceptable quality levels (AQL's), along with tolerances and acceptance numbers (number of allowable defects), to determine the quality level of a lot. This change was requested to bring the standards for frozen okra in line with the present quality levels being marketed today and to provide guidance in the effective utilization of frozen okra.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 11, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments may be sent to Gabriel W. Mangino,