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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 8, 2008.

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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Milk and Milk Products.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0020.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) primary function is to prepare and issue current official state and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Estimates of milk production and manufactured dairy products are an integral part of this program. Milk and dairy statistics are used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help administer price support programs and by the dairy industry in planning, pricing, and projecting supplies of milk and milk products. The general authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will collect information on monthly estimates of stocks, shipments, and selling prices for such products as butter, cheese, dry whey, and nonfat dry milk. Cheddar cheese prices are collected weekly and used by USDA to assist in the determination of the fair market value of raw milk. Estimates of total milk production, number of milk cow, and milk production per cow, are used by the dairy industry in planning, pricing, and projecting supplies of milk and milk products. Collecting data less frequently would prevent USDA and the agricultural industry from keeping abreast of changes at the State and national level.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 25,053.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Weekly; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 10,748.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Field Crops Objective Yield.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0088.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies the "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning

agriculture which he can obtain * * * by the collection of statistics * * * and shall distribute them among agriculturists". Data collected provides yield estimates for corn, cotton, potatoes, soybeans and wheat. The yield estimates are extremely important because they're used in conjunction with price data to estimate production and in making policy decisions in agricultural sectors.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will collect information on sample fields of corn, cotton, soybeans, potatoes, and winter, Durum and other Spring wheat. The information will be use to anticipate loan receipts and pricing of loan stocks for grains.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 8,700.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly during growing season.

Total Burden Hours: 3,104.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of the First Meeting of the 2010 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and Solicitation of Written Comments

AGENCIES: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS) and Research, Education and Economics (REE); and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services (a) provide notice of the first meeting of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and (b) solicit written comments pertinent to review of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

DATES: This Notice is provided to the public on October 14, 2008. (a) The first Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

meeting will be held on October 30 and 31, 2008, from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. E.S.T. on both days. (b) Written comments on the Guidelines received by October 24, 2008 will be ensured transmission to the Committee prior to this meeting. Written comments will, however, be accepted throughout the Committee's deliberations.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Jefferson Auditorium, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. Written comments are encouraged to be submitted electronically at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>. A "submit comments" button will be available to click on. Comments can also be mailed to the following address: Carole Davis, Co-Executive Secretary of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, VA 22302, (703) 305–7600 (telephone), (703) 305–3300 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USDA Co-Executive Secretaries: Carole Davis (telephone 703–305–7600), Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, Virginia 22302; or, Shanthy Bowman (telephone 301–504–0619), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Building 005, Room 125, BARC–WEST, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. HHS Co-Executive Secretaries: Kathryn McMurry (telephone 240–453–8280) or Holly McPeak (telephone 240–453–8280), Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite LL100, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Additional information is available on the Internet at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: Section 301 of Public Law 101–445 (7 U.S.C. 5341, the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990, Title III) directs the Secretaries of USDA and HHS to publish the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* at least every five years. Based on a thorough review of the most current scientific and applied literature, the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will advise the Secretaries as to whether a revision of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, 2005 is warranted. If the Committee decides a revision is warranted, it will provide its recommendations in an advisory report to the Secretaries.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda will include (a) Orientation for the Committee members, (b) presentations on the history of the *Dietary Guidelines* and how they are used, (c) presentation on USDA's Nutrition Evidence Library, (d) formulation of plans for future work of the Committee.

Public Participation and Building Access

The Jefferson Auditorium is in the USDA South Building, located on the corner of Independence Ave. and 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public. Due to the need for security screening, pre-registration is required and all visitors must bring a photo I.D. To pre-register, please go to <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov> and click on the link for Meeting Registration or call the scheduler through the meeting planner, Crystal Tyler, at 202–314–4701 by 5 p.m. E.S.T., October 28, 2008. Registration must include name, affiliation, phone number or e-mail, and days attending. Space is limited for this meeting. Early registration is recommended. Following pre-registration, individuals will receive a confirmation of registration via e-mail. This e-mail will also include important information regarding security procedures for entering the South Building, instructions to the Jefferson Auditorium, and metro, parking, and hotel information. Written comments from the public will be accepted; opportunities to present oral comments may be provided at future meetings. Please call Crystal Tyler at 202–314–4701 should you require a sign language interpreter or require other special accommodations. Documents pertaining to Committee deliberations will be available for public viewing at the meeting, and thereafter, will also be accessible 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) at the Reference Desk of the National Agricultural Library, USDA/ARS, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705. The Reference Desk telephone phone number is 301–504–5755; however, no advanced appointments are necessary. Documents will be made available the day before and following the meeting. Meeting materials (i.e., agenda, meeting minutes, and transcript) will be made available at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

Brian Wansink,

Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

Edward B. Knipping,

Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

Penelope Slade Royall,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2008–0066]

Notice of Decision To Issue Permits for the Importation of Guavas From Mexico Into the United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our decision to begin issuing permits for the importation into the United States of fresh guava fruit from Mexico. Based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, which we made available to the public for review and comment through a previous notice, we believe that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of guavas from Mexico.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 14, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David B. Lamb, Import Specialist, Commodity Import Analysis and Operations, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 734–8758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in "Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56 through 319.56–47, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into and spread within the United States.