

OMB Control Number: 0584-0025.

Summary of Collection: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs receiving Federal financial assistance. The Department of Justice regulations, cited at Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 42.106(b), require all Federal Departments to provide for the collection of racial/ethnic data and information from applicants for and recipients of Federal assistance sufficient to permit effective enforcement of Title VI. In order to comply with the Civil Rights Act, Department of Justice regulations and the Department's nondiscrimination policy and regulations (7 CFR Part 15), the Department's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) requires State agencies to submit data on the racial/ethnic categories of persons receiving benefits from FNS food assistance programs. FNS will collect information using forms FNS 191 and FNS 101.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect the names, addresses, telephone numbers to compile a local agency directory which serves as the primary source of data on number and location for local agencies and number of sites operating Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). FNS will also collect information on the number of CFSP individuals (women, infant, children, and elderly) in each racial/ethnic category for one month of the year. The information will be used in the Department's annual USDA Equal Opportunity Report. If the information is not collected FNS could not track racial/ethnic data for program evaluation.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,863.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 5,726.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: National Survey of WIC Participants II.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0484.

Summary of Collection: The Improper Payments Information Act (IPIA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-300) requires the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA, to provide estimates of erroneous payments in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and to identify and report corrective actions the agency is taking to reduce them. These measures are necessary in order to enhance the accuracy and integrity of Federal payments in the WIC Program.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will use the information to identify the amount and source of error and to develop corrective measures to be taken to reduce the amount of error. If the information is not collected, no assessment of the amount and type of errors can be made nor can corrective actions be developed and implemented.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 5,093.

Frequency of Responses: Report: Other (One time).

Total Burden Hours: 3,361.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the Specialty Crop Committee's Stakeholder Listening Session

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of stakeholder listening session.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the United States Department of Agriculture announces a stakeholder listening session of the Specialty Crop Committee, under the auspices of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: The Specialty Crop Committee will hold the stakeholder listening session on March 13, 2009 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The stakeholder listening session of the Specialty Crop Committee will take place at the headquarters of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, 800 Trafalgar Court, Suite 200, Maitland, FL 32751.

The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the listening session with the contact person identified in this notice at: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 344-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2255.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Specialty Crop Committee was established in accordance with the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 under Title III, Section 303 of Public Law 108-465, as amended under the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, under Title VII, Section 7103 of Public Law 110-246. This Committee is a permanent committee of the National Agricultural Research Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board (the Board). The Committee's charge is to study the scope and effectiveness of research, extension, and economics programs affecting the specialty crop industry. The congressional legislation defines "specialty crops" as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and nursery crops (including floriculture). In order to carry out its responsibilities effectively, the Committee is holding a stakeholder listening session. The listening session will elicit stakeholder input from industry and state representatives, national organizations and institutions, local producers, and other groups about topics of relevance to research, extension or economics programs on which the Specialty Crop Committee is charged to report through the Board to the Secretary of Agriculture and Congress. Several panel sessions will be organized to stimulate discussion, each relating to one or more specific issues delineated in the Committee's charge. Each panel will be followed with questions by Committee members and opportunity for brief presentations and general discussion from the floor. Also, written comments by attendees and other interested stakeholders will be welcomed as additional public input before and up to two weeks following the listening sessions. All statements will become part of the official public record of the Board's Specialty Crop Committee.

Done at Washington, DC this 12th day of February 2009.

Katherine Smith,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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