

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will use the following forms and activities to collect information: PPQ 530, PPQ 586, PPQ 519, Labeling for Pest Free Area, and Inspection & Certification. If APHIS did not collect this information or if APHIS collected this information less frequently, the spread of dangerous plant diseases and pests that occur in Hawaii and the territories could cause millions of dollars in damage to U.S. agriculture.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profits; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 600.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 8,646.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Longan from Taiwan.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0351.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests new to the United States or not known to be widely distributed throughout the United States. APHIS amended the fruits and vegetables regulations to allow the importation of commercial shipments of fresh longan with stems from Taiwan into the United States. As a condition of entry, the longan will be subject to cold treatment and special port-of-arrival inspection procedures for certain quarantine pests.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will use the following information collection activities to allow the import of commercial shipment of fresh longan with stems from Taiwan into the United States: Phytosanitary Certificate, Inspection by NPPOs in Taiwan and Stamping of Boxes. Failing to collect this information would cripple APHIS ability to ensure that longan from Taiwan are not carrying plant pests.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profits; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 12,004.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 22.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 7, 2011.

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 and 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), Washington, DC, 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) 720-8681.

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Forest Service

Title: Forest Products Free Use Permit, Removal Permit and Cash Receipt, and Sale Permit and Cash Receipt.

OMB Control Number: 0596-0085.

Summary of Collection: Individuals and businesses that wish to remove forest products from national forest lands must request a permit. 16 U.S.C. 551 requires the promulgation of regulations to regulate forest use and

prevent destruction of the forests. Regulations at 36 CFR 223.1 and 223.2 govern the sale of forest products such as Christmas trees, pinecones, moss, and mushrooms. Regulations at 36 CFR 223.5 through 223.11 authorize the free use or sale of timber or forest products. Upon receiving a permit, the permittee must comply with the terms of the permit at 36 CFR 216.6 that designate the forest products that can be harvested and under what conditions, such as limiting harvest to a designated area or permitting harvest of only specifically designated material.

Both the Forest Service (FS) and Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will use the Forest Products Removal Permit and Cash Receipt to collect information.

Need and Use of the Information: Using forms FS-2400-1/BLM-5450-24, FS-2400-4 and FS-2400-8, FS and BLM will collect the name, address and tax identification number from persons applying for permits. The information will be used to keep a record of persons buying forest products and to determine if the applicant meets the criteria under which free use or sale of forest products is authorized by the regulations and to ensure that the permittee has not received product values in excess of the amount allowed by regulation in any one fiscal year and complies with the regulations and terms of the permit. This information is also needed to allow FS compliance personnel to identify permittees in the field. Without the forest product removal program, achieving multiple use management programs such as reducing fire hazard and improving forest health on the National Forest would be impaired.

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

Number of Respondents: 151,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 19,998.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Rural Utilities Service

Title: Accounting Requirements for RUS Electric and Telecommunications Borrowers.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0003.

Summary of Collection: Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that makes loans (direct and guaranteed) to finance electric and telecommunications facilities in rural areas. Currently, there are approximately 650 active electric borrowers and 500 RUS telecommunications borrowers. RUS does not own or operate rural electric facilities. Its function is to provide, through self-liquidating loans and technical assistance, adequate and dependable electric and telecommunications service to rural people under rates and conditions that permit productive use of these utility services. RUS borrowers, as all businesses, need accounting systems for

their own internal use as well as external use. Such records are maintained as part of normal business practices. Without systems, no records would exist, for example, or what they own or what they owe. Such records systems provide borrowers with information that is required by the manager and board of directors to operate on a daily basis, to complete their tax returns, and to support requests to state regulatory commissions for rate approvals.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS collects information to evaluate a borrower's financial performance, to determine whether current loans are at risk, and to determine the credit worthiness of future loans. If basic financial records were not maintained, the borrower, its investors, and RUS would be unable to evaluate a borrower's financial performance.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,150.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On Occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 31,050.

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The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. 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,

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DATES: Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by January 12, 2012. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Plan for Estimating Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0050.

Summary of Collection: The Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621) Section 203(g), directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization. Livestock and Grain news provides a timely exchange of accurate and unbiased information on a current marketing conditions (supply, demand, prices, trends, movement, and other information) affecting trade in livestock, meats, grain, and wool. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural marketing Service (AMS), this nationwide market news program is conducted in cooperation with approximately 30 State departments of agriculture. The up-to-the minute reports collected and disseminated by professional market reporters are intended to provide both buyers and sellers with the information necessary for making intelligent, informed marketing decisions, thus putting everyone in the marketing system in an equal bargaining position.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information on estimation of the current day's slaughter at their plant(s) and the actual slaughter of the previous day. The report is used to make market outlook projections and maintain statistical data. The