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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Appeals Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Action of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Appeals Division's request for an extension to a currently approved information collection for Customer Service Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 15, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

Additional information or comments: Contact Dr. Angela Parham, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Appeals Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Suite 1100, Alexandria, Virginia, 22302-1500, 703.305.2588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Appeals Division Customer Service Survey.

OMB Number: 0503-0007.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2013.

Type of Request: Extension and Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Executive Order 12862, requires Federal Agencies to identify the customers who are, or should be served by the Agency and survey those customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and level of satisfaction with existing services. Therefore, NAD proposes to extend its currently approved information collection survey.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average .17 hours per response.

Respondents: Appellants, producers, and other USDA agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1600.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One (1).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 272.

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 Dr. Angela Parham, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Appeals Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Suite 1100, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1500.

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.

Roger Klurfeld,

Director, National Appeals Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: State Issuance and Participation Estimates—Forms FNS-388 and FNS-388A

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is publishing for public comment a summary of a proposed information collection. The proposed collection is a revision of a currently approved collection for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for the form FNS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates, and FNS-388A, Project Area Data Format.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Jane Duffield, Chief, State Administration Branch, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 818, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via email to SNAPSAB@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Kelly Stewart at 703-305-2425.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: State Issuance and Participation Estimates.

Form Number: FNS-388 and FNS-388A.

OMB Number: 0584-0081.

Expiration Date: 5/31/2013.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 18(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act, (the Act) 7 U.S.C. 2027(b), limits the value of allotments paid to SNAP households to an amount not in excess of the appropriation for the fiscal year. If allotments in any fiscal year would exceed the appropriation, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to direct State agencies to reduce the value of SNAP allotments to the extent necessary to stay within appropriated funding limits. Timely State monthly issuance estimates are necessary for FNS to ensure that it remains within the appropriation. The estimates will also have a direct effect upon the manner in which allotments would be reduced if necessary. While benefit reductions have never been ordered in the past under Section 18(b) nor are they anticipated based on current data, the Department must continue to monitor actual program costs against the appropriation.

Section 11(e)(12) of the Food and Nutrition Act, 7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(12), requires that the State Plan of

Operations provide for the submission of reports required by the Secretary of Agriculture. State agencies are required to report on a monthly basis on the FNS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates, estimated or actual issuance and participation data for the current month and previous month, and actual participation data for the second preceding month. The FNS-388 report provides the necessary data for an early warning system to enable the Department to monitor actual and estimated costs for all benefit types against the appropriation.

State agencies in general only submit one Statewide FNS-388 per month, which covers benefits from their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system. The exception is that State agencies which choose to operate an approved alternative issuance demonstration project such as a cash-out system submit a separate report for each additional type of issuance system.

In addition, State agencies are required to submit a project area breakdown on the FNS-388 of issuance and participation data twice a year. The

project area breakdown attached to the FNS-388 twice a year is known as the FNS-388A. This data is useful in identifying project areas that operate fraud detection units in accordance with the Act.

As of December, 2012, 100 percent of respondents submitted the FNS-388 and FNS-388A data electronically.

Affected Public: State agencies that administer SNAP.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 27.17.

Estimated Hours per Response: 3.581.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1440.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for OMB No. 0584-0081, is estimated to be 5,157 hours. For the FNS-388, the frequency of response has decreased slightly from an estimated 11.509 times per year to 11.32. This results in a burden reduction of 86 hours annually. See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

Affected public	Forms	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total annual responses	Time per response (hrs)	Annual burden hours
State Agencies	FNS-388 FNS-388A.	53 53	11.32 2.26	600 120	5.6 14.83	3360 1779.6
Reporting Burden		53		720		5139.6

Affected public	Forms	Number of recordkeepers	Frequency of response	Total annual records	Time per response (hrs)	Annual record-keeping hours
State Agencies	FNS-388 FNS-388A.	53 53	11.32 2.26	600 120	.024 .024	14.4 2.88
Recordkeeping Burden		53		720		17.28
Grand Total		53	27.170	1440	3.581	5156.88

Dated: January 31, 2013.

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Acting Administrator, Food Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Evaluation of the Demonstrations of National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) Direct Certification of Children Receiving Medicaid Benefits

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this

notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This is a new collection for Evaluation of the Demonstrations of NSLP/SBP (National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program) Direct Certification of Children Receiving Medicaid Benefits.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the