

effectuate the purposes of title II of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946. FSMIP provides matching funds on a competitive basis to assist eligible entities in exploring new market opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products and to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the marketing system. AMS has been allocated approximately \$1 million in fiscal years 2013, 2014, and 2015 for FSMIP; and it is anticipated that funding will remain at or near this level for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Because these are all voluntary programs, respondents request or apply for the specific grant program they select, and in doing so, they provide information. The Agency is the primary user of the information. The information collected is needed to certify that grant participants are complying with applicable program regulations, and the data collected is the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the program. The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMA, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the programs. The burden of the AMS Grant Programs is as follows:

#### **Combined Burden for AMS Grant Programs**

*Estimate of Burden:* 2.59.

*Respondents:* Agricultural Cooperatives, Agriculture Business Entities; Community Supported Agriculture Networks or Associations; Producer Networks or Associations; Local and Tribal Governments; Nonprofit Corporations; Public Benefit Corporations; Economic Development Corporations; Regional Farmers' Market Authorities; State departments of agriculture; State agricultural experiment stations; and other appropriate State Agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,866.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 20,230.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 10.84.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 52,413.11.

#### **0581-0235: Farmers' Market Promotion Program**

*Estimate of Burden:* 2.73.

*Respondents:* Agricultural Cooperatives, Agriculture Business Entities; Community Supported Agriculture Networks or Associations; Producer Networks or Associations; Local and Tribal Governments; Nonprofit Corporations; Public Benefit Corporations; Economic Development Corporations; and Regional Farmers' Market Authorities.

Development Corporations; Regional Farmers' Market Authorities; and Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 750.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 7,470.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 9.96.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 20,391.27.

#### **0581-0240: Federal-State Market Improvement Program**

*Estimate of Burden:* 2.29.

*Respondents:* State departments of agriculture; State agricultural experiment stations; and other appropriate State Agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 70.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 1,018.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 14.54.

*Estimated Total Annual on Respondents:* 2,328.01.

#### **0581-0248: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program-Farm Bill**

*Estimate of Burden:* 3.30.

*Respondents:* State departments of agriculture.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 56.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 616.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 11.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,030.

#### **Specialty Crop Multi-State Program-New Segment of SCBGP**

*Estimate of Burden:* 2.24.

*Respondents:* State departments of agriculture.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 240.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 2,906.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 12.11.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 6,522.56.

#### **0581-0287: Local Food Promotion Program**

*Estimate of Burden:* 2.57.

*Respondents:* Agricultural Cooperatives, Agriculture Business Entities; Community Supported Agriculture Networks or Associations; Producer Networks or Associations; Local and Tribal Governments; Nonprofit Corporations; Public Benefit Corporations; Economic Development Corporations; and Regional Farmers' Market Authorities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 750.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 8,220.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 10.96.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 21,141.27.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the new 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 new 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.

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: April 20, 2016.

**Elanor Starmer,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Agricultural Marketing Service**

[Doc. No. AMS-LPS-16-0023]

#### **Request for an Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection for the Seed Service Testing Program**

**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 the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension and revision of the currently approved information collection for the Seed Service Testing Program.

**DATES:** Comments received by June 27, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted electronically at <http://>

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or to Ernest L. Allen, Director, Seed Regulatory and Testing Division (SRTD), Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, 801 Summit Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, NC 28054-2193, or by facsimile to (704) 852-4109. All comments should reference docket number AMS-LPS-16-0023 and note the date and page number of this issue in the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and will be made available for public inspection at the above physical address during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ernest L. Allen, SRTD, Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, AMS, USDA; Telephone: (704) 810-8871, or Email: [Ernest.Allen@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Ernest.Allen@ams.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Seed Service Testing Program.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0140.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 2016.

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

*Abstract:* This information collection is necessary to conduct voluntary seed testing on a fee-for-service basis. The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to inspect and certify the quality of agricultural products and collect such fees as are reasonable to cover the cost of service rendered. Regulations for inspection and certification of quality of agricultural and vegetable seeds are contained in 7 CFR part 75.

The purpose of the voluntary program is to promote efficient, orderly marketing of seeds, and assist in the development of new and expanding markets. Under the program, samples of agricultural and vegetable seeds submitted to AMS are tested for factors such as purity and germination at the request of the applicant for the service. In addition, grain samples, submitted at the applicant's request, are examined for the presence of certain weed and crop seed by the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration. A Federal Seed Analysis Certificate or an ISTA Orange International Seed Lot Certificate is issued giving the test results. Most of the seeds tested under this program are scheduled for export. Many importing countries require a Federal Seed Analysis Certificate on U.S. seed.

The only information collected is information needed to provide the

service requested by the applicant. This includes information to identify the seed being tested, the seed treatment (if treated with a pesticide), the tests to be performed, and any other appropriate information required by the applicant to be on the Federal Seed Analysis Certificate or the ISTA Orange International Seed Lot Certificate.

The number of seed companies applying for the seed testing service has decreased from 76 to 55 during the past 3 years due to a decrease in the number of companies exporting seed. The total number of samples received for testing has also decreased. Therefore, the average burden for information collection has decreased for seed companies applying for the service.

The information in this collection is used only by authorized AMS employees to track, test, and report results to the applicant.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Applicants for seed testing service.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 55.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 22.92.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 315.25 hours.

*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.

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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Agricultural Research Service**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

April 21, 2016.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by May 26, 2016 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV) or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. 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.

**Agricultural Research Service**

*Title:* Peer Review Related Forms for the Office of Scientific Quality Review.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0518-0028.

*Summary of Collection:* The Office of Scientific Quality Review (OSQR) oversees peer review of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) research plans