Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Review of Child Nutrition Data & Analysis for Program Management.

OMB Control Number: 0584–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act of 1946 (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) provide the legislative authority for the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to administer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). These programs provide Federal financial assistance and USDA Foods to public and non-profit private schools and residential childcare institutions to facilitate serving meals that meet nutritional standards. In accordance with Federal regulations, School Food Authorities (SFA) collect a range of required and reported basic data elements that the States and FNS use to monitor program reach, efficiency, and implementation, but they also collect additional data, which the SFAs need to manage their own operations. SFAs and States have migrated from paper-based processes to Management Information Systems (MIS) of varying levels of sophistication for the management of their data. FNS is conducting the Review of Child Nutrition Data and Analysis for Program Management Study to document the current status of the SFAs’ and the State’s NSLP/SBP MIS.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected from this voluntary study will be used to evaluate the available data elements that State agencies and SFAs collect for the operation of the NSLP and SBP. FNS will use the results of this study to identify specific data elements that could improve and streamline reporting to FNS to improve program oversight. The information gathered from the study will also be used to provide technical assistance to State agencies and SFAs and to develop MIS best practices.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 4,382.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 2,712.

Ruth Brown, Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Aquaculture Surveys. Revision to burden hours will be needed due to changes in NASS estimates programs, target population sizes, sampling designs, and/or content of questionnaires.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 27, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535–0150, by any of the following methods:

• Email: onbofficer@nass.usda.gov.
  Include the docket number above in the subject line of the message.

• Efax: (855) 838–6382.

• Mail: Mail any paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

• Hand Delivery/Courier: Hand deliver to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Renee Picanso, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–4333. Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from David Hancock, NASS—OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 690–2388 or at onbofficer@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Aquaculture Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0150.

Expiration Date: June 30, 2017.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to revise and extend a currently approved information collection for a period of three years.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition. The Aquaculture Surveys program produces estimates at the national level on both trout and catfish. Survey results are used by government agencies and others in planning farm programs.

The trout survey includes inventory counts, sales (dollars, pounds, and quantities), percent of product sold by outlet at the point of first sale, number of fish raised for release into open waters, and losses. The catfish surveys include inventory counts, water surface acreage used for production, sales (dollars, pounds, and quantities), and losses.

• Twenty-five states are in the Trout Production Survey. In January, data are collected in the selected states that produce and either sell or distribute trout. State, federal, tribal, and other facilities where trout are raised for conservation, restoration, or recreational purposes are included in the survey.

• Nine states are in the Catfish Production Survey. Data are collected from farmers in January for inventory, water surface acreage, and previous year sales. In addition, farmers in the three major catfish producing states are surveyed in July for mid-year inventory and water surface acreage.

• The surveys conducted in Florida, Hawaii, and Pennsylvania are conducted under cooperative agreements with each of these states.

• All of the surveys conducted under this approval will have voluntary reporting, with the exception of the Pennsylvania survey. The Pennsylvania State Government requires producers to respond to this survey.

The Catfish Feed Deliveries and Catfish Processing surveys that are present in the current information collection were discontinued due to budget sequestration in 2013. The information that was collected by these two surveys is now being collected and published by the Catfish Institute in their bimonthly publication Catfish Journal.

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food


The Pennsylvania aquaculture census is being conducted to obtain basic data on aquaculture production per Section 4217 of the Pennsylvania Agriculture Act of 1998, which states that, “Persons licensed shall submit annually a summary report of sales specifying the amount or weight of each species sold and gross receipts.”

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 to 20 minutes per response. Pre-survey publicity or cover letters will also be included to encourage respondents to complete and return the surveys and to provide the respondents with information on how to complete the surveys using the internet.

Respondents: Farms and aquaculture facilities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 3,700 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,100 hours.

Comments: 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 will 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological or other forms of information technology collection methods. All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, November 9, 2016.
R. Renee Picanso,
Associate Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice for Inviting Applications for the Position of National Fund Manager for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice invites Community Development Financial Institutions to apply for the position of National Fund Manager for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI), which was authorized under Section 4206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill).

DATES: Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on December 28, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit complete applications to: James Barham, Agricultural Economist, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3254, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–0783; james.barham@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

On February 7, 2014, the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–79) (2014 Farm Bill) was signed into law. Section 4206 of the 2014 Farm Bill established the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI). The purposes of the HFFI are to improve access to healthy foods in underserved areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to revitalize low-income communities by providing loans and grants to eligible fresh, healthy food retailers to overcome the higher costs and initial barriers to entry in underserved areas.

A key component to the successful implementation of the HFFI is the National Fund Manager (NFM). The primary roles of the NFM, as identified in the 2014 Farm Bill, will be to raise private capital, provide financial and technical assistance to partnerships, and fund eligible projects to support retailers and their supply chains that bring fresh, healthy food into underserved areas.

HFFI was designed as a three-agency initiative. Since the Department of Treasury and the Department of Health and Human Services already have HFFI activities underway through existing programs, in standing up HFFI at USDA, the Agency and the NFM will take great care to ensure appropriate cooperation and coordination to achieve the goals of HFFI. Until Federal funds are appropriated for this HFFI program, the NFM will pay for its own administrative, fundraising, and management costs; USDA will not be responsible for such costs. Those costs may be covered through private fundraising agreements or other third party sources. If and when Federal funds are made available, Section 4206 permits them to be used to cover administrative expenses of the NFM in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the Federal funds provided.

I. Eligibility Criteria for Being the National Fund Manager

To be eligible to be the National Fund Manager, the applicant must meet each of the following conditions:

• The applicant must be a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury Department CDFI Fund.
• The applicant must have been in existence on February 7, 2014, and must still be in existence on the date the CDFI applies for the NFM position.

II. Roles and Responsibilities of the National Fund Manager

The Agency envisions that the NFM will have a variety of roles and responsibilities to help ensure the success of the HFFI program. The following presents the general roles and responsibilities of the NFM currently envisioned by the Agency. The final roles and responsibilities will be identified in an appropriate agreement as agreed upon between the successful applicant and the Agency. The roles and responsibilities may vary depending on whether Federal funds are appropriated for the HFFI program.

A. Assistance-Related

• Raise private capital. The NFM will be expected to raise private funds to be used toward the HFFI purposes.
• Leverage public funds. The NFM will be expected to leverage, and encourage the use of, funds from other federal agencies/resources, such as Treasury’s CDFI Fund, HHS’ Office of Community Services, SBA loans and grants, and USDA loans and grants.

Other financial assistance. In addition to the types of financial assistance identified in the statute (loans and grants), the NFM may