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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 26, 2017.

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 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC; New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: 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 by July 31, 2017. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: National Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0093.

Summary of Collection: The U.S.

Department of Agriculture has the responsibility for implementing and overseeing programs for a variety of commodities including beef, blueberries, cotton, dairy, eggs, fluid milk, Hass avocados, honey, lamb, mangos, mushrooms, paper and paper-based packaging, peanuts, popcorn, pork, potatoes, softwood lumber, sorghum, soybeans, and watermelons. Various Acts authorize these programs to carry out projects relating to research, consumer information, advertising, sales promotion, producer information, market development and product research to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, and utilization of their respective commodities. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has the responsibility to appoint board members and approve the boards' budgets, plans, and projects and for foreign projects, the Foreign Agricultural Service. AMS' objective in carrying out this responsibility is to assure the following: (1) Collection of funds are properly accounted for; (2) expenditures of all funds are for the purposes authorized by enabling legislation; and (3) the board's administration of the programs conforms to USDA policy.

Need and Use of the Information: The boards administer the various programs using a variety of forms to carry out their responsibilities. Only authorized employees of the various boards and USDA employees will use the information collected. Were the data collected less frequently, (1) it would hinder data needed to collect and refund assessments in a timely manner and result in delayed or even lost revenue; (2) boards would be unable to carry out the responsibilities of their respective Acts; and (3) requiring

reports less frequently than monthly would impose additional record keeping requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit, Farms.

Number of Respondents: 162,231.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion, Weekly, Monthly, Semi-annually, Annually; Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 150,918.

Charlene Parker,

*Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.*

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Comments regarding this information collection received by July 31, 2017 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), 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.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Third Access, Participation, Eligibility and Certification Study Series (APEC III).

OMB Control Number: 0584–0530.

Summary of Collection: The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP), administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), are authorized under sections 10 and 4, respectively, of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1766). The Improper Payment Information Act (IPIA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–300), the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (IPERA) of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–204), the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act (IPERIA) of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–248), and Executive Order 13520—Reducing Improper Payments set forth the priority, mandate, and requirements for FNS to identify, estimate, and reduce erroneous payments in these programs, including both underpayments and overpayments. The APEC III study will provide FNS with the information needed to reduce improper payments in the school meals programs.

Need and Use of the Information: This study will survey a nationally representative sample of School Food Authorities (SFAs) in the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia, a stratified sample of schools within each SFA, and a random sample of students within each sampled school that applied for free and reduced-price meals, were categorically eligible for free meals or were directly certified for free meals. FNS will use the data to develop national estimates of the annual error rates and erroneous payments for the NSLP and SBP in school year 2017–2018, to identify characteristics that may be related to the error rates, and to identify strategies and guidance for reducing these errors.

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

Number of Respondents: 9,452.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 13,042.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Repayment Demand and Program Disqualification

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, 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 proposed information collections. This collection is a revision of currently approved information collection requirements associated with initiating collection actions against households who have received an overissuance in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 28, 2017 to be assured consideration.

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 that were 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, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 822, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via email to SNAPSAB@fns.usda.gov, or through the federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the

online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 822, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Ralph Badette at 703–457–7717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Repayment Demand and Program Disqualification.

OMB Number: 0584–0492.

Form Number: None.

Expiration Date: August 31, 2017.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 13(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2022(b)), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations at 7 CFR 273.18 require State agencies to initiate collection action against households that have been overissued benefits. To initiate collection action, State agencies must provide an affected household with written notification informing the household of the claim and demanding repayment. This process is automated in most State agencies. Note that for overissuance claims, this information collection only covers the activities associated with initiating collection. The burden associated with reporting collections and other claims management information on the FNS–209 form is covered under currently approved under the Food Program Reporting System OMB number 0584–0594, expiration date 6/30/2019. The burden associated with referring delinquent claims and receiving collections through the Treasury Offset Program is covered under currently approved OMB number 0584–0446, expiration date 9/30/2019.

SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.16(e)(3) require State agencies to investigate any case of suspected fraud and, where applicable, make an intentional Program violation (IPV) determination either administratively or judicially. Notifications and activities involved in the IPV process include:

- The State agency providing written notification informing an individual