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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 5, 2018.

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 April 9, 2018 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.

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.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: SNAP-Ed Toolkit Submission Form (FNS–886) and Scoring Tool (FNS–885).

OMB Control Number: 0584—NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended (The Act) § 28(c)(3)(A) states that State agencies ''may use funds provided under this section for any evidence-based allowable use of funds'' including ''(i) individual and group-based nutrition education, health promotion, and intervention strategies''. 7 CFR 272.2(2)(d) also states ''SNAP-Ed activities must include evidence-based activities using one or more of these approaches: Individual or group-based nutrition education, health promotion, and intervention strategies; comprehensive, multi-level interventions at multiple complementary organizational and institutional levels; community and public health approaches to improve nutrition''. The Intervention Submission Form (FNS 886) and Scoring Tool (FNS 885) allows for interventions to be assessed to determine if they are both evidence-based and use one of the approaches described.

Need and Use of the Information: The Intervention Submission Form will be used by intervention developers (submitters) to provide information about the intervention they are submitting for inclusion in the Toolkit. Information requested includes intervention materials, how they have been and will be used, and the evidence base which illustrates their effectiveness.

Description of Respondents: (33) Business-for-profit; (11) Not-for-profit institutions; (83) State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 127.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once, On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 668.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA); Cotton Ginning Cost-Share Program (CGCS) Payments to Cotton Producers

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This NOFA announces the availability of cost-share funds to certain cotton producers of the United States, specifically for the 2016 cotton crop. Eligible CGCS participants will receive a one-time payment, calculated based on a cost-share not to exceed 20 percent of calculated ginning costs by region, the number of cotton acres that were planted, including failed acreage, for the 2016 crop year, and the percentage of share the participant had in such cotton. Similar to other Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) programs, certain eligibility requirements apply, such as a $40,000 per individual or entity payment limit and a requirement that each participant's 3-year average adjusted gross income (AGI) be $900,000 or less. CGCS payments will be made to help the domestic cotton industry find new and improved ways to market cotton.

DATES: Application period: March 12, 2018, through May 11, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Hereth, (202) 720–0448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

U.S. upland and extra-long staple (ELS) cotton producers are required to gin and bale cotton before either of the components of cotton (lint or seed) can be marketed, as there is no commerce in un-ginned bales. Approximately 17 million bales of cotton in the United States were ginned for the 2016 cotton crop year. There exists, however, 2016 cotton production carryover (ginned cotton inventory that has not yet been sold) of 2.75 million bales at the end of the 2016 marketing year (July 31, 2017). Additionally, the 2017 cotton crop production is projected to exceed 21 million bales (a production increase of 23 percent over crop year 2016), the majority of which has not been marketed. While the payments under