

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. APHIS–2018–0036]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Pale Cyst Nematode**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the interstate movement of regulated articles to prevent the spread of the pale cyst nematode to noninfested areas of the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0036>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2018–0036, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0036> or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the interstate movement of regulated articles to prevent the spread of pale cyst nematode, contact Mr. Jonathon Jones, National Policy Manager, Plant Health Programs, Plant Protection and Quarantine, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 160, Riverdale, MD 20737 or at 301–851–2128. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information

Collection Coordinator, at 301–851–2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pale Cyst Nematode.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0322.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plants pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States.

In accordance with the regulations in “Subpart-Pale Cyst Nematode” (7 CFR 301.86 through 301.86–9), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of U.S. Department of Agriculture restricts the interstate movement of certain articles to help prevent the spread of pale cyst nematode, a major pest of potato crops in cool-temperature areas, via potatoes, soil, and other host material to noninfested areas of the United States. The regulations involve information collection activities such as certificates, permits, appeals, compliance agreements, self-certifications, packing facility process approvals, and labeling.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of Burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.12 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. potato producers, packers, processors, and handlers.

Estimated Annual number of Respondents: 119.

Estimated Annual number of Responses per Respondent: 31.

Estimated Annual number of Responses: 3,725.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 445 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of May 2018.

Michael C. Gregoire,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comments Requested: USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form (FNS 543)**

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 revision of a currently approved information collection from organizations fighting hunger and poverty.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 30, 2018.

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: Celeste Perkins, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 941, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Celeste Perkins at 703-305-2012 or via email to Celeste.Perkins@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. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

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 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 941, 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 Celeste Perkins at 703-305-2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form.
Form Number: FNS-543.
OMB Number: 0584-0474.
Expiration Date: 10/31/2018.
Type of Request: Revised Collection.
Abstract: Section 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) (the Act), which was added to the Act by section 123 of Public Law 103-448 on November 2, 1994, mandated that FNS enter into a contract with a non-governmental organization to establish and maintain an information clearinghouse (named "USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse" or "Clearinghouse") for groups that assist low-income individuals or communities regarding nutrition assistance programs or other assistance. Section 26(d) of this Act was amended again by Public Law 113-79 on February 7, 2014 to extend funding for the Clearinghouse through fiscal year 2015 for \$250,000. FNS awarded this contract to the hunger advocacy organization Hunger Free America on October 1, 2014.

The Clearinghouse includes a database of non-governmental, grassroots organizations in the areas of hunger and nutrition, along with a mailing list to communicate with these organizations. These organizations enter

their information into the database, and Clearinghouse staff use that information to provide the public with information about where they can get food assistance. Surveys (FNS-543) will be completed online at fns.usda.gov/nhc. Information from past collections will be used as an estimate for future data collection for fiscal year 2018. From this information collection, the following information was determined:

Affected Public: Respondent groups identified include (1) Food banks—Not for Profit, (2) Business or Other For-Profits, and (3) Other Not For Profit. Most of these groups are organizations providing nutrition assistance services to the public.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Each respondent is expected to only participate in one survey.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 600.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes (0.0833 hours).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,000 minutes (50 hours).

See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

REPORTING BURDEN

Respondent	Estimated number of respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses (col. b x c)	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours (col. d x e)
Food Banks (Not for Profit)	300	1	300	0.0833	24.99
Business and Other For Profit	100	1	100	0.0833	8.33
Other Not For Profit	200	1	200	0.0833	16.66
Total Reporting Burden	600	600	49.98

Dated: May 22, 2018.

Brandon Lipps,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Applications for Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces that the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency) is accepting fiscal year (FY)

2018 applications for the Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant (SDGG) program. The Agency will publish the program funding level on the SDGG website located at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/socially-disadvantaged-groups-grant>. Expenses incurred in developing applications are the responsibility of the applicant.

The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to Socially-Disadvantaged Groups in rural areas. Eligible applicants include Cooperatives, Groups of Cooperatives, and Cooperative Development Centers. This program supports Rural Development's (RD) mission of improving the quality of life for rural

Americans and commitment to directing resources to those who most need them.

DATES: Completed applications for grants must be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than July 30, 2018. You may also hand carry your application to one of our field offices, but it must be received by close of business on the deadline date.

Electronic copies must be received by <http://www.grants.gov> no later than midnight Eastern Time July 24, 2018. Late applications are not eligible for funding under this Notice and will not be evaluated.