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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Agency for International Development.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following new information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

**DATES:** All comments should be submitted within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the proposed information collection to Tara Hill, USAID, Global Development Lab, Center for Development Research (USAID/LAB/CDR) at [thill@usaid.gov](mailto:thill@usaid.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara Hill, Acting Division Chief, HESN 2.0 Awards Management Division (USAID/Global Development Lab), [thill@usaid.gov](mailto:thill@usaid.gov) or 202-712-0589.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Abstract

In summer 2018, USAID's Global Development Lab awarded the Research Technical Assistance Center (RTAC) Contract to NORC, at the University of Chicago. The principal goal of RTAC is to establish, maintain, and utilize a diverse network of university-based research experts who can be available to apply to fill USAID's needs on an on-demand basis. The RTAC research network is required to demonstrate regional, technical, and demographic diversity and has targeted participation goals for female researchers, researchers from minority serving institutions (MSIs), and researchers from developing countries.

The RTAC website will provide information to potential researchers on USAID research activities and previous projects and is intended to offer a publicly available and accessible way for interested parties to "apply" to be included in the RTAC Partner Pool (a pool of researchers that USAID can then call on to apply for consideration as subcontractors to complete unique project requirements for research over the next four years.) To "apply" to be included in the RTAC Partner Pool, interested parties will click on a website button that will be visible in the top corner of the [www.rtachesn.org](http://www.rtachesn.org) website. Via the website button they will be invited to complete the identified application questions so that they can apply to be included in the RTAC Partner Pool (and hence be available to receive information on potential future subcontract work under the RTAC contract).

### II. Method of Collection

Electronic.

### III. Data

*Title:* Research Technical Assistance Center (RTAC) Partner Pool Application.

*OMB Number:* OMB 0412-XXXX.

*Expiration Date:* Not yet known.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Title:* Certification of Identity.

*OMB Number:* OMB 0412-0589.

*Form Number:* AID Form 507-1.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of USAID, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of USAID's estimate of the burden (including both hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Ticora V. Jones,**

*Center Director, Center for Development Research, Global Development Lab, U.S. Agency for International Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FTPP-19-0025]

### Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection Swine Contract Library. OMB approved this information collection as OMB 0580-0021 under Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards (GIPSA). Due to the realignment of offices authorized by the Secretary's memorandum dated November 14, 2017, which eliminated the GIPSA as a standalone agency, the Swine Contract Library activities formerly part of GIPSA

are now assigned a new OMB control number of 0581–0311.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 14, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Written comments may also be submitted to Stuart Frank, Director, Packers and Stockyards Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 2507, Washington, DC 20250, Tel: 202–720–7051, Fax: 202–690–3207. All comments should reference the docket number (same number as above assigned by Originating Program), the date, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and will be included in the record and made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Gayle L. Pounds-Barnett, Economist, Packers and Stockyards Division, 210 Walnut Street, Room 317, Des Moines, Iowa 50309 Direct Tel: (515) 323–2541, Fax: (515) 323–2590, [gayle.l.barnett@usda.gov](mailto:gayle.l.barnett@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Swine Contract Library.

*OMB Number:* 0581–0311.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 08/31/2019.

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

*Abstract:* The information collection and recordkeeping requirements for the Swine Contract Library are essential to maintaining the mandatory library of swine marketing contracts and reporting the number of swine contracted for delivery. Currently 33 companies (packers) are required to file contracts and report certain information on swine deliveries for a total of 55 locations (plants) that they either operate or at which they have swine slaughtered. We expect the overall number of plants and packers to remain relatively constant, but the specific packers required to report will vary with consolidation and construction in the industry.

Packers are required to report information for individual plants. The information collection burden estimate provided below is based on time and cost requirements at the plant level. Consequently, packers that report for more than one plant would bear a cost that would be a multiple of the per-plant estimates.

There are two types of information collections required for the Swine Contract Library.

The first information collection requirement consists of submitting example contracts. Initially, a packer submits example contracts currently in effect or available for each swine processing plant that is subject to the regulations. Subsequently, a packer submits example contracts for any offered, new, or amended contracts that vary from previously submitted contracts in regard to the base price determination, the application of a ledger or accrual account, carcass merit premium and discount schedules (including the determination of the lean percent or other merit of the carcass that is used to determine the amount of the premiums and discounts and how those premiums and discounts are applied), or the use and amount of noncarcass merit premiums or discounts. The initial submission of example contracts requires more time than subsequent filings of new contracts or changes, as packers initially need to review all their contracts to identify the unique types that need to be represented by an example contract submitted to AMS. Thereafter, subsequent filings require a minimal amount of effort on the part of packers, as only example contracts that represent a new or different type need to be filed.

Packers are required to submit both written and verbal contracts. Packers must document verbal contracts which adds to their existing recordkeeping systems in order to comply with this requirement. The optional “Verbal Contract Optional Documentation Sheet,” (Form PSD 343) provides a format to document the verbal agreement. A “Contract Submission Cover Sheet” (Form PSD 342) must accompany each contract submission to identify the contract, the plant or plants for which the contract is valid, and the contact person.

The second information collection requirement is a monthly filing of summary information on “Monthly Report: Estimates of Swine To Be Delivered Under Contract” (Form PSD 341). The form for the monthly filing is simple and brief. For new packers required to start reporting, this data should be available in the packers’ existing record system. We encourage electronic submission and provide the necessary information on procedures to submit data to AMS electronically. A procedure exists to request a waiver on submitting Form PSD 341 for respondents that do not currently use contracts.

The time requirements estimates used for the burden estimates below were developed in consultation with AMS personnel knowledgeable in the industry’s recordkeeping practices. The estimates also reflect our experience in assembling large amount of data during the course of numerous investigations involving use of data collected from the industry. Hourly wage estimates reflect average wages taken from the BLS Occupational Employment Statistics in the states where current respondents are located. Our experience indicates that a variety of positions are used by various companies to complete the reporting and recordkeeping tasks. Wages are therefore estimated for the most common level of employee performing these tasks.

**(1) Example Contracts**

*a. Contract Submission Cover Sheet (PSD 342)*

*Estimate of Burden:* The reporting burden for contract submission estimate includes 4 hours per plant for an initial review of all contracts to categorize them into types and identify unique examples, plus an additional 0.25 hours per unique contract identified during the initial review to submit an example of that contract. After the initial filing, the reporting burden estimate includes 0.25 hours per plant to submit an example of each new or amended contract.

*Respondents:* Packers required to report information for the Swine Contract Library.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 33 packers (total of 55 plants).

*Estimated Number of Responses per Plant:* Number of responses per plant varies. Some plants could have no contracts, while others could have up to 80 contracts. We receive an average of six example contracts per plant per year for offered contracts and for amended existing or available contracts.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* Initial filing: 6 total hours for the initial filing of examples of existing contracts by all plants newly subject to the regulations. Based on changes in the industry, we anticipate one new plant to become subject to the regulations each year. Calculated as follows: 4 hours per plant for initial review × 1 new plant = 4 hours for initial review; 0.25 hours per contract (reporting) × 6 example contracts per plant × 1 new plant = 1.5 hours; 0.083 hours per contract (recordkeeping) × 6 contracts per plant × 1 new plant = .5 hours; 4 hours + 1.5 hours + .5 hours = 6 total hours.

Subsequently, 81 total hours annually for all subsequent filing of example contracts by all plants combined, based on an average of 6 newly offered or amended contracts annually.

Calculated as follows: 0.25 hours per contract (reporting)  $\times$  6 example contracts per plant  $\times$  55 plants = 82.5 hours. 0.083 hours per contract (recordkeeping)  $\times$  6 example contracts per plant  $\times$  55 plants = 27.5 hours. 82.5 hours + 27.5 hours = 110 hours.

*Total Cost:* Initial filing \$143.25 for one expected new plant. Calculated as follows: 5.5 hours  $\times$  \$24.50 per hour = \$134.75; 0.5 hours  $\times$  \$17 per hour = \$8.50; \$134.50 + \$8.50 = \$143.25.

Subsequently, \$2488.75 annually for all plants combined for submission of subsequent filings. Calculated as follows: 82.5 hours  $\times$  \$24.50 per hour = \$2021.25; 27.5  $\times$  \$17 per hour = \$467.50; \$2021.25 + \$467.50 = \$2488.75.

#### *b. Verbal Contract Optional Documentation Sheet (PSD 343)*

*Estimate of Burden:* The reporting burden for documenting verbal contracts using PSD 343 includes 0.25 hours per verbal contract document. Each contract documented using PSD 343 should be accompanied by PSD 342 therefore reporting burden is captured in estimates for PSD 342.

*Respondents:* Packers required to report information for the Swine Contract Library.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10 plants.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Plant:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2.50 total hours calculated as follows: 0.25 hours per contract (recordkeeping)  $\times$  1 contract per plant  $\times$  10 plants = 2.5 hours.

*Total Cost:* \$133.13 for all verbal contracts using PSD 343 calculated as follows 2.5 hours  $\times$  \$53.25 per hour = \$133.13.

### **(2) Monthly Summary**

#### *a. Monthly Report: Estimate of Swine To Be Delivered Under Contract (PSD 341)*

*Estimate of Burden:* The burden estimate for monthly summary submission includes a one-time set up of 1 hour for a packer that chose to create a spreadsheet or database for recordkeeping and preparation of monthly estimates and a 2 hour burden for a packer to develop procedures to extract and format the required information and to develop an interface between the packer's electronic recordkeeping system and AMS' system. The monthly recordkeeping burden is

estimated at 2.5 hours per plant. The reporting burden for compiling data, completing and submitting the form includes an average of 2 hours per manually prepared and submitted (by mail or facsimile) report and 1 hour per electronically prepared and submitted report. There is an estimated additional.

*Respondents:* Packers required to report information for the Swine Contract Library, less packers filing waiver requests.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25 packers (total of 47 plants).

*Estimated Number of Responses per Plant:* 12 (1 per month for 12 months).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* Initial filing: 3 hours per new plant. Calculated as follows: 1 hour per plant (reporting)  $\times$  1 new plant = 1 hour; 2 hours per plant (recordkeeping)  $\times$  1 new plant = 2 hours; 1 hour + 2 hours = 3 hours.

Subsequently, 1998 total hours for all submitting plants. Calculated as follows:

*Manual filing:* 2 hours per response  $\times$  12 responses per plant (reporting)  $\times$  2 plants = 48 hours; 2.5 hours per month per plant (recordkeeping)  $\times$  12 months  $\times$  2 plants = 60 hours; 48 hours + 60 hours = 108 hours.

*Electronic filing:* 1 hour per response  $\times$  12 responses per plant (reporting)  $\times$  45 plants = 540 hours; 2.5 hours per month per plant (recordkeeping)  $\times$  12 months  $\times$  45 plants = 1350 hours; 540 hours + 1350 hours = 1890 hours; 1890 hours + 108 hours = 1998 hours.

*Total Cost:* Initial filing \$124.50 for one expected new plant. Calculated as follows: 2 hours (reporting)  $\times$  \$41.50 per hour = \$83; 1 hours (recordkeeping)  $\times$  \$41.50 per hour = \$41.50; \$83+ \$41.50 = \$124.50.

Subsequently, \$37347 for all submitting plants. Calculated as follows: *Manual filing:* 48 hours (reporting)  $\times$  \$22.75 = \$1092; 60 hours (recordkeeping)  $\times$  \$17 = \$1020; \$1092+ \$1020 = \$2112.

*Electronic filing:* 540 hours (reporting)  $\times$  22.75 = 12285; 1350 hours (recordkeeping)  $\times$  \$17 per hour = \$22950; \$12285 + \$22950 = \$35235 \$2112 + \$35235 = \$37347.

#### *b. Annual Waiver Request*

*Estimate of Burden:* The burden estimate for annual waiver request includes 0.25 hours for documents and submitting a statement to AMS confirming that the company or plant does not currently have any marketing contracts that are subject to the regulation.

*Respondents:* Packers required to report information for the Swine Contract Library, less packers filing waiver requests.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8 packers (total of 8 plants).

*Estimated Number of Responses per Plant:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2.67 hours. Calculated as follows: 0.25 hours per plant (reporting)  $\times$  8 plants = 2 hours; .083 hours per plant (recordkeeping)  $\times$  8 plants = .67 hours; 2 hours + .67 hours = 2.67 hours

*Total Cost:* \$117.83 for all waived plants. Calculated as follows: 2 hours (reporting)  $\times$  \$53.25 = 106.5; .67 hours (recordkeeping)  $\times$  \$17 = \$11.33; \$106.50 + \$11.33 = \$117.83.

The Paperwork Reduction Act also requires AMS to measure the recordkeeping burden. Under the Packers and Stockyards Act and its existing regulations, each packer is required to maintain and make available upon request any records necessary to verify information on all transactions between the packer and producers from whom the packer obtains swine for slaughter. Records that packers are required to maintain under existing regulations would meet the requirements for verifying the accuracy of information required to be reported for the Swine Contract Library. These records include original contracts, agreements, receipts, schedules, and other records associated with any transaction related to the purchase, pricing, and delivery of swine for slaughter under the terms of marketing contracts. Additional annual costs of maintaining records would be nominal since packers are required to store and maintain such records as a matter of normal business practice and in conformity with existing regulations.

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) and its implementing regulations (5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)), AMS specifically requests comment 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. Comments may be sent to Stuart Frank, Director, Packers and Stockyards Division, Agricultural Marketing

Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 2507, Washington, DC, 20250, Tel: 202-720-7051, Fax: 202-690-3207.

All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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: March 11, 2019.

**Erin Morris,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0090; SC19-986-1]

#### **Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas; Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas, Marketing Order No. 986.

**DATES:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, comments on information collection burden that would result from this notice must be received by May 14, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or internet:

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be made public on the internet at the address provided above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Fiona Pexton, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crop Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Room 1406-S, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone: (202) 720-2491 Fax: (202) 720-8938, or Email: [Fiona.Pexton@usda.gov](mailto:Fiona.Pexton@usda.gov).

Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Richard Lower, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone: (202) 720-2491; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Email: [Richard.Lower@usda.gov](mailto:Richard.Lower@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Pecans Grown in multiple states, Marketing Order No. 981.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0291.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 2019.

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

*Abstract:* Marketing order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables, and specialty crops, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Marketing order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and adequate returns to producers. Marketing orders are authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674). The Secretary of Agriculture oversees these operations and issues regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from the respective commodity industry.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comments on the sixteen forms in this OMB package which are described below. Two ballot forms for committee nominations (SC-307 and SC-308), two grower and sheller nomination forms (SC-309 and SC-310)

as well as two background and acceptance statements forms for growers and shellers and public members (SC-8 and SC-9) and a grower referendum ballot (SC-313). Two marketing agreements (SC-242 and SC-242A) are also included. In addition, this package includes seven reporting forms the American Pecan Council uses to track shipments and inventory. The Summary Report (Form 1); Report of Shipment and Inventory on Hand (Form 2); Export by Country of Destination (Form 3); Inter-handler Transfer (Form 4); Inshell Pecan Exported to Mexico for Shelling and Returned to the United States as Shelled Meat (Form 5); Pecans Purchased Outside of the United States (Form 6); and Year-end Inventory Report (Form 7). The number of producers has changed from 5,500 to 2,500 since the last renewal. Now that the marketing order has been in place for a few years, the industry has a better understanding of the actual numbers of producers in the industry.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .31 hours per response (rounded).

*Respondents:* Pecan producers, handlers, and shellers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,750.

*Estimated Total Annual of Responses:* 9,344.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 3.40 (rounded).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,931 (rounded).

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the 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 through 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 also become a matter of public record.