

The local field office administrative costs for fiscal year 2018 and the fiscal year 2019 calculated local field office

tonnage fee, prior to the operating reserve review, are as follows:

Field office	FY 2018 local administrative costs	Calculated FY 2019 local tonnage fee
New Orleans .....	\$1,641,144	\$0.025
League City .....	878,868	0.074
Portland .....	380,435	0.077
Toledo .....	239,862	0.116

*Operating reserve.* In order to maintain an operating reserve not less than 3 and not more than 6 months, FGIS reviewed the value of the operating reserve at the end of FY2018 to ensure that an operating reserve of 4 ½ months is maintained.

The program operating reserve at the end of fiscal year 2018 was \$21,561,945 with a monthly operating expense of \$3,276,796. The target of 4.5 months of operating reserve is \$14,745,582. Therefore, the operating reserve is greater than 4.5 times the monthly operating expenses by \$6,816,363. For each \$1,000,000, rounded down, above the target level, all Schedule A fees must be reduced by 2 percent. The operating reserve is \$6.8 million above the target level resulting in a calculated 12 percent reduction. As required by 800.71(b)(2)(ii), the reduction is limited to 5 percent. Therefore, for 2019, FGIS is reducing all the 2018 Schedule A fees for service in Schedule A in paragraph (a)(1) by the maximum 5 percent. All Schedule A fees for service are rounded to the nearest \$0.10, except for fees based on tonnage or hundredweight. The resulting fees from the annual review went into effect on January 1, 2019 and this notice formalizes this change. The fee Schedule A has been published on the agency's public website.

#### GIPSA/AMS Merger

GIPSA formerly fell within the mission area overseen by the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP), along with AMS. The Under Secretary for MRP's authority over GIPSA is further demonstrated by the published delegations of authority in Part 2 of Title 7 of the CFR. In 7 CFR 2.22(a)(3), the Secretary of Agriculture delegated to the Under Secretary for MRP authorities "related to grain inspection, packers and stockyards." In 7 CFR 2.81, the Under Secretary for MRP further delegated these authorities to the Administrator of GIPSA. In a November 14, 2017 Secretary's Memorandum, the Secretary directed that the authorities at 7 CFR 2.81 be re-

delegated to the Administrator of AMS, and that the delegations to the Administrator of GIPSA be revoked. But these changes did not affect the existing delegations to the Under Secretary of MRP related to grain inspection, packers and stockyards at 7 CFR 2.22(a)(3).

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

Dated: March 26, 2019.

**Bruce Summers,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 26, 2019.

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 29, 2019 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), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20502.

Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto: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.

#### Foreign Agricultural Service

*Title:* Agricultural Trade Promotion Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0551–0049.

*Summary of Collection:* The authority for the Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP) is contained in the authority derived from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act, 15 U.S.C. 714c(f)—Specific Powers of Corporation. Program regulations were necessary to establish this new CCC program. The ATP is a cost-share program that is designed to reimburse nonprofit U.S. agricultural trade organizations, nonprofit state regional trade groups, U.S. agricultural cooperatives, and state agencies that conduct approved foreign market development activities and have suffered damages because of tariffs imposed on U.S. agricultural products in 2018/2019. Financial assistance for the ATP is made available on a competitive basis. The program is administered by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information collected is used by FAS marketing specialists and program managers for the allocation of funds, program management, planning, and evaluation. The integrity of the program hinges on information received from or maintained by the industry.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 71.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 63,978.

**Ruth Brown,**

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Requirement for National Directory of New Hires Employment Verification

**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 collection is a revision of a currently approved collection. In 2016, an Interim Final Rule titled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Requirement for National Directory of New Hires Employment Verification and Annual Program Activity Reporting," was published in the **Federal Register**. This rule codified section 4013 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, requiring State agencies to access employment data through the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) at the time of certification, including recertification, to determine eligibility status and correct benefit amount for SNAP applicants. The rule also amended regulations to increase the frequency of the requirement for State agency submission of the Program Activity Statement from an annual requirement based on the State fiscal year to a quarterly requirement. The burden hours for the increase in submission frequency for the Program Activity Statement, form FNS-366B, have been merged into the Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS) information collection, OMB# 0584-0594 (expiration 9/30/2019). Therefore, this notice seeks to renew the burden hours associated with the National Directory of New Hires portion of this information collection only and

removes burden hours and references for the Program Activity Statement, form FNS-366B.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before May 28, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to: Jane Duffield, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 818 Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via email to [SNAPSAB@FNS.USDA.GOV](mailto:SNAPSAB@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.

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 Jane Duffield at 703-605-4385.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *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.

*Title:* SNAP Requirement for National Directory of New Hires Employment Verification.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0608.

*Expiration Date:* May 31, 2019.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations at 7 CFR 272.16 require that each State agency must establish a system to compare identifiable information about each adult household member against data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). This comparison will be used to determine the eligibility status of the household

and determine the correct benefit amount the household should receive.

*Applicant and Recipient Screening:* The State agency must compare identifiable information about each adult household member against information from the NDNH. States must make the comparison of matched data at the time of application and recertification and must independently verify any positive match results.

*Verification of Match:* The State agency must independently verify the information prior to taking any adverse action against an individual. Should the State agency receive employment information via the NDNH that was previously unreported by the household, the State agency may issue a Request for Contact to the household to verify the information or contact the employer directly, depending upon applicable reporting requirements as defined at 7 CFR 273.12.

*Notice:* The Notice of Adverse Action or Notice of Denial is issued by State agencies to participating households whose benefits will be reduced or terminated as the result of a change in household circumstances. Should the State agency independently verify unreported or underreported income discovered through NDNH, and that income results in a reduction of benefits or change in eligibility, the State agency must take action by issuing the household a Notice of Adverse Action or Notice of Denial and adjusting benefits accordingly.

*Burden Estimates:* The previous burden for this collection was 252,432 reporting hours (209,899 reporting burden hours for State agencies + 41,583 reporting burden hours for households). The requested burden is 249,253, which represents a decrease of 3,180 hours for the removal of the Program Activity Statement (FNS-366B) (which is accounted for under OMB#0584-0594; expiration date: 9/30/2019) burden hours from this collection. There are no recordkeeping requirements associated with this collection.

*Affected Public:* State and local agencies, households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 891,125.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 13.78.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 12,279,702.50.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.0205569019.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 249,252.64 hours. See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.