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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 9, 2021.

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: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by January 13, 2022. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Reporting Requirements Under Regulations Governing Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products and the Certification of Sanitary Design & Fabrication of Equipment used in the Slaughter, Processing, and Packaging of Livestock and Poultry Products.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0126.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), directs the Department to develop programs which will provide for and facilitate the marketing of agricultural products. The regulations governing the voluntary inspection and grading program for dairy products is contained in 7 CFR part 58. The certification regulations for livestock and poultry products are contained in 7 CFR part 54. The Government, industry and consumer will be well served if the Government can help ensure that dairy products are produced under sanitary conditions and that buyers have the choice of purchasing the quality of the product they desire. The dairy grading program is a voluntary user fee program. For a voluntary inspection program to perform satisfactorily with a minimum of confusion, information must be collected to determine what services are requested.

Need and Use of the Information: The information requested is used to identify products offered for grading; to identify a request from a manufacturer of equipment used in dairy, meat, or poultry industries for evaluation regarding sanitary design and construction; to identify and contact the party responsible for payment of the inspection, grading or equipment evaluation fee and expense; and to identify applicants who wish to be authorized for the display of official identification on product packaging, materials, equipment, utensils, or on descriptive promotional materials. The Agriculture Marketing service will use several forms to collect essential information to carry out and administer the inspection and grading program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 307.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Other (when forms are requested).

Total Burden Hours: 1,027.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Pandemic Response and Safety Program.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0326.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (AMA) (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*) directs and authorizes USDA to administer Federal grant programs. AMS Grant Programs are administered through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance for Grants and Agreements based on its regulations under the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 200) (85 FR 49506; December 13, 2020). Information collection requirements in this request are needed for AMS to administer a new competitive grant program, in accordance with 2 CFR part 200, entitled the Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS).

PRS is authorized pursuant to the authority of section 751 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA) (Pub. L. 116–260) in response to the ongoing COVID–19 pandemic and worker protections in food processing, distribution, farmers markets, and agricultural production. The AMS Grants Division requests to collect information for this new grant program from individuals, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations working in food processing, distribution, farmers markets, and agricultural production.

Need and Use of the Information: Because this is a voluntary program, respondents request or apply for this specific competitive grant, and in doing so, they provide information. Information collected is used only by authorized representatives of USDA, AMS, Transportation and Marketing Program's Grants Division to certify that grant participants are complying with applicable program regulations, and the data collected is the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out program requirements. Information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of section 751 of the CAA, to provide respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the program.

Description of Respondents: Grant applicants; or grant recipients.

Number of Respondents: 800,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Other (when forms are requested).

Total Burden Hours: 916,660.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA-2021-0012]

Notice of Funds Availability; Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notification of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is issuing this notice announcing the availability of \$50 million for the new Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP) to provide assistance to producers that sold hogs through a negotiated sale from April 16, 2020, through September 1, 2020, the period in which these producers faced the greatest reduction in market prices due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The eligibility requirements, payment calculation, and application procedure for SMHPP are included in this notice.

DATES:

Funding availability: Implementation will begin December 14, 2021.

Comment Date: We will consider comments on the Paperwork Reduction Act that we receive by: February 14, 2022.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on the information collection request. You may submit comments by any of the following methods, although FSA prefers that you submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID FSA-2021-0012. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, Hand-Delivery, or Courier:* Director, Safety Net Division, FSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0510, Washington, DC 20250-0522. In your comment, specify the docket ID FSA-2021-0012.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change and publicly available on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security (CARES) Act (Pub. L. 116-136) provides funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing support for agricultural producers who were impacted. The Secretary announced the USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative on March 24, 2021. As a part of that initiative, FSA is implementing SMHPP, as directed by the Secretary, to make payments to producers that sold hogs through a negotiated sale from April 16, 2020, through September 1, 2020, the period in which these producers faced the greatest reduction in market prices due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FSA and USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) have identified negotiated hogs as a sector of the agricultural industry significantly impacted by the pandemic that had not been adequately addressed by previous pandemic relief programs and experienced the greatest market price impacts out of all hog purchase types. Using a price analysis of the average daily national negotiated sales during the pandemic compared to the daily 5-year average for years 2015 through 2019, FSA and AMS determined April 16, 2020, through September 1, 2020, to be the period with the greatest market impacts on hogs sold through a negotiated sale due to the pandemic. The reduced market prices were a result of fewer negotiated hogs being procured, packer production decreases due to employee illness, and supply chain issues. This period also generally aligns with the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) 2 eligibility period for swine, which ran from April 16, 2020, through August 31, 2020.

Direct payments will be limited to hog producers located in the United States. This assistance will be available to hog producers through SMHPP as provided in this notice.

FSA is administering SMHPP under the general supervision and direction of the FSA Administrator and AMS. AMS is providing technical assistance to FSA, which includes, but is not limited to, sharing expertise on the hog industry regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the industry.

Definitions

The definitions in 7 CFR parts 718 and 1400 apply to SMHPP, except as otherwise provided in this document. The following definitions also apply.

Barrow means a neutered male swine, with the neutering performed before the swine reached sexual maturity.

Boar means a sexually intact male swine.

Breeding stock means sows and boars.

Contract grower means a person or legal entity who grows or produces eligible livestock under contract for or on behalf of another person or entity. The contract grower's income is dependent upon the successful production of livestock or offspring from livestock. The contract grower does not have ownership in the livestock and is not entitled to a share from sales proceeds of the livestock.

Gilt means a young female swine that has not produced a litter.

Hogs means barrows and gilts (excluding breeding stock).

Negotiated sale means a sale by a producer of hogs to a packer under which the base price for the hogs is determined by seller-buyer interaction and agreement on a delivery day. The hog industry also refers to a negotiated sale as a cash or spot market sale. The hogs are scheduled for delivery to the packer not more than 14 days after the date on which the hogs are committed to the packer. A negotiated formula sale is also considered a negotiated sale.

Negotiated formula sale means a hog or pork market formula sale under which:

- (1) The formula is determined by negotiation on a lot-by-lot basis; and
- (2) The hogs are scheduled for delivery to the packer not later than 14 days after the date on which the formula is negotiated and the hogs are committed to the packer.

Ownership interest means to have either a legal ownership interest or a beneficial ownership interest in a legal entity. For the purposes of administering SMHPP, a person or legal entity that owns a share or stock in a legal entity that is a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, or similar type entity where members hold a legal ownership interest, and shares in the profits or losses of such entity is considered to have an