

Need and Use of the Information: Producers, handlers, manufacturers, wholesalers, importers, and retailers of covered commodities are affected. This public reporting burden is necessary to ensure accuracy of country of origin and method of production declarations relied upon at the point of sale at retail. The public reporting burden also assures that all parties involved in supplying covered commodities to retail stores maintain and convey accurate information as required.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 349,598.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 19,879,947.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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; 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 this information collection received by April 24, 2023 will be considered. 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 persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Borlaug Fellowship Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551-New.

Summary of Collection: The primary purpose for this information collection is for the Borlaug Fellowship Program implemented by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, Global Programs, Fellowship Programs. Since 2004, U.S. Congress has made funds available to USDA's Borlaug Fellowship Program to provide training to Fellows from middle-income and emerging market countries. The Borlaug Programs provide U.S.-based scientific training and collaborative research opportunities to early- and mid-career scientists, researchers, and policymakers, and can act as market development tools to assist in opening markets and decreasing/eliminating trade barriers. Authority for the program falls under 7 U.S. Code § 3319j; Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected by Fellowship Programs is used to implement the USDA FAS Borlaug Fellowship Program. The information is collected through the Borlaug Fellowship Application that candidates submit to FAS staff through an electronic application. The Borlaug Fellowship Program applications are collected by Borlaug Fellowship Program staff and are used by fellows to explain their proposed research plans, set a timeframe to achieve goals during and after their program, and exhibit their qualifications as a candidate for the program.

The mid- and post-program evaluation forms are used by Borlaug Fellowship staff to assess the success of each training program. Fellowship staff use the evaluation forms to assess whether programs goals were achieved and receive feedback from participants on how to improve future programming. Without the Fellows applications and evaluations, the Foreign Agricultural Service would not be able to execute the Borlaug Fellowship Program and FAS staff would not be able to identify if FAS objectives and goals are being met.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 227.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 715.

Title: Certificate for Quota Eligibility (CQE).

OMB Control Number: 0551-0014.

Summary of Collection: Imports of raw cane sugar are subject to a tariff-rate import quota (TRQ) that is allocated on a country-by-country basis to foreign countries or areas. A U.S. certificate for quota eligibility (CQE) issued by USDA and authenticated by a certifying authority in the foreign country permits entry of raw cane sugar under the TRQ. U.S. Note 5 (a)(i) of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United State requires the Secretary to establish a TRQ for raw-cane sugar (entered under HTS 1701.12.10 and 1701.14.10) during each fiscal year with a minimum TRQ amount of 1,117,195 metric tons, raw value. In Addition 5 (b)(1) authorizes the U.S. Trade Representative to allocate the raw-cane sugar tariff-rate quota among supplying countries. CQEs are issued to the 40 countries that receive TRQ allocations to export sugar to the United State. The CQE is completed by the certifying authority in the foreign country that certifies that the sugar being exported to the United States was produced in the foreign country that has the TRQ allocation. The Foreign Agriculture will collect information using form FAS-961 and other collection activities.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect the following information: (1) country of origin or area of the eligible raw cane sugar; (2) quota period; (3) quantity of raw cane sugar to be exported; (4) details of the shipment (shipper, vessel, port of loading); and (5) additional details if available at the time of shipment (consignee, address of consignee, expected date of departure, expected date of arrival in the U.S., expected port of arrival). The information will help determine if the quantity to be imported is eligible to be entered under the TRQ. Without the CQEs, USDA/FAS and CBP could not administer the raw cane sugar TRQs authorized under U.S. law.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 24.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 621.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Operating Guidelines, Forms, Waivers, and Annual State Report on Verification of SNAP Participation

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 information collection. This is a revision of a currently approved collection that consists of several components of State agency reporting and/or recordkeeping: State Plan of Operations, Puerto Rico Plan of Operations, Territory Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), a budget projection statement, a program activity report, waiver requests submitted via the Waiver Information Management System (WIMS), card skimming reporting, and other plans and submissions such as advance planning documents for information systems and for electronic benefit transfer (EBT) systems. This collection also merges the activities under the Annual State Report on Verification of SNAP participation, OMB Control Number 0584-0605, expiration date 06/30/2025 into this collection which ensures that no person who is deceased, or who has been permanently disqualified from SNAP, improperly received SNAP benefits for the fiscal year preceding the report submission. Section 4032 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 is the basis for this collection. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) considers an email from each State agency to their corresponding FNS Regional SNAP Program Director verifying their compliance with Section 4032 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 as the mechanism for compliance. FNS intends to discontinue the Annual State Report of Verification of SNAP Participants, OMB Control Number 0584-0605 expiration date 06/30/2025 following OMB approval of this information collection request.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 23, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Maribelle Balbes, Branch Chief, State Administration Branch, Program Administration and Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, 5th Floor, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via email to SM.FN.SNAPSAB@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 Maribelle Balbes 703-605-4272.

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: Operating Guidelines, Forms, Waivers, and Annual State Report on Verification of SNAP Participation.

OMB Number: 0584-0083.

Forms: FNS-366A; FNS-366B; FNS-388; FNS-388A; SF-425/FNS-778 Recordkeeping Only.

Expiration Date: August 31, 2023.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 16(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (the Act) authorizes 50 percent Federal reimbursement for State agency costs to administer the program. 7 CFR 272.2(a) of SNAP regulations states that State agencies shall periodically plan and budget program operations and establish objectives for the next year. The basic components of the State Plan of Operation are the Federal/State

Agreement, the Budget Projection Statement (FNS-366A), the Program Activity Statement (FNS-366B) (7 CFR 272.2(a)(2)), and a new requirement for State plans for the replacement of stolen SNAP benefits using Federal funds as required by statute under section 501(b) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. Under 7 CFR 272.2(c), the State agency shall annually submit to FNS for approval a Budget Projection Statement (FNS-366A) which shall contain projections for each quarter of the next Federal Fiscal Year and a narrative justification document explaining the assumptions used to arrive at the projections. The State agency shall also submit quarterly a Program Activity Statement (FNS-366B) soliciting a summary of Program activity for the State agency's operations during the preceding reporting period. Additionally, State agencies and territories will submit a monthly report of benefit issuance and participation data using the FNS-388, and a semi-annual report of benefit and participation data by project area using the FNS-388A. The FNS-366A, the FNS-366B, FNS-388 and FNS 388A are submitted via the Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS), OMB Control Number 0584-0594 expiration date 07/31/2023, at <https://fprs.fns.usda.gov>. State agencies must also submit annually a State plan for the replacement of benefits stolen via card skimming, card cloning, and other similar fraudulent methods, which allows States to replace stolen benefits with Federal funds. All State Plans of Operation are submitted to FNS via the FNS PartnerWeb at <https://partnerweb.usda.gov/>. Additionally, State agencies must submit quarterly data reports on card skimming via WIMS. Certain attachments to the plan are to be submitted, as applicable. State agencies must provide FNS with changes to these attachments as they occur. Consequently, these attachments are considered State plan updates. Puerto Rico submits a State Plan of Operations while American Samoa and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) submit an MOU that functions as a State Plan of Operations, each of these documents are submitted via email. While working on this revision, FNS became aware that the agency has been collecting this information from American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); this information was not previously accounted for in this information collection, in violation of the Paperwork