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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 required 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 December 8, 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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Emergency Conservation Program and Biomass Crop Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0082.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency (FSA), in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Forest Service, and other agencies and organizations, provides eligible producers and landowners cost-share incentives and technical assistance through several conservation and environmental programs to help farmers, ranchers, and other eligible landowners and operators conserve soil, improve water quality, develop forests, and rehabilitate farmland severely damaged by natural disasters authorized under the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2201–2205). FSA provides emergency funds for sharing with agricultural producers the cost of rehabilitating farmland damaged by natural disaster, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

FSA is also managing the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) authorized by Section 9010 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–79), which amends Title 1X of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. BCAP regulations outlined the legislations parameters, program definitions and process for: (1) Establishing BCAP project areas; (2) Matching payment opportunity for eligible material owners and qualifying biomass conversion facilities; (3) Contracting acreage for producers in BCAP project areas; and (4) Establishment and annual production payments for producers in BCAP projects areas.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information using several forms. The collected information will be used to determine if the person, land, and practices are eligible for participation in the respective program and to receive cost-share assistance. Also, information collection from eligible biomass owners, biomass conversion facilities, and producers meeting the requirements for matching payments, annual production payment assistance, establishment payments and BCAP project area designation is

necessary in order to ensure the financial accountability needed to operate and administer the BCAP. Without the information, FSA will not be able to make eligibility determinations and compute payments in a timely manner.

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

Number of Respondents: 140,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 67,852.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

The Emergency Food Assistance Program; Availability of Foods for Fiscal Year 2024

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the surplus and purchased foods that the Department expects to make available for donation to States for use in providing nutrition assistance to the needy under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. The foods made available under this notice must, at the discretion of the State, be distributed to eligible recipient agencies (ERAs) for use in preparing meals and/or for distribution to households for home consumption.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Decosse, Food Distribution Policy Branch, Policy Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 or telephone (617) 317–5136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (EFAA), 7 U.S.C. 7501, *et seq.*, and the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2036, the Department makes foods available to States for use in providing nutrition assistance to those in need through TEFAP. In accordance

with section 214 of the EFAA, 7 U.S.C. 7515, funding for TEFAP foods is allocated among States according to a formula that accounts for poverty and unemployment levels within each State. Section 214(a)(1) of the Act requires that 60 percent of each State's allocation be based on the number of people with incomes below the poverty level within the State; and section 214(a)(2) requires that the remaining 40 percent be equal to the percentage of the nation's unemployed persons within the State. State officials are responsible for establishing the network through which the foods will be used by ERAs in providing nutrition assistance to those in need and for allocating foods among those ERAs. States have full discretion in determining the amount of foods that will be made available to ERAs for use in preparing meals and/or for distribution to households for home consumption.

Surplus Foods

Surplus foods donated for distribution under TEFAP are Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) foods purchased under the authority of section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, 7 U.S.C. 1431 (section 416) and foods purchased under the surplus removal authority of section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, 7 U.S.C. 612c (section 32). The types of foods typically purchased under section 416 include dairy, grains, oils, and peanut products. The types of foods purchased under section 32 include meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, dry beans, juices, and fruits.

Approximately \$471.4 million in surplus foods acquired in FY 2023 are being delivered to States in FY 2024. Surplus foods currently scheduled for delivery include almonds, apples, applesauce, apricots, beans, blueberries, cherries, dates, fish, grapefruit, lamb, lentils, peaches, pistachios, plums, pork, raisins, shrimp, strawberries, and walnuts. Other surplus foods may be made available to TEFAP throughout the year. The Department would like to point out that food acquisitions are based on changing agricultural market conditions; therefore, the availability of foods is subject to change.

Purchased Foods

In accordance with section 27 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2036, the Secretary is directed to purchase an estimated \$463.75 million worth of foods in FY 2024 for distribution through TEFAP. In addition, States will receive up to \$943 million in supplemental foods and operational expenses provided under the statutory authority of the

Commodity Credit Corporation. These foods are made available to States in addition to those surplus foods which otherwise might be provided to States for distribution under TEFAP.

For FY 2024, the Department anticipates purchasing the foods listed in the following table for distribution through TEFAP. The amounts of each item purchased will depend on the prices the Department must pay, as well as the quantity of each item requested by the States. Changes in agricultural market conditions may result in the availability of additional types of foods or the non-availability of one or more foods listed in the table.

FY 2024 USDA FOODS AVAILABLE LIST FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

FRUITS:

Apples, Braeburn, Fresh
 Apples, Empire, Fresh
 Apples, Fuji, Fresh
 Apples, Gala, Fresh
 Apples, Granny Smith, Fresh
 Apples, Red Delicious, Fresh
 Apples, Fresh
 Apple Juice, 100%, Unsweetened
 Apple Slices, Unsweetened, Frozen (IQF)
 Applesauce, Unsweetened, Canned (K)
 Applesauce, Unsweetened, Cups, Shelf-Stable
 Apricots, Halves, Extra Light Syrup, Canned
 Blueberries, Highbush, Frozen
 Cherry Apple Juice, 100%, Unsweetened
 Cranberry Apple Juice, 100%, Unsweetened
 Cranberries, Dried, Individual Portion
 Grape Juice, Concord, 100%, Unsweetened
 Grapefruit Juice, 100%, Unsweetened
 Fruit and Nut Mix, Dried
 Mixed Fruit, Extra Light Syrup, Canned
 Oranges, Fresh
 Orange Juice, 100%, Unsweetened
 Peaches, Freestone, Slices, Frozen
 Peaches, Sliced, Extra Light Syrup, Canned
 Pears, Bartlett, Fresh
 Pears, Bosc, Fresh
 Pears, D'Anjou, Fresh
 Pears, Fresh
 Pears, Extra Light Syrup, Canned (K)
 Plums, Pitted, Dried
 Raisins, Unsweetened, Individual Portion
 Raisins, Unsweetened
 Strawberries, Whole, Unsweetened, Frozen (IQF)

DAIRY:

Cheese, American, Reduced Fat, Loaves, Refrigerated
 Cheese, Cheddar, Yellow, Shredded, Refrigerated
 Milk, 1%, Shelf-Stable UHT
 Milk, 1%, Individual Portion, Shelf-Stable UHT
 Milk 1% Fresh
 Milk, Skim, Fresh

VEGETABLES:

FY 2024 USDA FOODS AVAILABLE LIST FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)—Continued

Beans, Green, Low-sodium, Canned (K)
 Beans, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen
 Carrots, Diced, No Salt Added, Frozen
 Carrots, Sliced, Low-sodium, Canned
 Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Canned (K)
 Corn, Cream Style, Low sodium, Canned
 Mixed Vegetables, 7-Way Blend, Low-sodium, Canned
 Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Frozen
 Mixed Produce Box, Fresh
 Mixed Vegetables, 7-Way Blend, Low-sodium, Canned
 Peas, Green, Low-sodium, Canned
 Peas, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen
 Potatoes, Dehydrated Flakes
 Potatoes, Round, Fresh
 Potatoes, Russet, Fresh
 Potatoes, Sliced, Low-sodium, Canned
 Pumpkin, No Salt Added, Canned
 Spaghetti Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned
 Spinach, Low-sodium, Canned
 Sweet Potatoes, Fresh
 Sweet Potatoes, Fresh
 Tomato Juice, 100%, Low-sodium
 Tomato Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned
 Tomato Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned (K) (H)
 Tomato Soup, Condensed, Low-sodium, Canned
 Tomatoes, Diced, No Salt Added, Canned
 Vegetable Soup, Condensed, Low-Sodium, Canned

LEGUMES:

Beans, Black, Low-sodium, Canned
 Beans, Black-eyed Pea, Low-sodium, Canned
 Beans, Black-eyed Pea, Dry
 Beans, Garbanzo, Canned (K)
 Beans, Great Northern, Dry
 Beans, Kidney, Light Red, Low-sodium, Canned
 Beans, Kidney, Light Red, Dry
 Beans, Lima, Baby, Dry
 Beans, Pinto, Low-sodium, Canned
 Beans, Pinto, Dry
 Beans, Refried, Low-sodium, Canned
 Lentils, Dry
 Beans, Vegetarian, Low-sodium, Canned
 Peas, Green Split, Dry

PROTEIN FOODS:

Alaska Pollock, Whole Grain Breaded Fish Sticks, Frozen
 Alaska Pollock, Fillets, Frozen
 Almonds, Natural, Whole, Shelled
 Atlantic Haddock, Fillet, Frozen
 Atlantic Ocean Perch, Fillet, Frozen
 Atlantic, Pollock, Fillet, Frozen
 Beef, Canned/Pouch
 Beef, Fine Ground, 85% Lean/15% Fat, Frozen
 Beef, Fine Ground, 85% Lean/15% Fat, Frozen, LFTB
 OPT, Frozen
 Beef Stew, Canned/Pouch
 Catfish, Fillets, Frozen
 Chicken, Boneless Breast, Frozen
 Chicken, Canned
 Chicken, Drumsticks, Frozen
 Chicken, Pouch

FY 2024 USDA FOODS AVAILABLE LIST FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)—Continued

Chicken, Split Breast, Frozen
 Chicken, Whole, Frozen
 Eggs, Fresh
 Egg Mix, Dried
 Peanut Butter, Smooth
 Peanut Butter, Smooth (K)
 Peanut Butter, Smooth, Individual Portion
 Peanuts, Roasted, Unsalted
 Pork, Canned/Pouch
 Pork, Ham, Frozen
 Pork, Chops, Boneless, Frozen
 Salmon, Pink, Canned
 Salmon, Pink, Canned (K)
 Walnut, Pieces

GRAINS:

Bakery Mix, Low-fat
 Cereal, Wheat Farina, Enriched
 Crackers, Unsalted
 Cornmeal, Yellow
 Flour, All Purpose, Enriched, Bleached
 Flour, White Whole Wheat (WG)
 Grits, Corn, White
 Grits, Corn, Yellow
 Oats, Rolled, Quick Cooking (WG)
 Pasta, Egg Noodles
 Pasta, Macaroni, Enriched
 Pasta, Macaroni (WG)
 Pasta, Macaroni and Cheese
 Pasta, Rotini (WG)
 Pasta, Spaghetti, Enriched
 Pasta, Spaghetti (WG)
 Rice, Brown, Long-Grain, Parboiled (WG)
 Rice, Medium Grain
 Rice, Long Grain
 Tortillas, Frozen (WG)

OILS:

Oil, Vegetable

OTHER:

Soup, Cream of Chicken, Condensed, Reduced Sodium
 Soup, Cream of Mushroom, Condensed, Reduced Sodium

KEY:

H—Halal Certification Required.

K—Kosher Certification Required.

IQF—Individually Quick Frozen.

UHT—Ultra-High Temperature Pasteurization.

LFTB OTP—Lean Finely Textured Beef Optional.

WG—Whole Grain.

Cynthia Long,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Directive Publication Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service (Forest Service or Agency), U.S. Department of

Agriculture, provides direction to employees through issuances in its Directive System, comprised of the Forest Service Manual and Forest Service Handbooks. The Agency must provide public notice of and opportunity to comment on any directives that formulate standards, criteria, or guidelines applicable to Forest Service programs. Once per quarter, the Agency provides advance notice of proposed and interim directives that will be made available for public comment during the next three months; proposed and interim directives that were previously published for public comment but not yet finalized and issued; and notice of final directives issued in the last three months.

DATES: This notice identifies proposed and interim directives that will be published for public comment between October 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023; proposed and interim directives that were previously published for public comment but not yet finalized and issued; and final directives that have been issued since July 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Questions or comments may be submitted by email to the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

JoLynn Anderson, 971-313-1718 or jolynn.anderson@usda.gov. Individuals who use telecommunications devices for the hearing impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays. You may register to receive email alerts regarding Forest Service directives at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed and Interim Directives

Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1612(a) and 36 CFR part 216, the Forest Service publishes for public comment Agency directives that formulate standards, criteria, and guidelines applicable to Forest Service programs. Agency procedures for providing public notice and opportunity to comment are specified in Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1109.12, Chapter 30, Providing Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment on Directives.

The following proposed directives are planned for publication for public comment from October 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023:

1. Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2000, National Forest Resource Management, Chapter 40, National Forest System Monitoring (published as planned for

publication for public comment on August 9, 2023 (88 FR 53859)).

2. FSM 2300, Recreation, Wilderness, and Related Resource Management, Chapter 50, section 55, Climbing Management (published as planned for publication for public comment on August 9, 2023 (88 FR 53859)).

3. FSM 2100, Environmental Management, Chapter 80, Mitigation of Adverse Impacts.

4. FSH 2709.11, Special Uses Handbook, Chapter 70, Renewable Energy (currently entitled Wind Energy Uses).

The following proposed directives have been published for public comment but have not yet been finalized:

1. FSM 2200, Rangeland Management, Chapters Zero Code; 2210, Rangeland Management Planning; 2220, Management of Rangelands (Reserved); 2230, Grazing Permit System; 2240, Rangeland Improvements; 2250, Rangeland Management Cooperation; and 2270, Information Management and Reports; FSH 2209.13, Grazing Permit Administration Handbook, Chapters 10, Term Grazing Permits; 20, Grazing Agreements; 40, Livestock Use Permits; 50, Tribal Treaty Authorizations and Special Use Permits; and 90, Rangeland Management Decision Making; and FSH 2209.16, Allotment Management Handbook, Chapter 10, Allotment Management and Administration.

2. FSM 3800, Landscape Scale Restoration Program.

3. FSH 2409.12, Timber Cruising Handbook, Chapters 30, Cruising Systems; 40, Cruise Planning, Data Recording, and Cruise Reporting; 60, Quality Control; and 70, Designating Timber for Cutting; FSH 2409.15, Timber Sale Administration Handbook, Chapters 20, Measuring and Accounting for Included Timber; 40, Rates and Payments; and 60, Operations and Other Provisions.

4. FSH 5509.11, Title Claims, Sales, and Grants Handbook, Chapter 10, Title Claims and Encroachments.

Final Directives That Have Been Issued Since July 1, 2023

No final directives have been issued since July 1, 2023.

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