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collection is less than 1,000 hours (considered at 3 hours per partner for an estimated 300 contractors).

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producers in any one State) support the conduct of a referendum, the Secretary must conduct a referendum within one year of that determination. If these requirements are not met, a referendum is not conducted.

A notice of opportunity to Request a Soybean Referendum was published in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 7353) on February 2, 2024. To be eligible to participate in the Request for Referendum, producers or the producer entity that they are authorized to represent must provide supporting documentation showing that they or the producer entity they represent paid an assessment sometime during the representative period between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2023. Based on data from USDA's Farm Service Agency, there are 413,358 soybean producers in the United States.

A total of 229 producers participated in the Request for Referendum. Only 207 valid requests for a referendum were completed by eligible soybean producers. This number does not meet the requisite number of 41,336. Therefore, based on the results, a referendum will not be conducted. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, soybean producers will be provided another opportunity to request a referendum in 5 years.

The following are the State-by-State results of the Request for Referendum:

State	Valid ballots
Alabama	0
Alaska	0
Arizona	0
Arkansas	0
California	0
Colorado	0
Connecticut	0
Delaware	0
Florida	0
Georgia	0
Hawaii	0
Idaho	0
Illinois	35
Indiana	33
Iowa	46
Kansas	2
Kentucky	7
Louisiana	0
Maine	0
Maryland	4
Massachusetts	0
Michigan	1
Minnesota	27
Mississippi	0
Missouri	12
Montana	0

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Employment Records Collection From Implementing Partners of Contracts in Afghanistan

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
ACTION: Notice of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), USAID is requesting emergency approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new data collection survey on employees of the Implementing Partners of USAID contracts in Afghanistan for the purpose of facilitating the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Chief Of Mission (COM) approval process overseen by the Department of State.

DATES: USAID plans to collect this information starting from October, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sulieman Hedayat, Afghanistan Partner Relocation Task Force's SIV inbox: afghansiv@usaid.gov and 202-712-1914

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.13, the Agency submitted a request for emergency approval to collect new information on the employment records of full-time Afghan employees from USAID contractors in Afghanistan.

Description of Proposed Use of Information: The information will include employee details such as dates of employment and contract number, which will be used to verify employment as part of the COM approval step of the SIV application process. This information will be collected via email through encrypted Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.

Estimated Time Burden: The total amount of time estimated for this data

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-LP-23-0027]

Soybean Promotion, Research, and Information Program: Results of Soybean Request for Referendum

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The results of the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) Request for Referendum indicate that too few soybean producers wanted a referendum on the Soybean Promotion and Research Order (Order) for one to be conducted. The Request for Referendum was conducted from May 6, 2024, through May 31, 2024, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency County offices. To trigger a referendum, 41,336 soybean producers, which represents 10 percent of the total nationwide soybean producers, needed to complete a valid Request for Referendum. The total number of soybean producers participating in the referendum was 229. The number of valid petitions received was 207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason Julian, Research and Promotion Division, Livestock and Poultry Program, AMS, USDA, Room 2092-S, STOP 0249, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0249; Telephone: (202) 731-2149; or Email: Jason.Julian@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act (Act) (7 U.S.C. 6301 *et seq.*), every 5 years the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) gives soybean producers the opportunity to request a referendum on the Order. If the Secretary determines that at least 10 percent of U.S. producers engaged in growing soybeans (not in excess of one-fifth of which may be

State	Valid ballots
Nebraska	4
Nevada	0
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	0
New Mexico	0
New York	0
North Carolina	0
North Dakota	2
Ohio	14
Oklahoma	0
Oregon	0
Pennsylvania	2
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	0
South Dakota	12
Tennessee	0
Texas	1
Utah	0
Vermont	0
Virginia	0
Washington	0
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	5
Wyoming	0

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 6301–6311.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–TM–24–0060]

**USDA Farmers Market Application;
Notice of Request for an Extension and
Revision of a Currently Approved
Information Collection**

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service,
USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

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 and revision of the currently approved information collection for USDA Farmers Market Application.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 2, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at <https://www.regulations.gov> or mailed to ToiAyna Thompson, Market Manager, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400

Independence Avenue SW, Room 1097 South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Comments should reference the document number and the date and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments will be available for public inspection in person at USDA–AMS, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Marketing Services Division, Room 4523–South Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, (except official Federal holidays) or can be viewed at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Persons wanting to visit the USDA South Building to view comments received are requested to make an appointment in advance by calling (202) 690–1300. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at <https://www.regulations.gov> and will be included in the record and made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be made public. Comments may be submitted anonymously.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
ToiAyna Thompson, Market Manager, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 1097 South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone 202–7450–7691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: USDA Farmers Market Application.
OMB Number: 0581–0229.
Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2024.
Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct, assist, and foster research, investigation, and experimentation to determine the best methods of processing, preparation for market packaging, handling, transporting, distributing, and marketing agricultural products, 7 U.S.C. 1622(a). Moreover, 7 U.S.C. 1622(f) directs and authorizes the Secretary to conduct and cooperate in consumer education for more effective utilization and greater consumption of agricultural products. In addition, 7 U.S.C. 1622(n) authorizes the Secretary to conduct services and to perform activities that will facilitate the

marketing and utilization of agricultural products through commercial channels.

On December 23, 2005, the AMS published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 76129) to implement established regulations and procedures under 7 CFR part 170 for AMS to operate the USDA Farmers Market, specify vendor criteria and selection procedures, and define guidelines to be used for governing the USDA Farmers Market. In conjunction, the USDA Farmers Market Application was developed to receive information from farmers and small business owners who are interested in participating in the market. Prospective vendors fill out the Application online once per year. Copies of this one-time yearly application form to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farmers Market may be obtained by calling the AMS Transportation and Marketing Program contact listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** or visiting <https://www.usda.gov/farmersmarket>.

The information collected on the Application allows AMS the means to review and select participants for the annual market season. The type of information requested on the Application includes: (1) Certification the applicant is the owner or representative of the farm or business; (2) applicant contact information including name(s), address, phone number, and email address; (3) farm or business location; (4) types of products grown or to be sold; (5) business practices and direct sourcing relationships with local farmers, ranchers and growers; (6) weekly sales data; (7) insurance coverage; and (8) all applicable food safety documents. Vendors selected to the market provide a signed copy of the Participant Agreement, which states that the vendor has read, understands and agrees to adhere to all applicable rules and guidelines as outlined in the USDA Farmers Market Rules, Procedures, and Operating Guidelines. Sales Data is collected from vendors weekly. This information is useful in letting AMS know how well the market and vendors are doing overall.

We collect sales data at the beginning of every market day from the previous week. This is collected on an Excel spreadsheet that is stored by market manager. It then gets documented in a shared office file, that tracks the sales all season. Collecting sales gives us feedback as to how each vendor did each week and the success of the market each year. We use these numbers to determine the success of the market, the marketing strategies of each vendor, and uniqueness of each product. It is also