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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Consumer Service

#### Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: WIC Participant and Program Characteristics Study, 1996

**AGENCY:** Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request OMB review of the WIC Participant and Program Characteristics Study, 1996.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 5, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305-2117.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* WIC Participant and Program Characteristics, 1996.

*OMB Number:* Not yet assigned

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 1997.

*Type of Request:* New collection of information.

*Abstract:* Subsection (d)(4) of Section 17 of The Child Nutrition Act of 1966,

as amended, the authorizing statute for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), requires biennial reports to Congress on "(A) the income and nutritional risk characteristics of participants in the program; (B) participation in the program by members of families of migrant farmworkers; and (C) such other matters relating to participation in the program as the Secretary considers appropriate."

FCS has completed five previous studies of WIC participant and program characteristics in 1984 (PC84), 1988 (PC88), 1990 (PC90), 1992 (PC92), and 1994 (PC94). To minimize the burden on state agencies, FCS and the National Association of WIC Directors (NAWD) collaborated on the development of a prototype reporting system which allows the acquisition of all participant data through the automated transfer of an agreed upon set of data elements, known as "the Minimum Data Set (MDS)."

FCS also gathers state-level program data as part of the Participant Characteristics data collection process. The "Summary of State Programs" mail questionnaire gathers information on State characteristics such as policies and eligibility standards in order to support analyses at the participant level. FCS is adding a data collection component—a mail survey of a representative sample of WIC local agencies. This survey will elicit information on selected features of WIC service delivery sites. FCS will use this information to prepare the biennial report to Congress and for ongoing program management.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes for the State Program Characteristics Survey; and 45 minutes for the local agency mail survey.

*Respondents:* For the State Program Characteristics Survey, the respondents are State WIC Directors. For the WIC local agency survey, the respondents are WIC local agency directors.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* For the the State Program Characteristics Survey, 84 respondents are estimated. For the local agency mail survey, 350 respondents are estimated.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* One.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 284 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Denise Thomas, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Dated: November 22, 1995.

George A. Braley,  
*Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.*

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### Forest Service

#### Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for State and Private Forestry Accomplishment Reporting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to extend a currently approved information collection used to assess the accomplishments of agency State and private forestry cooperative programs with States and local governments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 5, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to: Larry Yarger, Office of the Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Yarger, State and Private Forestry Deputy Area, at (202) 205-1290.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description of Forms

The following information describes the forms to be extended:

*Titles—National Forms:*  
FS-3100-8, Annual Wildfire Summary Report.

FS-3200-6, Cooperative Forestry Accomplishment Report.

FS-3400-5, Forest Pest Management Accomplishment Report.

FS-3500-5, Flood Prevention and Small Watershed Programs.

FS-3600-2, Resource Conservation and Development Accomplishment Report.

*OMB Number:* 0596-0025.