

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Plan for Estimating Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection.

OMB Number: 0581-0050.

Expiration Date of Approval: 04-30-96.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Estimated daily livestock slaughter estimates are provided at the request of industry and are used to make production and marketing decisions. Slaughter information which is obtained from individual packers is confidential. Divulging individual information would provide competitors with an economic advantage.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621), section 203(g) directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization.

The Daily Estimated Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection Report is used by a wide range of industry contacts, including packers, processors, producers, brokers, and retailers of meat and meat products. The livestock and meat industry requested that USDA issue slaughter estimates (daily and weekly), by species, for cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep in order to assist them in making immediate production and marketing decisions and as a guide to the volume of meat in the marketing channel. The information solicited from respondents includes their estimation of the current day's slaughter at their plant(s) and the actual slaughter for the previous day.

The industry could not collect the information themselves as they would not want to divulge their information to competitors, and exchange of such information between competitors would violate antitrust laws. Consequently, the information must be collected, compiled, and disseminated by an impartial third party, in a manner which protects the confidentiality of the reporter. Industry has grown to depend on the slaughter information for assistance to make marketing and production decisions. Also, since the Government is a large purchaser of meat, a system to monitor the collection and reporting of data is needed.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .01667 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, farms, Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 77.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 260.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 854 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jimmy A. Beard, Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, at (202)720-1050.

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: Jimmy A. Beard, Assistant to the Chief, Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, Livestock and Seed Division, AMS-USDA, Room 2623 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

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, and will be made available at the address above, during regular business hours.

Dated: December 18, 1995.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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[FV-96-353]**Information About Legislative Changes In License Fees Under The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act**

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document gives notice to the public of changes in the fee structure of licenses under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

M.A. Clancy, PACA Branch, USDA, AMS, F&V Division, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2715-So. Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20090-6456, 202-720-2814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 104-48, the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act Amendments of 1995, signed by President Clinton on November 15, 1995, restructured the license fees to be paid by PACA licensees. The PACA Amendments of 1995 phases out, over a 3 year period, annual license fees for retailers and

grocery wholesalers, and increases the base fee from \$400 to \$550 for all other licensees during that period. The \$200 fee for each branch or additional business facility, in excess of nine, and the maximum aggregate fee of \$4000 remain unchanged, with the exception for retailers and grocery wholesalers noted below.

During the phase-out period, the new license and annual renewal fee for retailers and grocery wholesalers will be as follows:

A. From November 15, 1995, through November 14, 1996, \$400 plus \$200 for each branch or additional business facility operated by the applicant, in excess of nine. In no case shall the aggregate annual fees paid by any applicant exceed \$4,000.

B. From November 15, 1996 through November 14, 1997, the annual fee will be 75 percent of the aggregate fee paid under paragraph "A."

C. From November 15, 1997 through November 14, 1998, the annual fee will be 50 percent of the aggregate fee paid under paragraph "A."

At the end of the 3 year phase-out period, as of November 15, 1998, and thereafter, retailer and grocery wholesalers will not be required to pay license fees and new retailer and grocery wholesaler applicants will pay a one-time administrative fee of \$100. Other licensees and new applicants will continue to pay \$550 plus branch fees, or whatever fee is prescribed by the Secretary under rulemaking authority provided in the PACA Amendments of 1995 to cover the cost of the PACA program. Whether required to pay license fees or not, all licensees will continue to be required to file license applications or renewals.

Dated: December 18, 1995.

Shirley R. Watkins,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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Forest Service**Southwest Oregon Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on January 17, 1996 at the Riverside Motel, 971 SE 6th Street, Grants Pass, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1)

Recommendations for revising standards and guides for large woody material; (2) Local area issues presentation; (3) Public forum. All Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public, interested citizens are encouraged to attend; and (4) Monitoring Subcommittee report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Kurt Austermann, Province Advisory Committee Staff, USDI, Medford District, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Rd., Medford, Oregon 97504, phone 541-770-2200.

Dated: December 18, 1995.

James T. Gladen,

Forest Supervisor, Designated Federal Official.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Alton (IL), Columbus (OH), and Farwell (TX) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Alton Grain Inspection Department (Alton), Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus), and Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc. (Farwell), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATES: April 1, 1996, for Alton; March 1, 1996, for Columbus; and February 1, 1996, for Farwell.

ADDRESSES: Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the August 1, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 39147), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Alton, Columbus, and Farwell to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by August 30, 1995. There were four applicants: Alton, Columbus, and

Farwell each applied for designation to provide official inspection services in the entire areas currently assigned to them; California Department of Food and Agriculture, applied for the Yuma County, Arizona, portion of the Farwell area.

GIPSA requested comments on the applicants in the September 29, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 50542). Comments were due by October 30, 1995. GIPSA received no comments by the deadline.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(l)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(l)(B), determined that Alton and Columbus are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied, and that Farwell is better able to provide official services in the geographic area for which they applied. Effective April 1, 1996, and ending January 31, 1999, Alton is designated to provide official inspection services in the geographic area specified in the June 1, 1995, Federal Register. Effective March 1, 1996, and ending January 31, 1999, Columbus is designated to provide official inspection services in the geographic area specified in the June 1, 1995, Federal Register. Effective February 1, 1996, and ending January 31, 1999, Farwell is designated to provide official inspection services in the geographic area specified in the June 1, 1995, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Alton at 314-838-1961, Columbus at 614-474-3519, and Farwell at 806-481-9052.

AUTHORITY: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: December 18, 1995

Neil E. Porter

Director, Compliance Division

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Opportunity for Designation in the Barton (KY) and North Dakota (ND) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designations of J. W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Barton), and North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (North Dakota), will end June 30, 1996, according to the Act, and GIPSA

is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Barton and North Dakota areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before January 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA' Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA designated Barton, main office located in Owensboro, Kentucky, and North Dakota, main office located in Fargo, North Dakota, to provide official inspection services under the Act on July 1, 1993. Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designations of Barton and North Dakota end on June 30, 1996.

The geographic area presently assigned to Barton, in the States of Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee, pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, which may be assigned to the applicant selected for designation is as follows:

In Indiana: Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Jennings, Jefferson, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, Perry, Scott, Spencer, and Washington Counties.

In Kentucky: Bounded on the North by the northern Daviess, Hancock, Breckinridge, Meade, Hardin, Jefferson, Oldham, Trimble, and Carroll County lines;