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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 9, 1996.

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 regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Ag Box 7630, Washington, D.C. 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations Governing the Grading of Shell Eggs.

Summary: The regulations provide a voluntary program for grading shell eggs on the basis of U.S. standards, grades, and weight classes.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used by the agency to administer and to provide the services of the voluntary program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government

Number of Respondents: 753.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion, Monthly, Semi-annually, Annually, Daily

Total Burden Hours: 6,301.

Donald E. Hulcher,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish a Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In response to the need for advice on concentration and vertical integration in the agricultural sector, the Secretary of Agriculture has decided to establish an advisory committee on agricultural concentration. The purpose of the committee is to provide advice regarding whether agricultural concentration exists and if so, the causes and effects of such concentration. Further, the committee is to provide advice related to the need for new legislation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective February 16, 1996.

NOTICE OF MEETING: The first meeting of this Committee will be Tuesday, February 27, 1996, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 104-A of the USDA Administration Building, 14th & Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. The Committee will address business and organizational issues dealing with the committee, including approval for a second meeting time and place in March, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Claffey, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Room 3064-S, 14th and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-1400, (202) 720-4276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture intends to establish the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration. The purpose of the committee is to make findings and recommendations regarding the need for modification of laws to address any identified concentration or vertical integration in the agricultural sector, regarding the adequacy of price discovery or reporting in the livestock and poultry industries, regarding any necessary modification to departmental programs in order to address concentration, and regarding actions to take to ensure adequate rail car availability throughout the year.

The committee will consist of 21 members including: a Chairperson; two

Vice Chairpersons; eight representatives of producers from the cattle, hog, lamb, poultry, and grain sectors; two representatives of packers and processors from the livestock, poultry, and grain sectors; two representatives of shippers, handlers, and transporters consisting of one each from grain elevator and railroad sectors; one representative of the retailing sector; two individuals with expertise in economics, competition, and/or finance; and three representatives of State government.

The committee is in the public interest in connection with the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture. Concentration in the agricultural sector is receiving increased attention in terms of its effect throughout the entire food industry.

All appointments to the committee will be made by the Secretary. Equal opportunity practices in line with Department policies will be followed in all appointments.

Dated: February 12, 1996.

Wardell C. Townsend,

Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agriculture Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Nu Way Flume and Equipment Company of Delta, Colorado, an exclusive license for U.S. Patent Number 5,156,489 (U.S. Patent application Serial No. 07/770,258) issued October 20, 1992 entitled "Adjustable Flume." Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent application Serial No. 07/770,258 was published in the Federal Register on December 17, 1991.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before, April 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West,