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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV95-997]

Notice for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the AMS/Provisions Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Not Subject to the Peanut Marketing Agreement based on re-estimates.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 29, 1996.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Richard Lower, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, room 2523-S, Washington, D.C., 20090-6456, (202) 720-2020 or Fax: (202) 720-5698.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Provisions Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Person's Not Subject to the Peanut Marketing Agreement.

OMB Number: 0581-0163.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1996.

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

Abstract: After aflatoxin was found in peanuts in the mid-1960's, the domestic peanut industry has sought to minimize aflatoxin contamination in peanuts and

peanut products. Under authority of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146 and the Peanut Administrative Committee (Committee) were established by the Secretary in 1965. The Agreement was signed by a majority of domestic peanut handlers (signatory handlers).

Public Law 101-220, enacted December 12, 1989, amended section 608b of the Act to require that all handlers who have not signed the Agreement (non-signatory handlers) be subject to quality, handling, and inspection requirements to the same extent and manner as are required under the Agreement. Regulations to implement Pub. L. 101-220 were issued and made effective on December 4, 1990 (55 FR 49983). It is estimated that 5 percent of the domestic peanut crop is marketed by non-signatory handlers and the remainder of the crop is handled by signatory handlers.

The objective of the Agreement and the non-signatory handling regulations (7 CFR part 997) is to ensure that only wholesome peanuts enter edible market channels. Under both regulations, farmers stock peanuts with visible *Aspergillus flavus* mold (the principal source of aflatoxin) are required to be diverted to non-edible uses. Both regulations also provide that shelled peanuts meeting minimum outgoing quality requirements must be chemically analyzed for aflatoxin contamination.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .33 hours per response.

Respondents: Peanut handlers and service industries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 26.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 377.55 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Richard Lower, Marketing Specialist, at (202) 720-2020.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of USDA's oversight of the program; (2) the accuracy of the collection burden estimate and the validity of the methodology and assumptions used in

estimating the burden on respondents; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be requested; and (4) ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated and electronic technologies.

Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0163 and be sent to: Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, room 2523-S, Washington, D.C., 20090-6456. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the Federal Register. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours at the same address.

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.

Dated: February 22, 1996.

Martha B. Ransom,

Acting Deputy Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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[Docket No. FV95-948]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado, Marketing Order 948.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 29, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Teresa L. Hutchinson, Marketing Specialist, Northwest Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1220 SW Third Avenue, Room 369, Portland, OR 97204, Tel: (503) 326-2724, Fax (503) 326-7440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado, Marketing Order 948.

OMB Number: 0581-0111.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1996.

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

Abstract: Marketing order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables and specialty crops, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and adequate returns to producers. Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), industries enter into marketing order programs. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee the order operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from each commodity industry.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMAA, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the Colorado marketing order program, which has been operating since 1941.

Under the Colorado potato marketing order, potatoes sent to processing are exempt from inspection and grade requirements but must be shipped under a special purpose shipment exemption. To ensure high quality fresh market shipments, producers must notify the Colorado Potato Committee (committee) of such special purpose shipments. Further, any business which operates as a potato canner, freezer, processor, or pre-peeler must register with the committee. These forms enable the committee, and thus, the Secretary to better monitor exempt shipments and ensure compliance with provisions of the marketing order and the AMAA.

Potato producers and handlers who are nominated by their peers to serve as representatives on the committee must file nomination forms with the Secretary.

Formal rulemaking amendments to the order must be approved in referenda conducted by the Secretary. Also, the Secretary may conduct a continuance referendum to determine industry support for continuation of the order. Such referenda ballots are included in this request.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of

the USDA, including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Division regional and headquarter's staff, and authorized employees of the committee. AMS is the primary user of the information and authorized committee employees are the secondary user.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.1494 hours per response.

Respondents: Potato producers and for-profit businesses handling fresh and processed potatoes produced in Colorado.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 526.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 7.074.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 556 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the functioning of the Colorado marketing order program and USDA's oversight of that program; (2) the accuracy of the collection burden estimate and the validity of methodology and assumptions used in estimating the burden on respondents; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information requested; and (4) ways to minimize the burden, including use of automated or electronic technologies.

Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0111 and the Colorado Marketing Order No. 948, and be sent to USDA in care of Teresa Hutchinson, Marketing Specialist, Northwest Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1220 SW Third Avenue, Room 369, Portland, OR 97204. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 22, 1996.

Martha B. Ransom,

Acting Deputy Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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[Docket No. TB-96-15]**Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Tobacco Statistics Act of 1929, the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, and Regulations Governing the Tobacco Stocks and Standards.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 29, 1996.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Henry R. Martin, Chief, Market Information and Program Analysis Branch, Tobacco Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 505 Annex Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, (202) 205-0489.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tobacco Stocks Report and the Quarterly Report of Manufacture and Sales of Snuff, Smoking, and Chewing Tobacco.

OMB Number: 0581-0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 1996.

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

Abstract: The Tobacco Statistics Act of 1929 (7 U.S.C. 501-508) provides for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco by the Department of Agriculture with regard to quantity of leaf tobacco in all forms in the United States and Puerto Rico, owned by or in the possession of dealers, manufacturers, growers' cooperative associations, and others with the exception of the original growers of the tobacco.

The statistics shall show the quantity of tobacco in such detail as to types, as the Secretary of Agriculture shall deem to be practical and necessary and shall be summarized as of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year and are due within 15 days of the summarized dates.

The information furnished under the provisions of this Act shall be used only for statistical purposes for which it is supplied. No publication shall be made by the Secretary of Agriculture whereby the data furnished by any particular establishment can be identified, nor shall anyone other than the sworn employees of the Department of Agriculture be allowed to examine the individual reports.

The regulations governing the Tobacco Stocks and Standards Act (7