

in the designated production area in Georgia.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 197 (195 growers/ handlers and 1 public member and 1 alternate public member).

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 2.5.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 496 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the functioning of the Vidalia onion marketing order program; (2) the accuracy of the collection burden estimate and the validity of methodology and assumptions used in estimating the burden of 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 electronic technologies.

Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0160 and Vidalia Onion Marketing Order No. 955, and be mailed to the 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 USDA business hours at 14th and Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C., Room 2523 South Building.

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

Dated: April 30, 1996.

Robert C. Keeney,

*Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.*

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### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

#### Committee of Nine Meeting Cancellation

Section 869 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127) amends Section 3(c)3 of the Act of March 2, 1887 (Hatch Act of 1887), by repealing the Committee of Nine. This committee represented the directors of State agricultural experiment stations in providing recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on cooperative regional research projects and related program policy and procedures. Therefore, as a result of the aforementioned repeal, Cooperative State Research, Education,

and Extension Service announces cancellation of the following meeting:

*Name:* Committee of Nine.

*Date and Time:*

May 15, 1996, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

May 16, 1996, 8:30 a.m.-Noon.

*Place:* USDA, CSREES, 14th & Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3854 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250.

*Action:* This meeting has been cancelled.

*Contact person for more information:* Dr.

George E. Cooper, Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, 14th & Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3851, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone: 202-720-4088.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 30th day of April 1996.

B. H. Robinson,

*Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.*

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### Food and Consumer Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed collection; Comment Request—Food Stamp Program Application for Stores

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request an extension of a previously approved information collection in support of the Food Stamp Program application from retail food stores who wish to participate in the program and for which approval expires on May 31, 1996.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Suzanne M. Fecteau, Chief, Redemption Management Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c)

ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne M. Fecteau, (703) 305-2419.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Food Stamp Program Application For Stores, Form FNS-252 (9-93); Food Stamp Program Application For Stores—Reauthorization, Form FCS-252R (2-95); Food Stamp Program Application For Stores—Supplement, Form FNS-252A (8-94); Food and Nutrition Service Meal Services, Form FNS 252-2 (10-79).

*OMB Number:* 0584-0008.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 3 years from date of approval.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, with change of a previously approved collection for which approval expires on May 31, 1996.

*Abstract:* The Food and Consumer Service (FCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is the Federal Agency responsible for the Food Stamp Program. The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*), requires that the Agency determine the eligibility of firms and certain food service organizations to accept and redeem food stamp benefits and to monitor them for compliance and continued eligibility.

Part of FCS' responsibility is to accept applications from retail food stores and programs that wish to participate in the Food Stamp Program, review the applications in order to determine whether or not applicants meet eligibility requirements, and make determinations whether to grant or deny authorization to accept and redeem food stamp benefits. FCS is also responsible for requiring updates to application information and reviewing that information to determine whether or not the firms or services continue to meet eligibility requirements.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .29 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Retail food stores and State or local governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 112,023.