

not operate and the 1996 Act would not be implemented as required by Congress. The 1996 Act changed the peanut warehouse storage loan and handler operations program by adding restrictions on transfer of peanuts from additional loan to quota loan.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individual producers and warehousemen.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 179,383.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 54,119.

Request for Comments: Comments on this information request are sought.

Proposed topics for comment include may include, but need not be limited to: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the Desk Office for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Carolyn Hunter, at the address listed above. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection(s) of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on October 1, 1997.

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Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency and Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Performance Reporting System, Management Evaluation, Data Analysis, and Corrective Action

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The proposed collection is an extension of collection currently approved under Office of Management and Budget No. 0584-0010.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has 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; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Joseph H. Pinto, Chief, State Administration Branch, Food Stamp Program, 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Joseph H. Pinto, (703) 305-2383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Performance Reporting System, Management Evaluation, Data Analysis, and Corrective Action.

OMB Number: 0584-0010.

Expiration Date: October 31, 1997.

Type of Request: Reinstatement without change, of this previously approved collection of information.

Abstract: The purpose of the Performance Reporting System (PRS) is to ensure that each State agency and project area is operating the Food Stamp Program in accordance with the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, (Act) and corresponding program regulations. Under Section 11 of the Act, State agencies must maintain necessary records to ascertain that the Food Stamp Program is operated in compliance with the Act and regulations and must make these records available to the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) for inspection and audit.

*Management Evaluation (ME) Review Schedules—*Unless the State receives approval for an alternative ME review schedule, each State agency is required, under 7 CFR Part 275 to submit one review schedule every one, two, or three years, depending on the project area make-up of the State.

*Data Analysis—*Under 7 CFR Part 275, each State must establish a system for analysis and evaluation of all data available to the State. Data analysis and evaluation is an ongoing process that facilitates the development of effective and prompt correction action.

*Corrective Action Plans—*Under 7 CFR Part 275, State agencies must prepare a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) addressing identified deficiencies. The State agencies must develop a system for monitoring and evaluating corrective action and submit CAP updates to FCS twice a year.

Affected Public: 53 State governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2896 (includes project areas within the 53 State governments responsible for the administration and operation of the Food Stamp Program).

Number of responses per respondent: 2.0614.

Estimated Total annual responses: 5,970.

Hours per response: 99.3534.

Number of record keepers: 53.

Estimated Annual hours per record keepers: 1.451.

Total record keeping hours: 75.

Total annual reporting hours: 593,215 (total hours per response plus total recordkeeping hours).

Dated: October 1, 1997.

Yvette S. Jackson,

Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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