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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On February 5, 1997, we published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 5293-5315, Docket No. 94-116-5) amending 7 CFR 319.56 to allow fresh Hass avocado fruit from Michoacan, Mexico, to be imported into certain areas of the United States under certain conditions. That rule contains information collection requirements. On October 23, 1997, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the collection of information requirements with respect to that final rule under OMB control number 0579-0129 (expires October 31, 2000).

Done in Washington, DC, this 6th day of November 1997.

**Charles P. Schwalbe,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food and Consumer Service**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Forms FCS-683, WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Financial Report and FCS-203, WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Recipient Report, and WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Regulations.**

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

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection pursuant to the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Regulations. The currently approved collection includes the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Financial Report, the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Recipient Report and WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Regulations. The proposed revision and extension will include a reduction in overall burden under the regulations due to previous overestimation of costs for

some reporting items and a reduction in burden for the Recipient Report based on the elimination of the monthly reporting requirement.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be postmarked by January 12, 1998.

**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 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. Comments may be sent to: Barbara Hallman, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Consumer Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 540, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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:** Requests for additional information or copies of information collection forms and instructions should be directed to: Barbara Hallman or Debra Whitford, (703) 305-2730.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Financial Report, WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Recipient Report and WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Regulations.

**OMB Number:** 0584-0447.

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 1998.

**Type of Request:** Revision and extension of a Currently Approved Collection Form.

**Abstract:** Pursuant to section 17(m)(8) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. § 1786(m)(8), section 248.23 of the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) regulations requires that certain Program-related information be compiled and submitted to FCS. Based on reassessment of our previous calculations for reporting and recordkeeping for the FMNP, we realized that we had overstated the time necessary to complete some reporting

items. In addition, respondents' experience in implementing and administering the program has reduced the cost overall. The number of estimated hours per response for selection of farmers/farmers' markets has been reduced from 2 hours to 1 hour for a total of 1,248 burden hours. The number of estimated hours per response for completion of the State Plan has been reduced from 50 hours to 30 hours for a total of 900 burden hours. The overall burden for FMNP regulations has been reduced from 5,952 hours to 4,664 hours.

The burden hours for completion of the FMNP Recipient Report (FCS-203) have been decreased from 1.5 hours to 1 hour per response due to elimination of the requirement for monthly recipient counts. This revision allows States to report annual totals for each category of information indicated on the form rather than entering monthly totals. Due to the short, seasonal nature of the program, it is administratively more efficient for States to report data once for the entire program year rather than on a monthly basis.

**Affected Public:** State Directors of the FMNP, farmers and market managers.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 30.

**Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent:** 39.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response for the Financial Report (FCS-683); 1 hour per response for the Recipient Report (FCS-203); and 76.5 hours per response for other program reporting requirements that do not require specific forms. Examples include, but are not limited to the submission of State Plans, monitoring requirements and authorization of farmers and markets. These requirements, together with the financial and recipient reporting requirements; give an overall total of 80.5 hours per response. These totals include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Dated: October 30, 1997.

**Yvette S. Jackson,**

*Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.*

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