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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

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

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection. This information collection is used in support of loan programs regarding rice, feed grains, wheat, oilseeds, and farm-stored peanuts as authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act).

DATE: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 26, 1998 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Margaret Wright, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA, FSA, PSD, STOP 0512, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0512; telephone (202) 720-8481; e-mail mwright2 @ wdc.fsa.usda.gov.; or facsimile (202) 690-3307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Loan Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0087.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 1998.

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

Abstract: The 1996 Act provides for loans to eligible producers on eligible commodities. The information is necessary to ensure the integrity of the program and to ensure that only eligible producers receive loans.

Producers requesting CCC commodity loans must provide specific data relative to the loan request. Forms included in this information collection package require the type of commodity, quantity of commodity, storage location, liens on the commodity, etc., in order to determine eligibility. Producers must also agree to the terms and conditions contained in the loan note and security agreement and other loan-related forms. Without this collection of information, CCC cannot ensure the integrity of the CCC commodity loan program. One form that allowed a producer to use their CCC loan grain as livestock feed for the Emergency Feed Assistance Program is being eliminated from this package because this provision is no longer available.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .2253 hours per response.

Respondents: Individual producers and small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 364,240.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.92.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours on Respondents: 438,732 hours.

Proposed topics for comments include: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (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 must be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Margaret A. Wright, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-FSA-PSD, STOP 0512, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0512; telephone (202) 720-8481; e-mail mwright2 @ wdc.fsa.usda.gov. Copies of the information collection may be

obtained from Margaret Wright at the above address.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection 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.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 19, 1997.

Bruce R. Weber,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-072N]

HACCP Implementation Meetings

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a series of four one-day "HACCP Implementation Meetings." The purpose of the meetings is to brief management of large (500 + employees) official meat and poultry establishments on how the Agency will conduct inspection operations subsequent to the January 26, 1998, deadline for HACCP/Pathogen Reduction implementation in large plants. At each meeting, FSIS officials will discuss HACCP requirements, microbiological requirements, HACCP/Pathogen Reduction training, and Agency verification. Time will be allotted for questions and answers.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates and times of the meetings.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the location of the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting, call (202) 501-7136 or FAX (202) 501-7642. If you require a sign language interpreter or