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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given of the second meeting of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture. The purpose of this meeting is to consider organizational matters and review of farm policy issues. This meeting will be open to the public.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING: The meeting will be held in Room 221-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250, from 1:00—5:00 EST on July 9, 1998, and 8:00 am—12 noon EST on July 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith J. Collins (202-720-5955), Chief Economist, Room 112-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3810.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Forms FNS-806-A, Claim for Reimbursement (National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs), and FNS-806-B, Claim for Reimbursement (Special Milk Program for Children)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the public to comment on the proposed Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) use of Forms FNS-806-A and FNS-806-B, Claims for Reimbursement. The Forms are used to collect data to determine the amount of reimbursement school food authorities participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Special Milk Programs for Children (SMP) are eligible to receive.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Terry A. Hallberg, Chief, Program Analysis and Monitoring Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1008, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Hallberg, (703) 305-2590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Forms FNS-806-A, Claim for Reimbursement, (National School Lunch, and School Breakfast Programs), and FNS-806-B, Claim for Reimbursement (Special Milk Program).

OMB Number: 0584-0284.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The NSLP, SBP and SMP claims for reimbursement forms, FNS-806-A and FNS-806-B, are used to collect meal and cost data from school food authorities whose participation in these programs are administered directly by FNS Regional Offices (Regional Office Administered Programs, or ROAP). In order to determine the amount of reimbursement school food authorities are entitled to receive for meals and milk served, they must complete these forms. The completed forms are submitted to FNS' Regional Offices where they are entered into a computerized payment system. The payment system computes earned reimbursement.

Earned reimbursement in the NSLP, SBP and SMP is based on performance, that is, an assigned rate per meal or half pint of milk served, with cost comparisons for free milk and severe need breakfasts. To fulfill the earned reimbursement requirements set forth in NSLP, SBP and SMP regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 210.8, 220.11, 215.10), the meal and cost data must be collected on forms FNS-806-A and FNS-806-B. These forms are an intrinsic part of the accounting system being used currently by the subject programs to ensure proper reimbursement as well as to facilitate adequate recordkeeping.

This request is being made because FNS is implementing a new payment system for the ROAPs in the NSLP, SBP, and SMP. The current version of form FNS-806 is used to collect meal and cost data for all three (3) of these programs. In the new payment system, the data for the SMP will be collected and recorded separately from the data for the NSLP and SBP. The claims for reimbursement for the NSLP and SBP will be on the FNS-806-A and the claims for reimbursement for SMP will be on the FNS-806-B. The data elements are the same, but collection will be on two different forms.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information