

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Aquaculture Survey.

OMB Number: 0535-0150.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The Aquaculture Survey collects information on trout sales, catfish processed, inventory, acreage, and sales. The Aquaculture Survey is being revised to obtain 99 percent coverage of sales and decrease overall frequency of data collection.

Eighteen states are currently in the trout program representing approximately 90 percent of sales. Eight states are being added to the program to increase sales coverage to approximately 99 percent. The trout questionnaire is being revised to collect distributed fish as a separate item. The trout inventory and sales data will be published on a calendar basis instead of a fiscal year basis.

The catfish program is also being revised to represent 99 percent of sales. Currently, the four major catfish producing states are surveyed quarterly and 11 are surveyed annually. Under the revised program the four major states will be surveyed semiannually and 12 states will be surveyed annually. Data collection in the four major states will be discontinued for April and October.

Survey results are used by government agencies in planning farm programs. These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,125.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 825 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments

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: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000. 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, May 19, 1999.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York State Office.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices, Section IV of the New York State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS to issue a new conservation practice standard in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. This new

standard is: Agricultural Fuel Storage Facility (NY701).

DATES: Comments will be received on or before July 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, (NRCS), 441 S. Salina Street, Fifth Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, New York, 13202-2450.

A copy of this standard is available from the above individual.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State Technical Guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: May 25, 1999.

Joseph R. DelVecchio,

Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Syracuse, NY.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****Annual Retail Trade Survey**

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ronald L. Piencykoski, Bureau of the Census, Room 2626-FOB 3, Washington, D.C. 20233-6500, (301) 457-2660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS) provides a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by other government agencies. It provides continuing and timely national statistics on retail trade augmenting the period between economic censuses and is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951 (except 1954). The data collected—annual sales, purchases, end-of-year inventories, and accounts receivables—are applicable to a variety of public and business needs. The estimates of purchased merchandise are used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to estimate trade margins on commodities sold in calculating the personal consumption portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Accounts receivable balances are used by the Federal Reserve Board in measuring consumer credit. Businesses use these data to determine market share and to compare results.

The ARTS sample consists of all firms operating retail establishments within the U.S. whose probability of selection is determined by sales size, as reported in the Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MRTS). An additional panel of cases who report only in the annual survey are also canvassed. Estimates developed in the ARTS are used to benchmark the monthly sales and inventories series.

We currently publish retail sales and inventory estimates on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) basis. Starting in the spring of 2001, we will publish on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The SIC definition of retail trade and the NAICS definition of retail trade are substantially different. The SIC defines retailers as establishments engaged in selling merchandise for personal or household consumption and rendering services incidental to the sale of the goods. NAICS distinguishes retailers from wholesalers based on what the establishment does rather than to whom the establishment sells. Retailers are defined as those establishments that sell merchandise and attract customers using methods such as advertising, point-of-sale location, and display of merchandise. A store retailer has a selling place open to the public, merchandise on display or available through sales clerks, facilities for

making cash or credit card transactions, and service provided to retail customers. NAICS will change the information that is currently available with reclassifications, definitional changes, and movement of activities in or out of retail trade.

Conversion from the SIC to NAICS will significantly affect selected industries within the retail trade.

- A new sector called Accommodation and Food Services is created and will be canvassed in the ARTS. Restaurants move from retail trade into this new sector. We will continue to collect monthly sales from restaurants and publish a separate Food Services Total. Accommodations will move from the Service Annual Survey into the ARTS and will be collected and published under this new sector
 - The redefinition of the boundary between the retail and wholesale sectors, as described above, will move establishments from the wholesale sector to the retail sector. Preliminary results from the 1997 Economic Census indicate about 15 percent of establishments classified under SIC in the wholesale sector will move to the retail sector under NAICS. We expect the most movement in Automotive parts, accessories, and tire stores; computer and software stores; Farm supplies dealers; Office supplies and stationery stores; and Fuel oil dealers
 - Retail Bakeries (without seating) will move to the manufacturing sector
 - Pawn Shops will move to the finance sector
 - Mobile Home Dealers, which are currently included in Building Materials, will be included in Miscellaneous Store Retailers
 - Computer and Software Stores will be recognized as separate industries under NAICS because of growing interest among public and private data users
 - The Durable and Nondurable aggregate totals will be eliminated from publication under NAICS
 - Under NAICS, we will discontinue collecting inventories from the food service subsector. We will collect and publish inventories only for the Retail Sector
 - Under NAICS, all auxiliary facilities such as warehouses are classified based on the primary activity. Under SIC, warehouses are classified based on the industry classification of the establishments they primarily serve. We will continue to publish the warehouse inventory of retailers in its respective kind-of-business
- In addition to the change to NAICS, the Census Bureau will begin collecting

Internet sales separately starting in 2000 for data years 1998 and 1999. Currently, online sales are included with catalog sales in our overall retail estimates. With the dramatic growth of sales on the Internet, and the impact of those sales on retail activity, we propose to add several new questions to our survey instruments. We plan to ask all firms if and when they began selling through an Internet site and to separately report the value of their Internet sales included in total sales for data years 1998 and 1999. The ARTS will ensure that sales transactions ordered and paid for online are captured and published separately and made available to the public in early 2001. We are also proposing more detailed questions of our non-store retailers, one asking for a dollar volume breakout along major merchandise lines for both total and Internet sales, and another concerning the amount of Internet sales destined for shipment outside the United States. In addition to these Internet questions, we also plan to ask computer stores and non-store retailers to provide a percentage breakout of their total sales by class of customer. We will of course test all proposed questions with a sample of respondents to determine the feasibility and to estimate any additional reporting burden.

II. Method of Collection

We will collect this information by mail, FAX and telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0013.

Form Number: SA-44, SA-44A, SA-45, SA-44C, SA-45C, and SA-721 under NAICS. B-151, B-151A, B-151D, B-153, and B-153D under SIC.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Retail Businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,960 under NAICS. 23,700 under SIC.

Estimated Time Per Response: .4333 hrs (26 minutes) under NAICS .4142 hrs (25 minutes) under SIC.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 9,082 hours under NAICS 9,817 hours under SIC.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to the respondent is estimated to be \$160,388, based on an annual response burden of 9,082 hours and a rate of \$17.66 per hour to complete the form.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Sections 182, 224, and 225.

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 2, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-549-813]

Notice of Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Canned Pineapple Fruit From Thailand

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: In response to requests by producers/exporters of subject merchandise and by a group of U.S. importers, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on canned pineapple fruit from Thailand. This review covers five producers/exporters of the subject merchandise. The period of review is July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998.

We preliminarily determine that sales have been made below normal value. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the export price and the normal value.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Riggle or Kris Campbell, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0650 or (202) 482-3813, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the regulations provided in 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Background

On July 18, 1995, we published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on canned pineapple fruit from Thailand (60 FR 36775). On July 1, 1998, we published in the **Federal Register** the notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of this order, covering the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998 (63 FR 35909).

The following producers/exporters of canned pineapple fruit requested a review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2): Vita Food Factory (1989) Co. Ltd. (Vita); Kuiburi Fruit Canning Co. Ltd. (KFC); Siam Fruit Canning (1988) Co. Ltd. (SIFCO); Siam Food Products Co. Ltd. (SFP); The Thai Pineapple Public Co. Ltd. (TIPCO); Malee Sampran Public Co. Ltd. (Malee); and Dole Food Company Inc., Dole Packaged Foods Company and Dole Thailand Ltd. (collectively, Dole).

In addition, on July 29, 1998, U.S. importers Heartland Foods Inc., J.A. Kirsch Corp., Kompass Food Trading International, Mandi Foods, Inc., North East Marketing Co., Port Royal Sales, Ltd., Rykoff-Sexton, Inc., and Summit Import Corp., requested a review of Vita in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(3). We did not receive a request for a review from the petitioners.¹

On August 27, 1998, we published the notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review covering the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998 (63 FR 45796).

¹ Maui Pineapple Company and the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

On August 27 and October 30, 1998, Malee and Dole, respectively, withdrew their requests for review. Because there was no other request for a review of Malee or of Dole, and because both their letters withdrawing their requests for a review were timely filed, we are rescinding the review with respect to both Malee and Dole in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this review is canned pineapple fruit (CPF). For purposes of the review, CPF is defined as pineapple processed and/or prepared into various product forms, including rings, pieces, chunks, tidbits, and crushed pineapple, that is packed and cooked in metal cans with either pineapple juice or sugar syrup added. CPF is currently classifiable under subheadings 2008.20.0010 and 2008.20.0090 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). HTSUS 2008.20.0010 covers CPF packed in a sugar-based syrup; HTSUS 2008.20.0090 covers CPF packed without added sugar (i.e., juice-packed). Although these HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, our written description of the scope is dispositive.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(3) of the Act, we verified information provided by Vita and KFC. We used standard verification procedures, including on-site inspection of the respondent producers' facilities and examination of relevant sales and financial records. Our verification findings are outlined in the verification reports placed in the case file in Room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building.

Comparisons

We compared the export price (EP) to the normal value (NV), as described in the *Export Price* and *Normal Value* sections of this notice. We first attempted to compare contemporaneous sales² in the U.S. and comparison markets of products that were identical with respect to the following characteristics: Weight, form, variety, and grade. Where we were unable to compare sales of identical merchandise, we compared U.S. products with the most similar merchandise sold in the comparison market based on the characteristics listed above, in that order

² For all companies, we matched U.S. and comparison market sales using invoice date as the date of sale for both markets.