

Nutrition Service (FNS) administers the School Breakfast Program on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture so that needy children may receive their breakfasts free or at a reduced price. Although supervised by FNS, the SBP is delivered through State agencies and school food authorities. FNS must collect information at regular intervals from these organizations to determine eligibility and to determine the number of meals served and the amount of reimbursement due. FNS also requires that certain records be maintained as directed by the CNA and associated regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: School food authorities provide information to State agencies. The State agencies report to FNS. FNS uses the information submitted to determine the amount of funds to be reimbursed, evaluate and adjust program operations, and to develop projections for future program operations.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government, Individuals or household, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 81,748.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly; Annually; Other.

Total Burden Hours: 4,894,701.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV00-932-4 NC]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection for Olives Grown in California, Marketing Order 932.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 7, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Caroline Thorpe, Marketing

Specialist, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525-S, Washington, DC 20090-6456, Telephone: (202) 720-2491, Fax: (202) 720-5698; or E-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov.

Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Jay Guerber, Regulatory Fairness Representative, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, room 2525-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456; telephone (202) 720-2491, Fax: (202) 720-5698, or E-mail: Jay.Gerber@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Olives Grown in California, Marketing Order 932.

OMB Number: 0581-0142.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2000.

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

Abstract: Marketing order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables, and specialty crops, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of good quality product and adequate returns to producers. Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), marketing order programs are established if favored by producers in referendum. The handling of the commodity is regulated. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee order operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from each commodity industry.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the Act, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the California olive marketing order program, which has been operating since 1965.

The California olive marketing order authorizes the issuance of quality, size, and inspection requirements. The order also has authority for research and development projects, including paid advertising. Pursuant to section 8e of the Act, import grade and size requirements are implemented on olives imported into the United States.

The order and its rules and regulations authorize the California Olive Committee (committee), the agency responsible for local

administration of the order, to require handlers and producers to submit certain information. Much of this information is compiled in aggregate and provided to the industry to assist in marketing decisions.

The committee has developed forms as a means for persons to file required information with the committee relating to olive supplies, shipments, dispositions, and other information necessary to effectively carry out the purpose of the Act and the order. California olives are shipped year-round and these forms are used accordingly. A USDA form is used to allow growers to vote on amendments to or continuance of the order.

Formal rulemaking amendments to the order must be approved in referendum conducted by the Secretary. Also, the Secretary may conduct a continuance referendum to determine industry support for continuation of the order. Handlers are asked to sign an agreement to indicate their willingness to abide by the provisions of the order whenever the order is amended. These forms are included in this request.

All the forms under this program require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the order, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the Act as expressed in the order.

The information collected would be used only by authorized representatives of the USDA, including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs' regional and headquarter's staff, and authorized employees of the committee. Authorized committee employees and the industry are the primary users of the information and AMS is the secondary user.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .28 hour per response.

Respondents: California olive handlers and growers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 692.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3881 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 should reference OMB No. 0581-0142 and California Olive Marketing Order No. 932, and be sent to Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525-S, Washington, DC 20090-6456; Fax: (202) 720-5698; or E-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address and will become a matter of public record.

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.

Dated: January 31, 2000.

Robert C. Keeney,

Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[AMS-00-02]

Guidelines for AMS Oversight of Commodity Research and Promotion Programs

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the comment period for notice seeking comments on the "Guidelines for AMS Oversight of Commodity Research and Promotion Programs" (Guidelines). The extension will provide interested persons with additional time in which to prepare and submit comments on the notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice to: Barbara C. Robinson, Deputy Associate Administrator, Room 3069 South Bldg., U.S. Department of Agriculture, AMS, OA, Washington, D.C. 20250; telephone (202) 720-4276; fax (202) 690-3967. Comments should be submitted in triplicate and will be made available for public inspection at the above address

during regular business hours.

Comments may also be submitted electronically to: public.comments@usda.gov. All comments should indicate the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. A copy of this notice may be found at: www.AMS.USDA.Gov/R&P/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 17, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** Doc. 99-32730, a notice seeking comments on the Guidelines. Comments were to be received on or before March 17, 2000. The notice was authorized under the following Federal statutes: the Beef Promotion and Research [7 U.S.C. 2901-2911]; the Canola and Rapeseed Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 7441-7452]; the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 [7 U.S.C. 7411-7425]; the Cotton Research and Promotion Act [7 U.S.C. 2101-2118]; the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 [7 U.S.C. 4501-4513]; the Egg Research and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 2701-2718]; the Floral Research and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 4301-4319]; the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6401-6417]; the Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 6801-6814]; the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, as amended [7 U.S.C. 4601-4612]; the Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, as amended [7 U.S.C. 6201-6212]; the Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6101-6112]; the National Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 7461-7473]; the Pecan Promotion and Research Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6001-6013]; the Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 7481-7491]; the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 4801-4819]; the Potato Research and Promotion Act, as amended [7 U.S.C. 2611-2627]; the Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1994 [7 U.S.C. 7101-7111]; the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act [7 U.S.C. 6301-6311]; the Watermelon Research and Promotion Act, as amended [7 U.S.C. 4901-4916]; and the Wheat and Wheat Foods Research and Nutrition Education Act [7 U.S.C. 3401-3417].

There are currently 13 active programs under these statutes: beef, cotton, dairy, eggs, fluid milk, honey,

mushrooms, peanuts, popcorn, pork, potatoes, soybeans, and watermelons.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) developed the guidelines to facilitate uniform oversight of these and any future national research and promotion programs. The guidelines are part of the findings and recommendations of the Research and Promotion Task Force (task force) that was created by Secretary Glickman in November 1998. The task force held a public meeting in March 1999 and held several working meetings to review the oversight responsibilities of AMS and board operations.

In response to requests from several organizations for additional time to comment, we are extending the comment period until June 30, 2000. This action will allow interested groups, individuals, and other entities additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

Kathleen A. Merrigan,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Alabama Electric Cooperative; Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from Alabama Electric Cooperative for financing assistance to finance the construction of the a 496 megawatt combined cycle electric generation plant in Covington County, Alabama.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed plant will be constructed on a site adjacent to the existing Alabama Electric Cooperative's McWilliams Plant located near Gantt in Covington County, Alabama. It will be made up of two combustion turbines which have the potential to generate 166 megawatts each. The exhaust gas from each