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. 0581–0102 and the Spearmint Marketing Order No. 985, and be mailed to Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525–S, Washington, D.C. 20090–6456; Fax (202) 720–5698; or E-mail: moab.docketclerk@usda.gov. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular USDA business hours at 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, room 2525–S.

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: July 28, 2000.

Robert C. Kenney,

Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Reinstatement and Revision of a Previously 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 a reinstatement and revision of a previously approved information collection in support of the Cooperative Marketing Association Program.

DATE: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 2, 2000, to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Kyer, Price Support Division, USDA, FSA, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., STOP 0512, Washington, DC 20250–0512, telephone (202) 720–7935: e-mail chris_kyer@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR Part 1425, Cooperative Marketing Association Regulations

OMB Control Number: 0560–0040

Type of Request: Reinstatement and revision of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: This information is needed to administer the CCC's Cooperative Marketing Association Program. The information will be gathered from marketing cooperatives desiring to become Cooperative Marketing Associations (CMA) under 7 CFR 1425. The information will be used to determine whether applicants are eligible to become approved CMA's for CCC and whether approved CMA's can continue approved CMA status.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.38 hours per response.

Respondents: Cooperative Marketing Associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 41.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5,662 hours.

Proposed topics for comments are: (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 should 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 Chris Kyer, USDA-Farm Service Agency-Price Support Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., STOP 0512, Washington, D.C. 20250–0512; telephone (202) 720–7935 or e-mail chris_kyer@wdc.fsa.usda.gov. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Chris Kyer at the above address.

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 July 25, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection. This information collection is used to support the USDA service center agencies (FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Rural Development) in conducting business and accepting signatures on certain documents via telefacsimile.

DATE: Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Virgil Ireland, Agricultural Program Specialist, Emergency Preparedness and Program Branch, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, FSA, at (202) 720–5103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Facsimile Signature Authorization and Verification.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0203.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Persons wanting to conduct business and provide certain signed documents to the USDA service center agencies via telefacsimile machines must complete a FSA–237, Facsimile Signature Authorization and Verification, form. The FSA–237 serves as evidence that the person is willing to conduct business and provide signed documents through telefacsimile machines. The FSA–237 also provides the agencies a source to authenticate signatures and transactions in the event of errors or fraud that require legal remedies. The information collected on the FSA–237 is limited to the person's name, signature, and identification number. Persons must agree to the terms and conditions of conducting business via telefacsimile machines. Without the