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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 6, 2004.

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Pamela_Beverly_OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Reporting Forms Under Milk Marketing Order Programs (From Milk Handlers and Milk Marketing Cooperatives).

OMB Control Number: 0581-0032.

Summary of Collection: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) oversees the administration of the Federal Milk Marketing Orders authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended. The Act is designed to improve returns to producers while protecting the interests of consumers. The Federal Milk Marketing Order regulations require places certain requirements on the handling of milk in the area it covers. Currently, there are 10 milk marketing orders regulating the handling of milk in the respective marketing areas.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is needed to administer the classified pricing system and related requirements of each Federal Order. Forms are used for reporting purposes and to establish the quantity of milk received by handlers, the pooling status of the handler, and the class-use of the milk used by the handler and the butterfat content and amounts of other components of the milk. Without the monthly information, the market administrator would not have the information to compute each monthly price nor know if handlers were paying producers on dates prescribed in the order. Penalties are imposed for order violation, such as the failure to pay producers by the prescribed dates.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; farms.

Number of Respondents: 739.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting; on occasion; quarterly; monthly, annually.

Total Burden Hours: 22,016.

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Risk Management Agency

Title: Risk Management and Crop Insurance Education; Activity Log.

OMB Control Number: 0563-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Federal Crop Insurance Act, Title 7 U.S.C. chapter 36 section 1508(k) authorizes

the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) to establish crop insurance education and information programs in States that have been historically underserved by Federal Crop insurance program (7 U.S.C. 1524(a)(2)); and provide agricultural producers with training opportunities in risk management. The Commodity Partnerships and Targeted States programs are two programs available to carry out certain risk management education provisions of the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

Need and Use of the Information: The Risk Management Agency (RMA) will use Form RME-3, Activity Log, to collect information and monitor certain educational activities. Agreement holders are required to record specific information about each educational activity conducted under the agreement in an Activity Log and submit as part of the required quarterly progress report. In addition, RMA will use information provided by agreement holders to ensure that funded educational projects are progressing.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 55.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 313.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared or Have Been Declared Incompetent.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0026.

Summary of Collection:

Representatives or survivors of producers who die, disappear, or are declared incompetent must be afforded a method of obtaining any payment intended for the producer. 7 CFR 707 provides that form, FSA-325, be used as the application for person desiring to claim such payments. It is necessary to collect information recorded on FSA-325 in order to determine whether representatives or survivors of a producer are entitled to receive payments earned by a producer who dies, disappears, or is declared incompetent before receiving the payment.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to determine if the survivors have rights to the existing payments or to the unpaid portions of the producer's payments.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (when necessary).

Total Burden Hours: 1,500.

Farm Service Agency

Title: 7 CFR 1924-B Management Advice to Individuals Borrowers and Applicants.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0154.

Summary of Collection: The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make and service direct farm loans to eligible applicants. The collection of information is needed to develop sound farm loan assessments, provide appropriate credit counseling and credit supervision that will assist the Agency's customers toward successful farming/ranching operations.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to protect the government's financial interests by ensuring the farming operations of the Agency's direct loan customers be properly assessed for short and long-term financial feasibility and that all customers receive appropriate credit counseling. If the information were not collected, the Agency would be unable to make sound decisions on financial and production feasibility for direct farm loan requests, thus increasing monetary losses to the Government.

Description of Respondents: Farm; Business or other-for-profit; Federal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 54,081.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 143,059.

Farms Service Agency

Title: 7 CFR 1910-A, Receiving and Processing Applications.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0178.

Summary of Collection: Section 302 (7 U.S.C. 1922) and Section 339 (7 U.S.C. 1989) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) provides authorization to the Secretary to make and insure loans to farmers and ranchers, to prescribe that terms and conditions for making and insuring loans, security instruments and agreements. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has issued regulations through the **Federal Register** process to implement the making and servicing of direct loans in chapter 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to determine eligibility and financial feasibility of respondent's requests for loans. Without the information, FSA would be unable to make an accurate eligibility and financial feasibility determination on respondent's request for new loans as required by the CONACT.