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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. DA-06-02]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision 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 and revision of a currently approved information collection for the Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products and the Certification of Sanitary Design and Fabrication of Equipment Used in the Slaughter, Processing, and Packaging of Livestock and Poultry Products.

DATES: Comments received by January 27, 2006 will be considered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Reginald L. Pasteur, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Dairy Standardization Branch, Room 2746-South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0230; Tel: (202) 720-7473, Fax: (202) 720-2643 or via e-mail at reginald.pasteur@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting Requirements Under Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products.

OMB Number: 0581-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2006.

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

Abstract: The dairy grading program is a voluntary user fee program authorized under the Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). The regulations governing inspection and grading services of manufactured or processed dairy products are contained in 7 CFR part 58. In order for a voluntary inspection form to perform satisfactorily, there must be written requirements and rules for both Government and industry. The information requested is used to identify the product offered for grading; to identify a request from a manufacturer of equipment used in the dairy, meat or poultry industries for evaluation regarding sanitary design and construction; to identify and contact the party responsible for payment of the inspection, grading or equipment evaluation fee and expense; and to identify applicants who wish to be authorized to display official identification on product packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or on descriptive or promotional materials.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this record keeping is estimated to average .0585 hours per response.

Respondents: Distributors, manufacturers, and packers of butter and cheese. Manufacturers of processing equipment used in the dairy, meat and poultry industries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 360.

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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should reference OMB No. 0581-0126 and the Dairy Inspection and Grading Program and be sent to the

Office of the Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Room 2968-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20090-6456. 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 during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Authority: 7 U.S.C 1621-1627.

Dated: November 21, 2005.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

U.S. Warehouse Act Fees

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth a schedule increasing the annual operational fee warehouse operators are charged under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA). This action is needed to increase revenue to cover operational costs projected for operations under the USWA in fiscal year 2006. This notice does not change any of the other various license or inspection fees charged under the USWA.

DATE: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Hinkle, USWA Program Manager, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency (FSA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0553, Washington, DC 20250-0553, telephone: (202) 720-7433; FAX: (202) 690-3123; e-mail: Roger.Hinkle@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Agriculture has the

authority to license public warehouses and assess warehouse operator fees under the USWA (7 U.S.C. 241 *et seq.*) Warehouse operators licensed under the USWA understand that fees will be imposed to cover the costs of administering the program. Specifically, section 4 of the USWA (7 U.S.C. 243) and the regulations issued pursuant to the USWA, located at 7 CFR part 735, mandate the imposition of fees for USWA-licensed warehouses. The USWA provides for licensing of public warehouse operators that are in the business of storing agricultural products; examination of such federally-licensed warehouses, issuance of regulations governing the establishment and maintenance of electronic systems, and collection of fees to sustain the USWA warehouse licensing and examination programs. FSA is raising USWA annual operational fees charged to licensed warehouses in order to assure the recovery of operational costs

projected for USWA activities in fiscal year 2006. The fiscal year 2006 fee adjustment reflects a 5.0 percent increase in the annual fees. Other license and inspection fees charged under the USWA are not currently being increased.

USWA fees vary by type of warehouse and were last amended effective October 1, 2000, (65 FR 39347, June 26, 2000). None of the fee increases for any particular type of warehouse exceeded 2.0 percent, and such fees varied based on FSA's direct costs with respect to warehouse examinations for that type of warehouse. The schedule below sets out all of the relevant fees and charges for licensing and examination and reflects the increased annual fees noted above.

USWA Schedule for License, Inspection and Annual Operational Fees To Be Paid by Warehouse Operators

Warehouse and Service License Fees

The fee for original issuance, reissuance, or duplication of a license for cotton, grain, tobacco, wool, dry beans, nut, sweeteners, and cottonseed is \$80 for each license issued. The fee charged to license individuals to inspect, sample, grade, classify, or weigh commodities is \$35 for each service license issued.

Warehouse Annual and Inspection Fees

These fees are shown in the following tables by agricultural product. Inspection fees are assessed for each original examination or inspection, or reexamination or reinspection for modification of an existing license. Annual fees are assessed independently of the inspection and license fees set forth in the preceding paragraph.

COTTON
[In bales]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee for each warehouse location with a CCC storage agreement	Annual fee for each warehouse location without a CCC storage agreement
1-20,000	\$585	\$1,170
20,001-40,000	770	1,540
40,001-60,000	940	1,880
60,001-80,000	1,180	2,360
80,001-100,000	1,470	2,940
100,001-120,000	1,760	3,520
120,001-140,000	2,055	4,110
140,001-160,000	2,350	4,700
160,001+	* 2,350	** 4,700

* Plus \$60 per 5,000 bale capacity above 160,000 bales or fraction thereof.
** Plus \$115 per 5,000 bale capacity above 160,000 bales or fraction thereof.

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of \$17 for each 1,000 bales of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$170 nor more than \$1,700.

GRAIN
[In bushels]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee for each warehouse location with a CCC storage agreement	Annual fee for each warehouse location without a CCC storage agreement
1-150,000	\$155	\$310
150,001-250,000	310	620
250,001-500,000	455	910
500,001-750,000	615	1,230
750,001-1,000,000	765	1,530
1,000,001-1,200,000	920	1,840
1,200,001-1,500,000	1,070	2,140
1,500,001-2,000,000	1,220	2,440
2,000,001-2,500,000	1,375	2,750
2,500,001-5,000,000	1,525	3,050
5,000,001-7,500,000	1,685	3,370

GRAIN—Continued
[In bushels]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee for each warehouse location with a CCC storage agreement	Annual fee for each warehouse location without a CCC storage agreement
7,500,001–10,000,000	1,840	3,680
10,000,001+	* 1,840	** 3,680

* Plus \$50 per million bushels above 10,000,000 or fraction thereof.
** Plus \$95 per million bushels above 10,000,000 or fraction thereof.

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of \$17 for each 10,000 bushels of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$170 nor more than \$1,700.

NUTS
[In short tons]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee for each warehouse location with a CCC storage agreement	Annual fee for each warehouse location without a CCC storage agreement
1–4,500	\$250	\$500
4,501–7,500	410	820
7,501–15,000	580	1,160
15,001–22,500	745	1,490
22,501–30,000	905	1,810
30,001–36,000	1,060	2,120
36,001–45,000	1,220	2,440
45,001–60,000	1,375	2,750
60,001–75,000	1,535	3,070
75,001–150,000	1,690	3,380
150,001–225,000	1,840	3,680
225,001+	* 1,995	** 3,990

* Plus \$11 per 100 short tons above 225,000 short tons or fraction thereof.
** Plus \$19 per 100 short tons above 225,000 short tons or fraction thereof.

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of \$8.50 for each 100 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof of peanuts and \$15 for each 1,000 hundredweight, or fraction thereof, of other nuts, but in no case less than \$170 nor more than \$1,700.

DRY BEANS
(In hundredweight)

Licensed capacity	Annual fee
100–90,000	\$840
90,001–150,000	1,170
150,001–300,000	1,520
300,001–450,000	1,855
450,001–600,000	2,185
600,001–720,000	2,515
720,001–900,000	2,860
900,001–1,200,000	3,200
1,200,001–1,500,000	3,525
1,500,001–3,000,000	3,860
3,000,001+	* 4,200

* Plus \$1.40 per 1,000 hundredweight above 3,000,000 or fraction thereof.

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of \$17 for each 1,000

hundredweight of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$170 nor more than \$1,700.

Tobacco and Wool (Currently Inactive)

Annual fee: \$17 for each 100,000 pounds of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$680.

Inspection fee: \$17 for each 100,000 pounds of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$170 nor more than \$1,700.

Sweeteners

Annual fee: \$6.50 for each 5,000 gallons of liquid or 55,000 pounds of dry capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$680.

Inspection fee: \$6.50 for each 5,000 gallons of liquid or 55,000 pounds of dry capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$170 nor more than \$1,700.

Cottonseed

Annual fee: \$17 for each 1,000 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$680.

Inspection fee: \$17 for each 1,000 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$170 nor more than \$1,700.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 16, 2005.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Lewis and Clark County Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–393) the Helena National Forest’s Lewis