

performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.0034129 hours response.

*Respondents:* U.S. importers and shippers of genetically engineered organisms and products and agricultural companies that produce or test genetically engineered organisms or products or that engage in product research and development.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 121.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 24.214876.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 2,930.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 2,940 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of July 2006.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request: Food Stamp Program Education and Administrative Reporting System (EARS)

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this

notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on a proposed information collection. The proposed collection is a new collection.

The purpose of the Education and Administrative Reporting System (EARS) form is to collect uniform and standard information on nutrition education activities funded by the Food Stamp Program. The data collected will inform management decisions, support policy initiatives, and provide documentation for legislative, budget and other requests that support planning within the agency.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 11, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 has 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 that were 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 Judy Wilson, Director, Nutrition Services Staff, Office of Analysis, Nutrition and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection form and instructions should be directed to Judy Wilson at (703) 305-2585.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Education and Administrative Reporting System.

*OMB Number:* Not assigned at this time.

*Form Number:* FNS-759.

*Expiration Date:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has developed a new reporting system for the nutrition education component of the Food

Stamp Program, which is provided for in section 11(f) of the Food Stamp Act, 7 U.S.C. 2020(f). To do this, the Agency convened a workgroup of diverse stakeholders that assisted with this task, including people from the State, local, and Federal levels, as well as academia.

The new Education and Administrative Reporting System (EARS) will provide uniform data and information about the nutrition education activities of all participating States across the country. Data collected under the new system include demographic characteristics of participants receiving nutrition education benefits, information about education topics and strategies, and use of resources. The EARS has been designed to be an annual report that State Food Stamp Program Agencies will submit to report prior Fiscal Year's nutrition education activities.

*Affected Public:* State Food Stamp Program Agencies, implementing partners such as extension universities and non-profit organizations and local program operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 52.

*Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 52.

*Hours per Response:* 54.

*Total Annual Reporting Hours:* 2808.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2808.

Dated: July 6, 2006.

**Roberto Salazar,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection; Request for Comment; Economic, Social, and Cultural Aspects of Livestock Ranching

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection, Economic, Social, and Cultural Aspects of Livestock Ranching on the Santa Fe and Carson National Forests. The extension is necessary to complete collection of baseline data on the economic, social, and cultural contributions of livestock owners in