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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Correction

May 27, 2008.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 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) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Program Application.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0008.

Summary of Collection: Section 9(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*) requires retail food stores and meal services (firms) to submit applications to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for approval prior to participating in the Food Stamp Program. FNS field offices review a firm's applications to determine if the applicant individual and firm meet the eligibility requirements and make a determination to deny or accept the firm's application to redeem Food Stamp Program benefits. FNS will collect information using forms FNS-252, Food Stamp Program Application for Store, FNS-252-E, Online Food Stamp Program Application for Store, FNS 252-2, Meal Service Application, and FNS-252-C, Corporate Supplemental Application.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information to determine the eligibility of retail food stores, wholesale food concerns, and food service organizations applying for authorization to accept and redeem food stamp benefits and to monitor these firms for continued eligibility, and to sanction stores for noncompliance with the Act, and for Program management. Disclosure of information other than Employer Identification Numbers and Social Security Numbers may be made to Federal and State law enforcement or investigative agencies or instrumentalities administering or enforcing specified Federal or State laws, or regulations issued under those laws. Without the information on the application, the consequence to the Federal program is the Agency's reduced ability to effectively monitor accountability for program compliance and to detect fraud and abuse.

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

Number of Respondents: 41,486.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 5,936.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-PY-08-0046]

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, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the shell egg surveillance portion of the Regulation for the Inspection of Eggs—7 CFR part 57.

DATES: Comments received by July 29, 2008 will be considered.

Additional Information or Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or to David Bowden, Jr., Chief, Standards, Promotion & Technology Branch; Poultry Programs, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0259; Washington, DC 20250-0259, (202) 690-3148. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk, Poultry Programs, AMS, USDA, Room 3953-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0259 during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations for the Inspection of Eggs (Egg Products Inspection Act).

OMB Number: 0581-0113.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2009.

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

Abstract: Congress enacted the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031–1056 (EPIA)) to provide, in part, a mandatory inspection program to control the disposition of dirty and checked shell eggs; to control unwholesome, adulterated, and inedible shell eggs that are unfit for human consumption; and to control the movement and disposition of imported shell eggs.

The EPIA authorizes the Department to issue regulations, to assure that only eggs fit for human food are used for such purposes.

Under the shell egg surveillance program, shell egg handlers are required to register with USDA. Quarterly, a State or Federal surveillance inspector visits each registered handler to verify that shell eggs packed for consumer use are in compliance, that restricted eggs are being disposed of properly, and that adequate records are being maintained.

The information and recordkeeping requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the Congress, to administer the mandatory inspection program, and to take regulatory action, in accordance with the regulations and the EPIA. The forms within this collection package require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the regulations, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the EPIA.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives: AMS, Poultry Programs' national staff; regional directors and their staffs; Federal-State supervisors and their staffs; and resident Federal-State graders, which include State agencies. The information is used to assure compliance with the EPIA and the regulations and to facilitate regulatory action. The Agency is the primary user of the information; secondary users include each authorized State agency having a cooperative agreement with AMS.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.29 hours per response.

Respondents: State or local governments, businesses or other for-profit, Federal agencies or employees, small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 864.

Estimated Number of Responses: 5,223.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 6.04.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,529.63 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: David Bowden, Jr., Chief, Standards, Promotion & Technology Branch; Poultry Programs, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0259; Washington, DC 20250–0259. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the above address and may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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.

Dated: May 23, 2008.

Douglas C. Bailey,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Conservation Reserve Program; Critical Feed Use

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Voluntary Modification of Conservation Reserve Program Contract.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) announces the opportunity to allow Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants with certain established vegetative cover to voluntarily modify the CRP contract to utilize certain CRP land enrolled for a critical feed use this year without a rental reduction. Producers will be required to obtain a modified conservation plan to include, among

other things, haying or grazing of the established cover.

DATES: This modification to the CRP contract will be available beginning June 2, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beverly J. Preston, Program Manager, Conservation Reserve Program, USDA/FSA/CEPD/Stop 0513, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250–0513, (202) 720–9563, or e-mail at:

Beverly.Preston@wdc.usda.gov. More detailed information on CRP may be obtained from FSA's Web site: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=crp>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

CRP was authorized by the Food Security Act of 1985 [16 U.S.C. 3801–3862], as amended. It is operated by CCC through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA). CRP is a voluntary program to cost-effectively assist producers in conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources by converting highly erodible and other environmentally-sensitive acreage to a long-term vegetative cover. CRP participants enroll land under contracts for 10 to 15 years in exchange for annual rental payments and financial assistance to install certain conservation practices and maintain vegetative or tree covers. Enrollment authority in the CRP is 39.2 million acres. Enrollment as of April 1, 2008, is 34.7 million acres.

This notice is intended to advise CRP participants that they may request a contract modification to allow for this year a special, one-time, critical feed use of the property under contract, without a rental rate reduction. Such contract modifications are authorized by 16 U.S.C. 3835(c). Participants that request a voluntary modification to the CRP contract to allow this critical feed use must obtain a modified conservation plan for haying and grazing management according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office Technical Guide haying and grazing standards. The critical feed use activity on the property must be completed by November 10, 2008. The modified conservation plan will provide for haying or grazing in a manner that is consistent with the conservation goals of the CRP to reduce soil erosion and enhance water quality and wildlife habitat.

Haying and grazing must be conducted in a manner that limits the scope, frequency and duration of the activity and provides unhayed and ungrazed acreage for wildlife. To ensure the protection of the resources, critical