

development to replace the current Commodity Operations Systems for several USDA agencies, and the United States Agency for International Development. The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, (Title II, Pub. L. 480), Section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (Section 416(b)), and the Food for Progress Act of 1985, as amended (for Food for Progress) authorizes Commodity Management Division and International Procurement Division to prepare and issue announcement for the purchase of grain, procure, sell, and transport agricultural commodities, and obtain discharge/delivery survey information. Contractors, vendors, and steamship companies submit competitive offers for agricultural commodities and services. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will collect information using WBSCM and some forms.

**Need and Use of the Information:** The information collected will enable Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) to evaluate offers impartially, purchase or sell commodities, and obtain services to meet domestic and export program needs. Without the information KCCO could not meet program requirements.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 829.

**Frequency of Responses:**

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Weekly; Semi-annually; Monthly; Annually; Other (Bi-weekly & Bi-monthly).

**Total Burden Hours:** 1,066.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection Under the Packers and Stockyards Act

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of a currently

approved information collection in support of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (P&S Act). This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

**DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by July 19, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-Mail:* [comments.gipsa@usda.gov](mailto:comments.gipsa@usda.gov).
- *Mail:* Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- *Fax:* (202) 690-2755.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver comments to: Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- *Internet:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

**Instructions:** All comments should be identified as "P&S Act Information Collection," and should reference the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Information collection package and other documents relating to this action will be available for public inspection in Room 1643-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604 during regular business hours. All comments will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)). Please call the Management and Budget Services Staff of GIPSA at (202) 720-7486 to arrange to inspect comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding the information collection activities and the use of the information, contact Catherine Grasso by telephone at (202) 720-7201, or by E-mail at [Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov](mailto:Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** GIPSA administers and enforces the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 181-229, 229c). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

**Title:** Packers and Stockyards Program Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

**OMB Number:** 0580-0015.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** January 31, 2011.

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

**Abstract:** The P&S Act and the regulations issued under the P&S Act authorize the collection of information for the purpose of enforcing the P&S Act and regulations and for conducting studies requested by Congress. GIPSA needs this information in order to carry out its responsibilities under the P&S Act. The information is necessary for GIPSA to monitor and examine financial, competitive, and trade practices in the livestock, meat packing and poultry industries. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning GIPSA's information collection.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8.5 hours per response.

**Respondents (Affected Public):** Livestock auction markets, livestock dealers, packer buyers, meat packers, and live poultry dealers.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 10,950.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 3.3.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 307,148 hours.

As required by the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) and its implementing regulations (5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)), GIPSA specifically requests comments 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.

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:** 44 U.S.C. 3506 and 5 CFR 1320.8.

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