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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2011-0063]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection; Brucellosis First Point Testing of Cattle and Bison; Brucellosis Standard Card Test

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health
Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: New information collection;
comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this
notice announces the Animal and Plant
Health Inspection Service's intention to
request approval of an information
collection associated with the State-
Federal Brucellosis Eradication
Program.

DATES: We will consider all comments
that we receive on or before October 7,
2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to
[http://www.regulations.gov/
#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0063-
0001](http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0063-0001).

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*
Send your comment to Docket No.
APHIS-2011-0063, Regulatory Analysis
and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station
3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118,
Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any
comments we receive on this docket
may be viewed at [http://
www.regulations.gov/
#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0063](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0063) or
in our reading room, which is located in
room 1141 of the USDA South Building,
14th Street and Independence Avenue,
SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading
room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Monday through Friday, except
holidays. To be sure someone is there to
help you, please call (202) 690-2817
before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For
information on brucellosis first point
testing of cattle and bison and the
standard card test, contact Dr. Arnold A.
Gertonson, Senior Staff Veterinarian,
Ruminant Health Programs, NCAHP,
NAHPP, VS, APHIS, 2150 Centre

Avenue, Building B, MSC 3E20, Fort
Collins, CO 90526-8117; (970) 494-
7363. For copies of more detailed
information on the information
collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles,
APHIS' Information Collection
Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:*
Brucellosis First Point Testing of Cattle
and Bison; Brucellosis Standard Card
Test.

OMB Number: 0579-xxxx.

Type of Request: Approval of an
information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health
Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*),
the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
Service (APHIS) of the United States
Department of Agriculture is authorized,
among other things, to prohibit or
restrict the importation and interstate
movement of animals and animal
products to prevent the introduction
into and dissemination within the
United States of animal diseases and
pests and for eradicating such diseases
when feasible.

Brucellosis is a contagious disease
that primarily affects cattle, bison, and
swine. It causes the loss of young
through spontaneous abortion or birth of
weak offspring, reduced milk
production, and infertility. The
continued presence of brucellosis in a
herd seriously threatens the health of
other animals and can cause devastating
losses to farmers in the United States.

The State-Federal Brucellosis
Eradication Program, a national
cooperative program, is working to
eradicate this serious disease of
livestock from the United States. The
program uses a system of State and area
classifications, movement restrictions,
testing protocols, extensive
epidemiological investigations, and
other measures to prevent its spread and
eradicate the disease.

First point testing (FPT) is a key
method for controlling brucellosis and
is performed at a Veterinary Services
(VS)-approved stockyard or other points
of first concentration when livestock are
moved from the farm of origin. The
brucellosis standard card test is used as
the official FPT brucellosis test for cattle
or bison when a State animal health
official has specifically designated it as
the official test for cattle and bison at
VS-approved stockyards in that State.
The test is used to determine the
brucellosis disease status of cattle and
bison for interstate movement from the
approved stockyards and at VS-
approved brucellosis diagnostic
laboratories. Only authorized State and
Federal brucellosis program personnel
and accredited veterinarians may

conduct the brucellosis standard card
test on cattle and bison at premises
other than VS-approved livestock
facilities. Card test authorization
involves information collection
activities, including a memorandum of
understanding, a card test notice, and an
authorization form.

We are asking the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) to
approve our use of these information
collection activities for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit
comments from the public (as well as
affected agencies) concerning our
information collection. These comments
will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our
estimate of the burden of the collection
of information, 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
collection of information 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
0.1768953 hours per response.

Respondents: State animal health
officials and accredited veterinarians.

*Estimated annual number of
respondents:* 57.

*Estimated annual number of
responses per respondent:* 4.8596491.

*Estimated annual number of
responses:* 277.

*Estimated total annual burden on
respondents:* 49 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 2nd day of
August 2011.

Gregory L. Parham,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health
Inspection Service.

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