Swine population. APHIS will collect information using several forms.

Need and use of the Information: The information collected through the Swine 2012 study will be analyzed and organized into descriptive reports and will be disseminated by APHIS to the producers, stakeholders, academia, veterinarians, and any other interested parties. The data collected will also be used to measure change over time from the previous NAHM’s Swine studies. Without this type of national data, the U.S.’ ability to detect trends in management, production, and health status that increases/decreases farm economy either directly or indirectly would be reduced to nonexistent.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 10,875.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one time).

Total Burden Hours: 11,728.

Ruth Brown, Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.


DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4–1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: (301) 504–5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government’s patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Colorado Serum Company of Denver, Colorado has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner, Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Codex Task Force on Animal Feeding

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on January 18, 2012. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions that will be discussed at the 6th Session of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding (AFTF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), which will be held in Berne, Switzerland, February 20–24, 2012. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 6th Session of the AFTF and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2012, from 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Jamie L. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 107–A, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 6th Session of the AFTF will be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: http://www.codexalimentarius.org.

Daniel McChesney, U.S. Delegate to the 6th Session of the AFTF, invites
U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address
Daniel.McChesney@fda.hhs.gov.

Call-In Number:
If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 6th Session of the AFTF by conference call, please use the call-in number and participant code listed below.
Call-in Number: 1–(888) 858–2144
Participant Code: 6208658

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 6TH SESSION OF THE AFTF CONTACT: Daniel G. McChesney, Director, Office of Surveillance and Compliance, Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA, 7529 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855, telephone: (240) 453–6830, fax: (240) 453–6880, email: Daniel.McChesney@fda.hhs.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background
Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The AFTF is responsible for:
(a) The development of guidelines intended for governments on how to apply the existing Codex risk assessment methodologies to the various types of hazards related to contaminants/residues in feed ingredients, including feed additives used in feeding stuffs for food producing animals. The guidelines should include specific science based risk assessment criteria to apply to feed contaminants/residues. These criteria should be consistent with existing Codex methodologies.
(b) Develop a prioritized list of hazards in feed ingredients and feed additives for governmental use. The list should contain hazards of international relevance that are reasonably likely to occur, and are thus likely to warrant future attention.

In doing so, due consideration should be given to the prioritized list of hazards as recommended by the FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Animal Feed Impact on Food Safety. Clear criteria should be used to prioritize the list of hazards and to take account of the potential transfer of contaminants/residues in feed to edible animal products (e.g. meat, fish meat, milk and eggs).

The AFTF is hosted by Switzerland.

Issues to be Discussed at the Public Meeting
The following items on the agenda for the 6th Session of the AFTF will be discussed during the public meeting:
- Matters referred to the AFTF by Codex and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.
- Report on activities of the FAO, WHO and other International Intergovernmental Organizations.
- Proposed draft guidelines on application of risk assessment for feed.
- Proposed draft prioritized list of hazards in feed.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat before the meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents (see ADDRESSES).

Public Meeting
At the January 18, 2012, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Daniel McChesney, U.S. Delegate for the 6th Session of the AFTF (see ADDRESSES). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 6th Session of the AFTF.

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Done at Washington, DC on: November 14, 2011.

Karen Stuck,
U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Suspend the Distillers Co-Products Survey and All Associated Reports

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of suspension of data collection and publication.