is estimated to average .30 hours per
response.
Respondents: Producers, handlers,
processors, cooperatives, and public
members.
Estimated Number of Respondents:
15,950.
Estimated Number of Responses:
26,802.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on
Respondents: 8,266 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether
the proposed collection of the
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
through 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
also become a matter of public record.
All comments received will be available
for public inspection at the street
address in the “Comment” section and
can be viewed at: www.regulations.gov.


David R. Shipman,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing
Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service


Seed Testing Service Program;
Request for an Extension of and
Revision to a Currently Approved
Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service,
USDA.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. Chapter 35), this document
announces the Agricultural Marketing
Service’s (AMS) intention to request
approval from the Office of Management
and Budget (OMB), for an extension of
and revision to the currently approved
information collection for the Seed
Service Testing Program.

DATES: Comments on this document
must be received by June 24, 2013 to be
assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are
invited to submit written comments
concerning this information collection
document. Comments should be
submitted online at www.regulations.gov. Send written
comments to Fawad S. Shah, Director,
Seed Regulatory and Testing Division
(SRTD), Livestock, Poultry, and Seed
Program, AMS, USDA, 801 Summit
Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, North
Carolina 28054–2193, or by facsimile to
(704) 852–4109. All comments should
reference the docket number (AMS–LS–
13–0007), the date, and page number
of this issue of the Federal Register. All
comments received will be posted
without change, including any personal
information provided, online at http://
www.regulations.gov and will be made
available for public inspection at the
above physical address during regular
business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Seed Service Testing Program.
OMB Number: 0581–0140.
Expiration Date of Approval: October
13, 2013.

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

Abstract: This information collection
is necessary to conduct voluntary seed
testing on a fee for service basis. The
Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as
amended, (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.)
authorizes the Secretary to inspect and
certify the quality of agricultural
products and collect such fees as
reasonable to cover the cost of service
rendered. Regulations for inspection and
certification of quality of agricultural
and vegetable seeds are contained in 7 CFR Part 75.
The purpose of the voluntary program is to
promote efficient, orderly
marketing of seeds, and assist in the
development of new and expanding
markets. Under the program, samples of
agricultural and vegetable seeds
submitted to AMS are tested for factors
such as purity and germination at the
request of the applicant for the service.
In addition, grain samples, submitted at
the applicant’s request, by the Grain
Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards
Administration are examined for the
presence of certain weed and crop seed.
A Federal Seed Analysis Certificate or
an ISTA Orange International Seed Lot
Certificate is issued giving the test
results. Most of the seed tested under
this program is scheduled for export.
Many importing countries require a
Federal Seed Analysis Certificate on
U.S. seed.

The only information collected is
information needed to provide the
service requested by the applicant. This
includes information to identify the
seed being tested, the seed treatment (if
treated with a pesticide), the tests to be
performed, and any other appropriate
information required by the applicant to
be on the Federal Seed Analysis
Certificate or the ISTA Orange
International Seed Lot Certificate.

The number of seed companies
applying for the seed testing service has
decreased from 81 to 76 during the past
3 years due to a decrease in the number
of companies exporting seed. The total
number of samples received for testing
has decreased. Therefore, the average
burden for information collection has
decreased for seed companies applying
for the service.

The information in this collection is
used only by authorized AMS
employees to track, test, and report
results to the applicant.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting
burden for this collection of information
is estimated to average 0.25 hours per
response.

Respondents: Applicants for seed
testing service.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
76.

Estimated Number of Responses per
Respondent: 25.46.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on
Respondents: 483.75 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
through the use of appropriate
automated, electronic, mechanical, or
other technological collection
techniques or other forms of information
technology.

All responses to this document will
be summarized and included in the
request for OMB approval. All
comments will become a matter of
public record.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Marketing Service
[Doc. No. AMS–LS–13–0008]
Federal Seed Act Program; Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this document announces the Agricultural Marketing Service’s (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection 7 CFR part 201 for Federal Seed Act Labeling and Enforcement.

DATES: Comments on this document must be received by June 24, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this information collection document. Comments should be submitted online at www.regulations.gov or sent to Fawad S. Shah, Director, Seed Regulatory and Testing Division (SRTD), Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, 801 Summit Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, North Carolina 28054–2193, or by facsimile to (704) 852–4109. All comments should reference the docket number (AMS–LS–13–0008), the date, and the page number of this issue of the Federal Register. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, online at http://www.regulations.gov and will be made available for public inspection at the above physical address during regular business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Federal Seed Act Program.
OMB Number: 0581–0026.
Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2013.
Type of Request: Extension and revision of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This information collection and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to conduct the Federal Seed Act (FSA) (7 U.S.C. 1551 et seq.) program with respect to certain testing, labeling, and recordkeeping requirements of agricultural and vegetable seeds in interstate commerce. Regulations under the FSA are contained in 7 CFR part 201.

The FSA, Title II, is a truth-in-labeling law that regulates agricultural and vegetable planting seed in interstate commerce. Seed subject to the FSA must be labeled with certain quality information and it requires that information to be truthful. The FSA prohibits the interstate shipment of falsely advertised seed and seed containing noxious-weed seeds that are prohibited from sale in the State into which the seed is being shipped.

No unique forms are required for this information collection. The FSA requires seed in interstate commerce to be tested and labeled. Once in a State, seed must comply with the testing and labeling requirements of the State seed law. The same testing and labeling required by the FSA nearly always satisfies the State’s testing and labeling requirements. Also the receiving, sales, cleaning, testing, and labeling records required by the FSA, are records that the shipper would normally keep in good business practice.

The information in this collection is the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the enforcement of the FSA. With the exception of the requirements for entering a new variety into a State seed certification program (set forth separately below), the information collection is entirely recordkeeping rather than reporting.

Seed Testing, Labeling, and Recordkeeping

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.69 hours per record keeper.

Respondents: Interstate shippers and labelers of seed.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 486.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,176.12 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.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request to OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 17, 2013.

David R. Shipman,
Administrator.

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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.