Then, after reviewing and evaluating the publication of a Federal Register comment period through the petition, that the petition involves a 60-day public comment period on analysis of comments received during the petition and its supporting documents information received related to the assessment (PPRA) for a 30-day public impact (FONSI), and its plant pest risk approach 1 for public involvement.

APHIS received 66 comments on the petition. Several of these comments included electronic attachments consisting of a consolidated document of many identical or nearly identical letters, for a total of 4,665 comments. Issues raised during the comment period include effects on plant and animal diversity, soybean supply and prices, and organic soy production; gene flow; and food and feed impacts. APHIS has evaluated the issues raised during the comment period and, where appropriate, has provided a discussion of these issues in our environmental assessment (EA).

After public comments are received on a completed petition, APHIS evaluates those comments and then provides a second opportunity for public involvement in our decisionmaking process. According to our public review process (see footnote 1), the second opportunity for public involvement follows one of two approaches, as described below.

If APHIS decides, based on its review of the petition and its evaluation and analysis of comments received during the 60-day public comment period on the petition, that the petition involves a GE organism that raises no substantive new issues, APHIS will follow Approach 1 for public involvement. Under Approach 1, APHIS announces in the Federal Register the availability of APHIS’ preliminary regulatory determination along with its EA, preliminary finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and its plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) for a 30-day public review period. APHIS will evaluate any information received related to the petition and its supporting documents during the 30-day public review period.

If APHIS decides, based on its review of the petition and its evaluation and analysis of comments received during the 60-day public comment period on the petition, that the petition involves a GE organism that raises substantive new issues, APHIS will follow Approach 2. Under Approach 2, APHIS first solicits written comments from the public on a draft EA and PPRA for a 30-day comment period through the publication of a Federal Register notice. Then, after reviewing and evaluating the comments on the draft EA and PPRA and other information, APHIS will revise the PPRA as necessary and prepare a final EA and, based on the final EA, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision document (either a FONSI or a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement). For this petition, we are using Approach 2.

APHIS has prepared a PPRA to determine if soybean event MON 87712 is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk. In section 403 of the Plant Protection Act, “plant pest” is defined as any living stage of any of the following that can directly or indirectly injure, cause damage to, or cause disease in any plant or plant product: A protozoan, a nonhuman animal, a parasitic plant, a bacterium, a fungus, a virus or viroid, an infectious agent or other pathogen, or any article similar to or allied with any of the foregoing. APHIS has also prepared a draft EA in which we present two alternatives based on our analysis of data submitted by Monsanto, a review of other scientific data, field tests conducted under APHIS oversight, and comments received on the petition. APHIS is considering the following alternatives: (1) Take no action, i.e., APHIS would not change the regulatory status of soybean event MON 87712 and it would continue to be a regulated article, or (2) make a determination of nonregulated status of soybean event MON 87712.

The EA was prepared in accordance with (1) NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4332 et seq.), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS’ NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

In accordance with our process for soliciting public input when considering petitions for determinations of nonregulated status for GE organisms, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments on our PPRA and draft EA regarding the petition for a determination of nonregulated status from interested or affected persons for a period of 30 days from the date of this notice. The petition is available for public review, and copies are available as indicated under ADDRESSES and FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT above. After the comment period closes, APHIS will review all written comments received during the comment period and any other information. APHIS will prepare a NEPA decision document (either a FONSI or a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement). If a FONSI is reached, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving or denying the petition. APHIS will also publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the regulatory status of the GE organism and the availability of APHIS’ final EA, PPRA, FONSI, and our regulatory determination.


Done in Washington, DC, this 31st day of July 2013.

Kevin Shea,
Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection: Inventory Property Management

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with a revision of a currently approved information collection that supports Inventory Property Management. The information is used to evaluate applicant requests to purchase inventory property, determine eligibility to lease or purchase inventory property, and ensure the payment of the lease amount or purchase amount associated with the acquisition of inventory property. The revision to the information addresses the increase in the total amount of burden hours expected related to inventory property requests. The increase is due to an approximately 13 percent increase in the number of inventory properties being held by FSA since the previous approval request, and thus a higher number of responses. No additional forms, response actions or time increases were added as part of the revision.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by October 4, 2013.
increases were added as part of the revision. 

Estimate of Average Time to Respond: 44 minutes per response. The average travel time, which is included in the total annual burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent. 

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit farms. 

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 314. 

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.03. 

Total Annual Responses: 325. 

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 551. 

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to: 

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility; 

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of FSA’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; 

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 

(4) 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, including name and addresses when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record. 

Signed on July 25, 2013. 

Juan M. Garcia, 
Administrator, Farm Service Agency. 

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 

Food and Nutrition Service 

National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs, National Average Payments/Maximum Reimbursement Rates 

Correction 

In notice document 2013–17990, appearing on pages 45178–45181, in the issue of Friday, July 26, 2013, make the following correction: 

On page 45181, the Table titled “AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS SERVED IN AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS” is corrected to read as set forth below: 

AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS 

CONTIGUOUS STATES: 
PAID ............................................ 0.07 
REDUCED PRICE ....................... 0.40 
FREE ........................................... 0.80 

ALASKA: 
PAID ............................................ 0.11 
REDUCED PRICE ....................... 0.65 
FREE ........................................... 1.30 

HAWAII: 
PAID ............................................ 0.08 
REDUCED PRICE ....................... 0.47 
FREE ........................................... 0.94 

*Payment listed for Free and Reduced Price Lunches include both section 4 and section 11 funds. 

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS 

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee 

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 12:00 p.m. CST and adjourn at 1:00 p.m. CST on August 15, 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to allow Committee members the opportunity to discuss and vote on the Committee’s report regarding unemployment disparities in Minnesota. The meeting will also include an orientation to new members of the Committee. 

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888–359–3627, conference ID: 9988503. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number. 

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by September 3, 2013. The address is U.S. Commission on