

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. FV10-CP-01, AMS-FV-10-0041]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of the currently approved information collection request Web-Based Supply Chain Management Commodity Offer Form, Paperwork Collection Notice. This information collection is necessary to support the procurement of agricultural commodities for domestic nutrition assistance programs. AMS issues invitations to purchase fresh and processed commodities for domestic nutrition assistance programs on a year round basis. The extension of the information collection request is required to continue using our Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) system, which allows respondents to submit information electronically. The information collection burden for respondents should not increase.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received May 13, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to David Tuckwiller, Project Manager, Web Based Supply Chain Management System, Commodity Procurement Branch, South Building, Room 3524-S, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0239. Submit electronic comments and other data to David.Tuckwiller@ams.usda.gov.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
David Tuckwiller, 202-720-4517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Web-Based Supply Chain Management Offer Forms.

OMB Number: 0581-0273.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval.

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

Abstract: AMS purchases commodities for various domestic nutrition assistance programs, and provides support for commodity markets with surplus inventory. AMS issues invitations to purchase agricultural commodities for use in domestic nutrition assistance programs. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this information collection request is for the extension of the currently approved information collection for the WBSCM system where respondents will submit information electronically via that system. Vendor information, annual certification information, and all domestic commodity offer information will be entered and received electronically in WBSCM. Vendors will be able to access WBSCM to see the date and time the system shows for receipt of bid, bid modification, or bid cancellation information. At bid opening date and time, the bid information is evaluated through the WBSCM system. Acceptances will be sent to the successful offerors electronically. Awarded contracts will be posted on the AMS Website.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information per response.

Respondents: Businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
341.

Estimated Total Annual Responses:
187,175.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 549.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 47,793.75 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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.

Dated: March 5, 2014.

Rex A. Barnes,
Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-DA-13-0095]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection Dairy Request for Applicant Number OMB NO. 0581-0272.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 13, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Ken Vorgert, Chief, Dairy Grading Branch, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2150 Western Court, Suite 100, Lisle, IL 60532-1793 telephone 630-437-5037, Fax 630-437-5060 or Email ken.vorgert@ams.usda.gov.

Comments: Comments are welcome and should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Comments may be submitted by mail to Ken Vorgert, 2150 Western Court, Suite 100, Lisle, IL 60532 or online at www.regulations.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address, or they can be viewed at www.regulations.gov.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Dairy Request for Applicant Number.

OMB Number: 0581-0272.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2014.

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

Abstract: The dairy grading program is a voluntary user fee program authorized under the Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627). The regulations governing inspection and grading services of manufactured or processed dairy products are contained in 7 CFR part 58. In order for a voluntary inspection program to perform satisfactorily, appropriate information must be collected. In general, information requested is used to identify and contact the party responsible for payment of the export certification, inspection, grading or equipment evaluation fee and expense. The information requested on the form is required for AMS Dairy Grading Branch to set up accounts to allow applicants to do business with AMS Dairy Grading Branch. This information includes name of contact, phone number of contact, address of business and tax identification number. This information is currently collected over the telephone, or through faxes, letters or emails. The form allows for uniform collection of the information and more secure management of the information.

The DA-228, Request for Applicant Number, will be updated and the

information collected slightly reduced. The form will now be available in a Word format as opposed to the previous PDF format. The form will no longer request, "whom the information was requested by", "date", or "service type".

The DA-229, Export Applicant Number Activation form has become obsolete and is no longer necessary. This form was previously used to activate applicant accounts that were already in the system.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.05 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3 minutes.

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.

Dated: February 26, 2014.

Rex A. Barnes,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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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.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Washington State Crop Improvement Association of Pullman,

Washington, an exclusive license to the variety of lentil described in U.S. Plant Variety Protection Certificate Application No. 201400093, "Avondale," filed on December 19, 2013.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 14, 2014.

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 rights in this plant variety 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 plant variety as Washington State Crop Improvement Association of Pullman, Washington 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.

Mojdeh Bahar,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Risk Management Agency; 2014 Farm Bill Implementation Listening Session

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In preparing to implement the Agricultural Act of 2014 (commonly referred to as the 2014 Farm Bill), we are hosting a listening session for initial public input about the new programs and changes to existing programs for which the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Risk Management Agency (RMA) have been delegated the authority to implement. The 2014 Farm Bill is intended to maintain a strong farm safety-net, restore funding for a