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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 22, 2014.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by September 29, 2014 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control

number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Livestock Slaughter.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0005.

Summary of Collection: The primary functions of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices and to collect information on related environmental and economic factors. General authority for data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies the "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . . and shall distribute them among agriculturists". Information from federally and non-federally inspected slaughter plants are used to estimate total red meat production. NASS will use a Federally and non-Federally-inspected livestock slaughter survey to collect data.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will combine information collected from both types of plants to estimate total red meat production, consisting of the number of head slaughtered plus live and dressed weights of cattle, calves, hogs and sheep. Accurate and timely livestock estimates provide USDA and the livestock industry with basic data to project future meat supplies and producer prices. Agricultural economists in both the public and private sectors use this information in economic analysis and research.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,300.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly and Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,504.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Finance Center (NFC), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: 60-day 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 USDA, NFC's intention to request a review of a currently approved information collection for the Direct Premium Remittance System (DPRS), Form DPRS-2809 Request to Change FEHB Enrollment.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 27, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this information collection, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting Adrienne F. Riviere, Chief, Government Insurance Services Branch, USDA, NFC, DPRS Billing Unit, P.O. Box 61760, New Orleans, LA 70161-1760; telephone: 504-426-1311; telefax 303-205-3172; or email to nfc.dprs@nfc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: DPRS-2809, Request to Change FEHB Enrollment.

OMB Number: 0505-0024.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2014.

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

Abstract: The DPRS-2809, Request to Change FEHB Enrollment, is for Spouse Equity Act/Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) enrollees and direct pay annuitants who are eligible to elect, cancel, or change health benefits enrollment during the open season each year.

Estimated Time per Respondent: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals who are under the Spouse Equity Act/TCC and direct pay annuitants who are eligible to make Federal Employees Health Benefits plan changes during open season.