

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Agricultural Marketing Service**

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**Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection, OMB 0581-0125 Regulations Governing Inspection Certification of Fresh & Processed Fruits, Vegetables, & Other Products 7 CFR Part 51 and 52, and To Merge 0581-0292 Specialty Crops Inspection Order Forms into OMB 0581-0125****AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of renewal and merge request.

**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 (OMB) for an extension and revision to the currently approved information collection of 0581-0125 Regulations Governing Inspection Certification of Fresh & Processed Fruits, Vegetables, & Other Products 7 CFR part 51 and 52, and request approval to merge the previously approved, 0581-0292 Specialty Crops Inspection Division Order Forms into 0581-0125 Regulations Governing Inspection Certification of Fresh & Processed Fruits, Vegetables, & Other Products 7 CFR part 51 and 52. By this action, all services and related forms used to collect information will be in one collection with no duplicative burden.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 27, 2016 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice. Comments should be submitted online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or sent to ToiAyna Thompson, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 0247, Room 1543-S Washington, DC 20250-0250, or by facsimile to (202) 690-3824. All comments should reference the document number, and 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact ToiAyna Thompson, Management Support Staff, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Specialty Crops Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0250; telephone: (202) 720-0867; FAX: (202) 690-3824; email [Toiayna.Thompson@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Toiayna.Thompson@ams.usda.gov); or, Internet: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With this request for an Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection and a Merge Request, we are combining the totals for both collections in this renewal collection.

*Title:* Regulations Governing Inspection Certification of Fresh & Processed Fruits, Vegetables, & Other Products 7 CFR part 51 and 52.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0125.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 3 years from approval.

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

*Abstract:* The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) as amended authorizes the Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Inspection Division to provide inspection and certification of the quality and condition of agricultural products. The Specialty Crops Inspection Division provides a nationwide inspection, grading, and auditing service for fresh and processed fruits, vegetables and other products for shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and other financially interested parties on a user-fee basis. The use of services is voluntary and is made available only upon request or when specified by a special program or contract. Information is needed to carry out the inspection, grading, or auditing services. Such information includes; the name and location of the person or company requesting services; the type of inspection being requested; and information that will identify the product or type and scope of audit requested. Upon approval, AMS will request discontinuations of 0581-0292 from OMB. With this submission of renewal and merging of two collections that have been previously approved, the Division will be better able to efficiently manage the collection and prevent duplication of burden.

This is a request for renewal of OMB 0581-0125 and subsequent merger of 0581-0292 Specialty Crops Inspection Division Order Forms into 0581-0125 Regulations Governing Inspection Certification of Fresh & Processed

Fruits, Vegetables, & Other Products 7 CFR part 51 and 52.

**OMB 0581-0125 Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification of Fresh and Processed Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products 7 CFR Part 51 and 52**

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 0.15 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, nonprofit organization, farms or Federal, state, local or Tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,108.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 144,992.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 14.34.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 21,127.

**OMB 0581-0292 Specialty Crops Inspection Division Order Forms**

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .08 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Federal and State.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 49,892.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 49,892.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 4,156.

**OMB 0581-0292 Specialty Crops Inspection Division Order Forms Merged into OMB 0581-0125 Regulations Governing Inspection Certification of Fresh & Processed Fruits, Vegetables & Other Products 7 CFR Part 51 and 52**

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 194,176.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 25,283.

*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 use; (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. Comments may be sent to ToiAyna Thompson, Management Support Staff, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Specialty Crops Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0247, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; telephone: (202) 720-0867; FAX: (202) 690-3824; or Internet: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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: April 20, 2016.

**Elanor Starmer,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

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#### **Transportation and Marketing Program; Notice of Extension and Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection and To Merge the Collections of 0581-0235 Farmers Market Promotion Program, 0581-0240 Federal-State Market Improvement Program, 0581-0248 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program-Farm Bill, Specialty Crop Multi-State Program, and 0581-0287 Local Food Promotion Program**

**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. 3501-20), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of a revised information collection that combined four previously approved collections into a single information collection. AMS recently consolidated its grant programs into one Grants Division. Due to this consolidation, AMS intends to combine the following collections, 0581-0235 "Farmers Market Promotion Program," 0581-0240 "Federal-State Market Improvement Program," 0581-0248 "Specialty Crop Block Grant Program-Farm Bill," "Specialty Crop Multi-State Program," and 0581-0287 "Local Food Promotion

Program." This revised collection will be retitled 0581-0240 "AMS Grant Programs," and increase efficiency among programs and reduce the burden on the public.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 27, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** AMS Transportation and Marketing Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 0264, Washington, DC 20250-0264.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Trista Etzig, Grants Division Director; Telephone: (202) 720-8356; Email: [Trista.Etzig@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Trista.Etzig@ams.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* AMS Grant Programs.  
*OMB Number:* 0581-0240.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* 9/30/2016.

*Type of Request:* Extension, revision, and consolidation of currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* AMS grant programs (Farmers' Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP), Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP), Specialty Crop Multi-State Program (SCMP), and Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP)) are authorized pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (AMA) (7 U.S.C. 1621, *et seq.*) and the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 (FCDMA) (7 U.S.C. 3001) and are implemented through the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Super Circular) (2 CFR 200). Recently, AMS consolidated the management of its grant programs into one Grants Division to streamline and standardize processes and procedures for the programs, which includes the need to consolidate the information collection requirements for each grant program.

The Farmers' Market Promotion Program (FMPP) and Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) are components of the "Farmers' Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP)." FMPP was created through an amendment of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 3001-3006). The Agriculture Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79) (2014 Farm Bill) further amended the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 3005) by expanding and renaming the FMPP to FMLFPP. For fiscal years 2014-2018, the 2014 Farm Bill provides \$30 million in funding for the FMLFPP. On an annual basis, approximately \$15 million will be made available for farmer-to-consumer direct marketing projects under the FMPP

component of FMLFPP, and approximately \$15 million will be made available for local and regional food business enterprise projects under the LFPP component of FMLFPP. The grants authorized by the FMPP are targeted to help improve and expand domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer marketing opportunities. The grants authorized under the LFPP support the development and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets.

The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) operates pursuant to the authority of Section 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note); amended by Section 10010 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill). Pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1621 note, the Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to "make grants to States for each of the fiscal years 2014 through 2018 to be used by State departments of agriculture solely to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops." The SCBGP works to increase the competitiveness of specialty crops. The 2014 Farm Bill made mandatory outlays for fiscal years 2014 through 2017 in the amount of \$72.5 million, and \$85 million in 2018. The Specialty Crop Multi-State Program (SCMP) also operates pursuant to the authority of Section 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note); amended by Section 10010 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill). The Specialty Crop Competitiveness Act provides the Secretary authority to make available funds for "making grants to multistate projects." The 2014 Farm Bill made outlays available for fiscal years 2014 through 2018 in the amount of \$1 million for the first year, and increasing by \$1 million for each subsequent year so that \$5 million will be available in 2018.

The Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) operates pursuant to the authority of the AMA. Section 204(b) of the AMA (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make available funds to State Departments of Agriculture, State bureaus and departments of markets, State agricultural experiment stations, and other appropriate State agencies for cooperative projects in marketing services and in marketing research to