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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection for Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico (Marketing Order No. 983)

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intent to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico, pursuant to Federal Marketing Order No. 983.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 8, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Internet: www.regulations.gov. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: www.regulations.gov. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of individuals or entities submitting the comments will

be made public on the internet at the address provided above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Fiona Pexton, Marketing Specialist, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Telephone: (202) 720-8139; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Email: fiona.pexton@ams.usda.gov.

Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Richard Lower, Marketing Order and Agreement Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC, 20250-0237; Telephone (202) 720-2491; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Email: Richard.Lower@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico, Marketing Order No. 983.

OMB Number: 0581-0215.
Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2017.

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

Abstract: Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), fresh fruits, vegetables, and specialty crop industries can enter into marketing order programs which provide an opportunity for producers, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee the marketing order's operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from each commodity industry.

The Specialty Crops Program is part of the larger AMS, and is responsible for overseeing Federal marketing order operations. The Specialty Crops Program was formerly named the Fruit and Vegetable Program. Among other modifications described below to the pistachio marketing order forms is the change of certain form numbers from "FV" to "SC."

This notice pertains to the Federal marketing order regulating the handling of pistachios grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico (7 CFR part 983), hereinafter referred to as the "marketing order." The marketing order

authorizes grade and size requirements, as well as a requirement for aflatoxin testing on domestic shipments only.

The Administrative Committee for Pistachios (Committee) locally administers the marketing order. The marketing order requires handlers to submit certain information to the Committee to effectively implement the requirements of the marketing order, fulfill the intent of the AMAA, and assist the industry in carrying out marketing decisions. Only authorized employees of the Committee, and authorized representatives of the USDA have access to information provided on the forms.

Requesting public comments on the forms described below is part of the process to obtain approval through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The forms needing OMB approval are contained in OMB No. 0581-0215 and include Committee nominations and ballots for producers (SC-245 and SC-246) and handlers (SC-245A and SC-244); background statements for Committee nominees (SC-243); marketing agreement (SC-242); and referendum (SC-240A) and continuance ballots (SC-240). There are also forms to report assessment receipts (ACP-1), minimal testing for aflatoxins (ACP-5), inter-handler transfer (ACP-6), inventory shipments (ACP-7), producer delivery (ACP-8), exemptions for handlers (ACP-4), and failed lot notifications (ACP-2) and failed lot dispositions (ACP-3).

In this renewal, AMS has identified modifications to the forms to meet the pistachio industry's evolving needs. Forms noted with "FV" have been revised to "SC" due to the change in the agency's name. AMS submitted a justification of change to OMB to convert the Imported Pistachios—Failed Lot Notification Report (SC-249) into an electronic form as a result of the International Trade Data System initiative. The Import Pistachios—Rework and Failed Lot Disposition Report (SC-251) has become obsolete, since the information collected on this form can now be obtained from other sources. This form is being removed and is not included in the OMB No. 0581-0215 renewal package.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average 0.26 hours per response.

Respondents: Pistachio producers, handlers, and testing laboratories.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 821.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.30.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 488.68 hours.

Comments: 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.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

Bruce Summers,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Intent To Request Approval To Establish a New Information Collection and Record Keeping Requirement

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, that implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA)

intention to request approval to establish a new information collection and record keeping requirement for the National 4-H Conference (N4HC).

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by May 8, 2017, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Martin, Records Officer; Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National 4-H Conference applications and forms.

OMB Number: 0524-new.

Type of Request: Intent to request approval to establish a new information collection and record keeping requirement for three years.

Abstract: In 1927, USDA began sponsoring the "National 4-H Club Camp". The camp was held on the grounds of the National Mall in front of the USDA in Washington, DC and served to develop the next generation of leaders. Delegates attended training workshops, became acquainted with government and had the opportunity to meet with state leaders.

In 1958, the event name was changed to National 4-H Conference and, in 1959, the meeting moved from the National Mall to the newly founded National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD, where it is still held today.

Currently, the annual National 4-H Conference brings youth delegates together to accomplish three goals:

(1) Learn—Provide youth a broad-based learning experience in which they will acquire practical knowledge and skills to reinforce the attitudes and motivation that will give them a heightened sense of responsibility and capacity to connect as active members of their communities, nation and world.

(2) Practice—Engage youth in hands-on educational activities in which they explore, practice and master existing and newly developed skills/knowledge in civic engagement, civic education and personal development.

(3) Apply—Facilitate direct opportunities for youth to apply what

was learned in real world experiences in which they develop leadership skills using their voices, work, ideas and/or behavior to make a difference in their community, country and world.

The National 4-H Conference organizers propose an information collection and record keeping requirement for adult and youth conference leadership team applicants, program evaluation of conference participants, and health forms for youth delegates. The records to be maintained and the information collected will allow for better oversight and assessment of the program. Each new requirement is described in detail below.

(1) Youth Leadership Team Application

Need and Use of the Records: Approximately six former National 4-H Conference delegates who are still in high school and 18 years of age or under at the time of the National 4-H Conference are selected to be Youth Leadership Team members prior to and during National 4-H Conference. These Youth Leadership Team members plan and facilitate major components of the conference. The members must be skilled and prepared. An application for this volunteer position is required to assure the selection of qualified applicants. Up to two Youth Leadership Team adult advisors will also be chosen.

Components of the Record: The Youth Leadership Team application form includes: First and last name, grade in school, age, city and state, email, cell phone, home phone, 4-H Land Grant University associated with, years in 4-H, year attended National 4-H Conference, and other national 4-H teams served on. The form will have relevant questions to explain applicant qualifications and skills for the position.

Method of Collection: The application forms will be collected via email attachment.

Frequency of Response: This is a voluntary application process.

Affected Public: High schools students who are former National 4-H Conference delegates and interested Cooperative Extension State 4-H Office personnel.

Type of Respondents: High schools students who are former National 4-H Conference delegates and interested Cooperative Extension State 4-H Office personnel.

Estimate of Burden: