Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

**Title:** Trichinae Certification Program. 
**OMB Control Number:** 0579–0323.

**Summary of Collection:** The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control and eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The AHPA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401–18 of Public Law 107–171, May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Trichinella spiralis is a contagious nematode affecting animals and people. The disease, trichinellosis, is transmitted by consuming the meat of an infected animal. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will collect information using a certificate site audit, program audit form, request for information during a spot audit, animal disposal plan and recordkeeping, animal movement record and recordkeeping, rodent control logbook and recordkeeping, trichinae herd certification feed mill quality assurance affidavit and recordkeeping, records for slaughter testing and recordkeeping, temporary withdrawal, and program withdrawal.

**Need and Use of the Information:** APHIS will collect information to certify swine are raised using practices that will reduce or eliminate T spiralis exposure. If this information is not collected, it will compromise APHIS’ ability to determine the trichinea infection status of pork produced in the United States.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Number of Respondents:** 66.

**Frequency of Responses:** Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion. 
**Total Burden Hours:** 521.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) provides the plan that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA, also referred to as “the Department”) amends these provisions from time to time to incorporate new scientific information and technologies within the Plan. Because changes in diagnostic science, testing technology, and best practices for maintaining sanitation are continual, and the rulemaking process can be lengthy, certain provisions of the Plan are contained in an NPIP Program Standards document ¹ rather than in the regulations. The NPIP Program Standards may be updated or revised via a notice-based process rather than by rulemaking.

The regulations at 9 CFR parts 56, 145, 146, and 147 (referred to below as the regulations) contain the provisions of the Plan. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA, also referred to as “the Department”) amends these provisions from time to time to incorporate new scientific information and technologies within the Plan.

¹This document may be viewed on the NPIP website at http://www.poultryimprovement.org/documents/ProgramStandards/000001.pdf, or by writing to the Service at National Poultry Improvement Plan, APHIS, USDA, 1506 Klondike Road, Suite 101, Conyers, GA 30013.