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#### **Agricultural Marketing Service**

*Title:* Federal Marketing Order for Almonds.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581–New.

*Summary of Collection:* Marketing Order No. 981 (7 CFR part 81) regulates the handling of almonds grown in California. Enabling legislation is contained in the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*; Act). The Act authorizes the promulgation and amendment of marketing orders for certain agricultural commodities and the issuance of regulations thereof for providing orderly marketing conditions in interstate and intrastate commerce and for improving returns to producers. The Act provides in section 608(d)(1) that information necessary to determine the extent to which a marketing order has effectuated the declared policy of the Act shall be furnished at the request of the Secretary of Agriculture. The rules of practice and the procedure governing proceedings to formulate marketing orders are contained in 7 CFR part 900.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The Board is made up of grower and handler members and alternates who are nominated by their industry peers and appointed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for specified terms of office. Board staff use the four ballot forms and one grower petition when conducting the nomination process. These new forms require a minimum of information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the marketing order, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the Act as expressed in the marketing order.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 677.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Other (when forms are requested).

*Total Burden Hours:* 57.

#### **Kimble Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

December 18, 2018.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by January 22, 2019 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 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto: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) 720–8958.

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#### **Office of Partnership and Public Engagement**

*Title:* USDA/1890 National Scholars Program Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 0503–0015.

*Summary of Collection:* The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program is an annual recruiting effort by the USDA/1890 National Program Office and the participating eighteen 1890 Land-Grant

Universities. This human capital initiative is a collective effort geared towards attracting graduating high school seniors and currently enrolled college students who are rising sophomores or juniors, into pursuing disciplines in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences at any of the 1890 Land-Grant Universities. The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program offers scholarships to U.S. citizens who are seeking a bachelor's degree, in the fields of agriculture, food, or natural resources sciences and related majors, at one of the nineteen Historically Black Land-Grant Universities. Each applicant is required to submit a hard copy of the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program Application Form to the USDA/1890 Program Liaison assigned to the 1890 Land-Grant University to which they want to apply.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information to be collected from the application includes the applicant name, address, educational background (grade point average, test scores), name of universities interested in attending, desired major, extracurricular activities, interest and habits. The information will be used to assist the selecting agencies in their process of identifying potential recipients of the scholarship. The program would not be able to function consistently without this annual collection.

*Description of Respondents:*

Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,500.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,900.

#### **Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Commodity Credit Corporation**

#### **Farm Service Agency**

### **Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA); Market Facilitation Program (MFP) Payments to Producers**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** MFP provides payments to producers with commodities that have been significantly impacted by actions of foreign governments resulting in the loss of traditional exports. This NOFA announces the new payment rates for

selected commodities. On behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), the Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers MFP. MFP participants will receive an MFP payment, calculated based on the eligible production multiplied by the participant's share multiplied by the MFP payment rate.

**DATES:** *Application period:* December 21, 2018 through January 15, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bradley Karmen, telephone: (202) 720-3175.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The MFP regulation in 7 CFR part 1409 specifies the eligibility requirements, payment calculations, and application procedures for MFP. CCC published NOFAs on August 30, 2018 (83 FR 44257-44258), and on September 25, 2018 (83 FR 48410-48411), that announced funds available for MFP commodities and specified the initial payment rates. MFP provides assistance to producers with commodities that have been significantly impacted by actions of foreign governments resulting in the loss of traditional exports.

The initial payment rates announced in previous NOFAs applied to the first 50 percent of the producer's total production of the selected commodity. The second payment rates, as announced in this NOFA, apply to the remaining 50 percent of the producer's production for the selected commodity.

MFP payment at the second payment rate will be made after a producer harvests 100 percent of the crop and certifies the amount of production.

**Payment Rates**

The MFP payment rates that have been determined by CCC are as shown in the following table.

Commodity	Unit	Initial rate * (\$/unit)	Second rate ** (\$/unit)
Soybeans .....	bushels .....	\$1.65	\$1.65
Sorghum .....	bushels .....	0.86	0.86
Wheat .....	bushels .....	0.14	0.14
Cotton (Upland and ELS) .....	pounds .....	0.06	0.06
Corn .....	bushels .....	0.01	0.01
Hogs .....	number of head of hogs .....	8.00	8.00
Milk .....	hundredweight (cwt) .....	0.12	0.12
Shelled Almonds .....	pounds .....	0.03	0.03
Fresh Sweet Cherries .....	pounds .....	0.16	0.16

\* Payment rate for first 50 percent of producer's total production.

\*\* Payment rate for remaining 50 percent of producer's total production.

The actual production used to calculate an MFP payment under this NOFA is 2018 production in which the applicant had an ownership share. Specifically, required production information is as follows:

- Harvested production for the 2018 crop year;
- An ownership share for a crop will be as reported to FSA on the acreage report, form FSA-578, "Report of Acreage."

For information about production evidence, payment limitation, and eligible crops, see the previously published MFP NOFAs (83 FR 44257-44258 and 83 FR 48410-48411).

**Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements**

In the accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection required by MFP regulation (7 CFR 1409) has been approved by OMB under OMB control number of 0560-0292. FSA does not have any changes to the burden hours and the information collection activities for this NOFA.

**Environmental Review**

The environmental impacts for MFP have been considered in a manner consistent with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), the regulations of the Council on

Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and the FSA regulation for compliance with NEPA (7 CFR part 799).

As stated in the MFP final rule, the implementation of MFP and the participation in MFP do not constitute major Federal actions that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment, individually or cumulatively. The final rule served as documentation of the programmatic environmental compliance decision for this federal program; therefore, CCC will not prepare additional environmental compliance documentation for this NOFA.

**Federal Assistance Programs**

The title and number of the Federal assistance programs, as found in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, to which this NOFA applies is: 10.123 Market Facilitation Program.

**Richard Fordyce,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

**Robert Stephenson,**

*Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Notice of Public Meetings of the New York Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.  
**ACTION:** Announcement of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the New York Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 12:00 p.m. (EST) on: Friday, January 11, 2019. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics of study.

**DATES:** Friday, January 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Public Call-In Information: Conference call-in number: 1-877-260-1479 and conference ID# 5953601.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Barreras, at [dbarreras@usccr.gov](mailto:dbarreras@usccr.gov) or by phone at 312-353-8311.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call-in number: 1-877-260-1479 and conference ID# 5953601. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their