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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 31, 2019.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by March 7, 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 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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Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1717 Subpart Y, Settlement of Debt Owed by Electric Borrowers

OMB Control Number: 0572-0116.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to electric systems to provide and improve electric service in rural areas pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et. seq.) (RE Act). This information collection requirement stems from passage of Public Law 104-127, which amended section 331(b) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) to extend to the RUS' loans and loan guarantees the Secretary authority to compromise, adjust, reduce, or charge-off debts or claims owed to the government (collectively, debt settlement) with respect to loans made or guaranteed by RUS. Only those electric borrowers that are unable to fully repay their debts to the government and who apply to RUS for relief will be affected by this collection of information. The information collected will be similar to that which any prudent lender would need to determine whether debt settlement is required and the amount of relief that is needed.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to determine the need for debt settlement; the amount of debt the borrower can repay; the future scheduling of debt repayment; and, the range of opportunities for enhancing the amount of debt that can be recovered.

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

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,000.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Laboratories.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0158.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will use two forms to collect information to help assess laboratories participating in the pasteurized egg product or the Accredited Laboratory programs, to ensure they meet required standards. FSIS will use the PEPRL-F-0008-05 form as a self assessment audit checklist to collect information related to the quality assurance/quality control procedures in place at in-plant and private laboratories participating in the Pasteurized Egg Product Recognized Laboratory program. FSIS uses the data collected in the desk audit of existing labs or in the appraisal of a new applicant. Any non-federal laboratory that is applying for the FSIS Accredited Laboratory program will need to complete an Application for FSIS Accredited Laboratory Program 10,110-2 form. FSIS will use the information collected by the form to help access the laboratory applying for admission to the FSIS Accredited Laboratory program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 14.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 13.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Records to be Kept by Official Establishments and Retail Stores that Grind Raw Beef Products.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0165.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS requires that all establishments and retail stores that grind raw beef products for sale in commerce, including products ground at a customer's request, are required to maintain certain records which will

fully and correctly disclose all transactions involved in their business subject to the Act. In addition, FSIS requires that specific information be kept in the required records and that retail stores maintain store-designed systems that allow them to link individual packages of raw ground or chopped beef products prepared and sold by them to the required records.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 65,911.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping: Weekly, Annually; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 3,317,301.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: 2017 Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program (2017 WHIP) and Citrus Trees Block Grant to Florida.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0291.

Summary of Collection: The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (BBA, Pub. L. 115-123) authorized \$2.36 billion in assistance for losses to crops, trees, bushes, and vine losses due to 2017 wildfires and hurricanes. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is implementing the provisions of the BBA by providing up to \$2 billion in assistance to eligible producers through the 2017 WHIP, and approximately \$340 million through a block grant with the State of Florida to address losses to citrus trees, and production.

Need and Use of the Information: In order for FSA to determine whether a producer is eligible for 2017 WHIP and to calculate a payment, a producer is required to submit FSA-890 2017, WHIP application; FSA-891, Crop Insurance and/or NAP Coverage Agreement; FSA-892, Request for an Exception to the WHIP Payment Limitation (if applicable); FSA-893, 2018 Citrus Actual Production History and Approved Yield Record (Florida Only); CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility; FSA-578, Report of Acreage; and AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation Certification. The information collected from the forms will be used by FSA and the State of Florida to determine eligibility and distribute payments to eligible producers under WHIP.

Description of Respondents: Farms; State, Local and Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 44,124.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 29,611.

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