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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on testing and reporting of SARS–CoV–2 in animals, contact Dr. Laura Miles, Veterinarian Epidemiologist, Surveillance, Design, and Analysis Section, Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health, Veterinary Services, 2150 Centre Ave., Bldg. B, Fort Collins, CO 80526; (970) 494–7246; NLRAD.NAHRs@usda.gov. For additional information about the information collection process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: SARS–CoV–2 Testing in Animals Reporting Activities.
OMB Control Number: 0579–XXXX.
Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Abstract: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The AHPA gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of agricultural animals and animal products. The Secretary may also prohibit or restrict import or export of any animal or related material if necessary, to prevent the spread of any disease. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has a duty under section 8219 of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 to collaborate and coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services partners in the surveillance of zoonoses disease. Collection and dissemination of animal and poultry health data and information is mandated by 7 U.S.C. 391, the Animal Industry Act of 1884, which established the Bureau of Animal Industry, which was the precursor of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS') Veterinary Services. Legal requirements for examining and reporting on animal disease control methods were further mandated by 21 U.S.C. 119, "Agents to Examine and

Report on Methods of Treatment of Animals, and Means for Suppression of Diseases," amended February 7, 1928.

Collection, analysis, and dissemination of animal and poultry health information is consistent with the APHIS mission of protecting and improving American agriculture's productivity and competitiveness. APHIS uses the National Animal Health Reporting System (NAHRS) for reporting and tracking the emergence, prevalence, epidemiology, and economic importance of diseases in livestock, poultry, and other animals. The system facilitates standardization of disease information throughout the United States, provides a central point for the collection of national data, and assists APHIS in meeting its animal disease reporting obligations to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

To better meet its reporting requirements about emerging diseases to the OIE, APHIS is interested in collecting information as to the detection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS–CoV–2) in animals. To accomplish this, APHIS will distribute a request for information to U.S. laboratories engaged in the testing of animals for SARS–CoV–2, develop a questionnaire in NAHRS, and request that State animal health officials and U.S. laboratories provide SARS–CoV–2 animal testing data on a monthly basis.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information

is estimated to average 1.72 hours per response.

Respondents: State animal scientists, U.S. laboratory personnel, and veterinarians.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 77.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 12.

Estimated annual number of responses: 949.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,626 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC.

Michael Watson,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—FNS 245—SNAP Quality Control Regulations

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This is a revision of a currently approved information collection request.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Stephanie Proska, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Room 05.5040, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be submitted via email to SNAPHQ-WEB@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Stephanie Proska at 703-305-2437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality,

utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

OMB Number: 0584-0034.

Expiration Date: April 30, 2021.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The FNS-245, Negative Case Action Review Schedule, is designed to

collect quality control (QC) data and serve as the data entry form for negative case action QC reviews in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). State agencies complete the FNS-245 for each negative case in their QC sample. The reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with the completion of the FNS-245 has decreased from approximately 115,514.87 hours to 102,001 hours. The 13,513.87 hour decrease in the total burden is largely a result of the decrease in total SNAP negative case selections from 38,970 cases in FY 2015 to 34,322 cases in FY 2018.

Reg. section	Affected public	Description of activity	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Number of burden hours per response	Estimated total burden hours
Reporting Burden							
Reporting Burden for State Agencies FNS 245, OMB 0584-0034							
275.13 (b)	State Agencies ...	Household Case Record Review.	53	647.5849	34,322.00	1.75	60,063.50
275.12 (b)	State Agencies ...	Variance identification.	53	647.5849	34,322.00	0.6906	23,702.77
275.13 (c)	State Agencies ...	Error analysis	53	647.5849	34,322.00	0.5	17,161.00
Grand Totals Reporting Burden			53.00	102,966.00	2.9406	100,927.27
Record Keeping Burden							
Recordkeeping Burden for State Agencies FNS 245, OMB 0584-0034							
275.4	State Agencies ...	Record Retention	53	647.5849	34,322	0.0236	1,073.73
Overall Grand Total Reporting and Recordkeeping			53.00	137,288.00	2.96	102,001.00

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Government.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 53 State Agencies.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 647.59.
Estimated Total Annual Responses: 102,966.
Estimated Time per Response: 2.9406 hours.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 100,927.27.
Number of Record Keepers: 53.
Number of Records per Record Keeper: 647.59 Records.
Estimated Number of Records/Response to Keep: 34,322 Records.
Recordkeeping Time per Response: .0236 hours.
Total Estimated Recordkeeping Burden Hours: 1,073.73 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden on Respondents: 137,288 hours.

Pamilyn Miller,
 Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food and Nutrition Service
Agency Information Collection Activities: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Requirement for National Directory of New Hires Employment Verification
AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.
ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.
DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 5, 2021.
ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Maribelle Balbes, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Comments may also be submitted via email to SNAPSAB@FNS.USDA.GOV. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Evan Sieradzki at 703-605-3212.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This collection is a revision of an expired collection at 84 FR 11928. In 2016, an Interim Final Rule titled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Requirement for National Directory of New Hires Employment Verification and Annual Program Activity Reporting," was published in the **Federal Register**. This rule codified section 4013 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, requiring State agencies to access employment data through the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) at the time of certification, including recertification, to determine eligibility

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