DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service


United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Corn on the Cob

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) has revised the U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Corn on the Cob.

DATES: Effective April 8, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Brian E. Griffin, USDA, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, VA 22406; by phone (202) 748–2155; fax (202) 690–1527; or email Brian.Griffin@usda.gov. Copies of the U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Corn on the Cob are available on the Specialty Crops Inspection Division website at www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/vegetables.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging, and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.”

AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The U.S. Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables that no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations are maintained by AMS at: www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/vegetables. AMS is revising these U.S. Standards for Grades using the procedures that appear in part 36 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

Background

AMS periodically reviews the grade standards for usefulness in serving the industry. More recently developed grade standards use a single term, such as “U.S. Grade A” or “U.S. Grade B,” to describe each level of quality within a grade standard. Older grade standards used dual nomenclature, such as “U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy” and “U.S. Grade B or U.S. Extra Standard” to describe the same level of quality. The terms “U.S. Fancy,” and “U.S. Extra Standard” have been removed and the terms “U.S. Grade A,” “U.S. Grade B,” and “Substandard (Sstd)” are used exclusively.

AMS also made editorial changes to these grade standards, updating section headings omitted in previous revisions, and adding language and allowances for mixed color varieties to align the standards with use of mixed color varieties by industry. The addition of language and allowances differentiating between conventional sweet and supersweet types incorporates language from USDA internal guidance documents A–412, September 1967 Frozen Whole Kernel Whole-Grain Corn Evaluation of Tenderness and Maturity, and A–493, October 1997, Interpretative Guide for Frozen Supersweet Whole Kernel Corn to Determine: Tenderness and Maturity; and Flavor. These internal USDA documents were created with the intention of incorporating them into the standards.

On October 21, 2020, AMS published a notice inviting comments on proposed revisions to the U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Corn on the Cob in the Federal Register (85 FR 66926). No comments were received. This revision to these grade standards provides common language for trade and better reflects the current marketing of frozen corn on the cob.


Bruce Summers, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 4, 2021.

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 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; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 April 8, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Common or Usual Name for Raw Meat and Poultry Products Containing Added Solutions.

OMB Control Number: 0583–0152.

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.) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS regulations establish a common or usual name for raw meat and poultry products that do not meet standard or identity regulations and to which solutions have been added. Products with added solutions are sometimes called referred to as “enhanced products.”

Need and use of the Information: FSIS requires establishments that manufacture products containing added solutions to label the products with a descriptive designation that provides an accurate description of the raw meat or poultry component, the percentage of added solution incorporated into the raw meat or poultry product, and the individual ingredients or multi-ingredient components in the solution listed in the descending order of predominance by weight on the product label. FSIS also requires that the product name and the descriptive designation be printed in a single easy-to-read type style and color and on a single-color contrasting background.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 6,100.
Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 61,000.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Repayment Demand and Program Disqualification.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0492.

Summary of Collection: Section 13(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2202(b)), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations at 7 CFR 273.18(a)(2) require State agencies to initiate collection action. State agencies must provide an affected household with written notification informing the over-issued household of the claim and demanding repayment.

Need and Use of the Information: State agency personnel will collect the information from individuals collecting SNAP benefits. The State agencies must maintain all records associated with this collection for a period of three years so that FNS can review documentation during compliance reviews and other audits. Without the information, FNS would not be able to correct accidental or fraudulent overpayment errors in the SNAP Program.

Description of Respondents: 53 State, Local, or Tribal Government (SLT); 559,785 Individuals/Households (I/H).

Number of Respondents: 559,838.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Recordkeeping; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 135,526.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Information Collection; National Woodland Owner Survey

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the renewal of the National Woodland Owner Survey information collection.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 10, 2021 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Brett Butler, Research Forester, USDA Forest Service, 160 Holdsworth Way, Amherst, MA 01003. Comments may also be submitted by email to: brett.butler2@usda.gov. Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant websites and upon request. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received. Requests should be emailed to brett.butler2@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brett Butler, Research Forester, Northern Research Station, 413–545–1397. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the hearing-impaired (TDD) may call the