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Comments must be submitted through one of the following methods:

- *Preferred method:* Submit information through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submissions.

- *Email:* Send comments to rebecca.rash@usda.gov with a subject line "FMNP Benefit Delivery Modernization Information Collection."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Rash on behalf Sarah Widor, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, 703-305-2937, or email rebecca.rash@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is establishing a new grant program for State agencies that administer the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) aimed at modernizing benefit delivery and reducing disparities in program delivery, under the authorization and funding provided in section 1106 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Pub. L. 117-2).

The WIC FMNP Benefit Delivery Modernization (FMNP BDM) Grants will be offered in multiple rounds. As planned, \$1 million to \$5 million will be offered to State agencies in early 2022 for the first round of grants to support the modernization of FMNP benefit delivery by supporting the transition from a paper-based benefit to an electronic, mobile benefit solution readily available in the marketplace.

For the first round of grant funding, eligible entities will submit an application using FNS' Uniform Grant Application for Discretionary Grant Programs (OMB Control Number: 0584-0512, Expiration Date: July 31, 2022), which will include up to ten additional questions related to the goals of the FMNP BDM Grant. These questions will be outlined in the Request for Applications for the FMNP BDM Grant. State agencies will have the option to use any format to answer the questions. The additional questions included will relate to how FMNP State agencies will utilize FMNP BDM grant funding and how the State agency's project will: (1) Implement and support an existing mobile WIC FMNP solution, which will

modernize benefit delivery for State agencies, participants, and farmers and farmers' markets; and (2) increase FMNP benefit utilization. This will include submission of data about number of participants, current benefit level, number of authorized farmers/markets, and number of local agencies.

Additional information that State agencies will need to provide includes a letter of commitment from the anticipated provider of the electronic benefit delivery system, the names of any State agencies participating if part of a consortium grant, how the implementation will satisfy applicable privacy and data security standards, and other information that ensures the proposed use of the grant complies with current program regulations.

To measure impact of the grants and to determine whether the grants achieve their intended purposes, grantees will be required to provide narrative, semiannual progress reports using the FNS-908 Performance Progress Report (PPR) form, as a condition to accepting grant funding. On the semiannual FNS-908 PPR, grantees will also be asked to respond to six questions related to progress made toward achieving the goals of the grant program. These questions may include updates to any data submitted in the grant application. The six additional questions will be outlined in the Request for Applications for the FMNP BDM Grants.

With the additional information that will be requested, FNS estimates that each State agency will spend a total of approximately 59.33 hours completing the full grant application package. Under 0584-0512, FNS has 109,667 remaining burden hours and 21,835 remaining responses available for use. Under the FMNP BDM Grant, State agencies are expected to use 4,792.73 burden hours and 1,377 responses for the pre-award, post-award and recordkeeping burden, including the additional information to be collected. All three items make up the burden for the competitive grants that are submitted under 0584-0512.

The purpose of this Notice is to solicit public comments on the additional information to be collected for the FMNP BDM Grants through the ten question application questionnaire and through the six question semiannual progress reports for the grant program. 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.

FNS will utilize these comments to adjust the information collection as necessary.

Cynthia Long,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Federal-State Supplemental Nutrition Programs Agreement (Form FNS-339)

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 collection is a revision of a currently approved collection of information relating to the reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with completing, submitting, and maintaining form FNS-339, the Federal-State Supplemental Nutrition Programs Agreement for the administration of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP); and/or the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 11, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Sara Olson, Chief, Policy Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Braddock Metro Center II, 1320 Braddock Place, Room 328, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Sara Olson at 703-305-2086 or via email to Sara.Olson@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 Sara Olson at 703-305-2085 or via email to sara.olson@usda.gov.

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: Federal-State Supplemental Nutrition Programs Agreement (formerly titled WIC Federal and State Agreement).

Form Number: FNS-339.

OMB Number: 0584-0332.

Expiration Date: April 30, 2022.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Federal-State Supplemental Nutrition Programs Agreement (form FNS-339) is an annual contract between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and each State, Territory, and Indian Tribal Government agency seeking to operate one or more of the following programs: The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), and the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS),

of the USDA, is authorized to administer the WIC and the FMNP Programs under the following authority: Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act (CNA) of 1966, as amended, and the SFMNP under 7 U.S.C. 3007.

The FNS-339 requires the signature of the Chief State agency official and includes a certification/assurance regarding drug free workplace, a certification regarding lobbying, and a disclosure of lobbying activities. The signed agreement thereby authorizes USDA/FNS to make funds available to State agencies for the administration of the WIC, FMNP, and/or SFMNP Programs within the State, Indian Tribal Organizations, District of Columbia, and Territories, and in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 246, 248, and 249. The State agency agrees to accept Federal funds for expenditure in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations and to comply with all the provisions of such statutes and regulations, and amendments thereto.

This information collection is requesting a revision in the responses due to adjustments that primarily reflect expected changes in the number of WIC, FMNP, and/or SFMNP State agencies from year to year. The number of respondents (agencies administering the WIC, FMNP and/or SFMNP Programs) has decreased from 129 to 127. This adjustment decreases the number of responses for this collection from 258 to 254 responses. There is no change in the burden hours for this collection (although the adjustment decreases the total annual burden from 32.35 hours to 31.75 hours, the reported burden hours for this revision will be rounded to 32 hours so the burden hours will not change from the 32 hours currently reported). The title of this information collection has been changed to Federal-State Supplemental Nutrition Programs Agreement to reflect the current title of form FNS-339.

Affected Public: State, Territory, and Indian Tribal Government Agencies.

This includes the State agencies that administer the WIC, FMNP, and SFMNP programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents is 127. This includes an unduplicated count of respondents that are responsible for the operation of 89 WIC Programs, 50 FMNP Programs, and 55 SFMNP Programs: 3 State agencies solely operate the FMNP program; 20 State agencies solely operate the SFMNP program; 15 State agencies operate both the FMNP and SFMNP programs; 54 State agencies solely operate the WIC program; 15 State agencies operate both the WIC and FMNP programs; 3 State agencies operate both the WIC and SFMNP programs; and 17 State agencies operate the WIC, FMNP, and SFMNP programs.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2: There is one response per agency for the completion of the FNS-339 and one response per agency to photocopy and maintain a record of the FNS-339. The FNS-339 allows State agencies to select one or more of the Program(s) which they administer (WIC/FMNP/SFMNP).

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 254 responses; (127 for reporting and 127 for recordkeeping).

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated time per response for the reporting and recordkeeping requirements in this collection is .125 hours (approximately 7.5 minutes). It takes respondents approximately 7.5 minutes (0.125 hours) to read and sign the required form. Additionally, respondents spend another 7.5 minutes (0.125 hours) making photocopies and filing each year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The total estimated annual burden for reporting is 15.875 and the total estimated annual burden for recordkeeping is 15.875 for a grand total estimate of 31.75 hours. See the table below for the estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent and activity.

Respondents	Form	Estimated number of respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated average number of hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours
Reporting Burden						
State, Territory, and Indian Tribal Government Agencies (Respondent types: WIC-89; FMNP-50; SFMNP-55).	FNS-339	127	1	127	0.125	15.875
Recordkeeping Burden						
State, Territory, and Indian Tribal Government Agencies (Respondent types: WIC-89; FMNP-50; SFMNP-55).	FNS-339	127	1	127	0.125	15.875

Respondents	Form	Estimated number of respondents	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated average number of hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours
Total Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden	* 127	2	254	0.125	31.75

* This includes an unduplicated count of respondents that are responsible for the operation of 89 WIC Programs, 50 FMNP Programs, and 55 SFMNP Programs: 3 State agencies solely operate the FMNP program; 20 State agencies solely operate the SFMNP program; 15 State agencies operate both the FMNP and SFMNP programs; 54 State agencies solely operate the WIC program; 15 State agencies operate both the WIC and FMNP programs; 3 State agencies operate both the WIC and SFMNP programs; and 17 State agencies operate the WIC, FMNP, and SFMNP programs.

Cynthia Long,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection: Post-Hurricane Research and Assessment of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Communities in the U.S. Caribbean

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 with revisions of the currently approved information collection, Post-Hurricane Research and Assessment of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Communities in the U.S. Caribbean. (OMB #0596-0246).

DATES: Comments concerning this notice must be received in writing on or before January 11, 2022 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this information collection should be addressed to Kathleen McGinley, Social Scientist, USDA Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry (IITF), 1201 Calle Ceiba, Río Piedras, PR 00926. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 787-766-6302, or by email to kathleen.mcginley@usda.gov. Please put "Comments re: Post-Hurricane Research" in the subject line.

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 inspect the draft supporting statement and/or comments received at International Institute of Tropical Forestry (IITF), Jardín Botánico Sur, 1201 Calle Ceiba, Río Piedras, PR 00926 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 787-764-7790 to facilitate entry to the building. The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to kathleen.mcginley@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be made to Kathleen McGinley, Social Scientist, USDA Forest Service, by electronic mail to kathleen.mcginley@usda.gov or phone 919-600-3108. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Post-Hurricane Research and Assessment of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Communities in the U.S. Caribbean.
OMB Number: 0596-0246.
Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2022.

Type of Request: Renewal with revisions.

Abstract: In September 2017, two major hurricanes passed through the Caribbean, causing catastrophic damage to communities, infrastructure, farms, and forests across Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and many neighboring island nations, significantly compromising local livelihoods, food security, and economic stability throughout the region. Through a series of focus groups and interviews conducted in 2018 and 2019 under OMB Approval #0596-0246, we gathered extensive information about

the wide range of effects and associated impacts of the hurricanes on agricultural and forest systems and the varied states of hurricane readiness and resilience across farm and forest sectors throughout the U.S. Caribbean. Building on this information and understanding of agricultural and forest systems, USDA Forest Service seeks a renewal with revisions to continue to collect information about the recovery of farms, forests, and rural communities from the effects and associated impacts of hurricanes Irma and Maria and to collect additional information about agriculture and forest sector hurricane vulnerabilities, mitigation, adaptation, readiness, and resilience. Such information is critical to the design and implementation of ongoing recovery work and to longer-term resilience and sustainable development efforts in the U.S. Caribbean and in other regions affected by hurricanes or other major disturbances.

The information to be collected is essential to the Department of Agriculture mandate to support agriculture and natural resources that are productive, sustainable, and provide benefits for the American public under the Rural Development Policy Act of 1980, and to the Forest Service mandate to provide expert advice and conduct research on the management of forests outside the National Forest System through the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978. Additionally, the importance of gathering, analyzing, and sharing this type of information is reflected in the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended, and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978.

Information will be collected through mixed methods, including interviews with and surveys of research participants selected purposively in line with the research objectives. This collection will be revised to further explore the topics in the original information collection and incorporate additional lines of inquiry related to the longer-term recovery of farms, forests, and rural communities and associated changes in hurricane risk, vulnerabilities, and resilience since the