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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)—Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 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 for the reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) regulations.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 5, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, invites interested persons to submit written comment.

- *Preferred Method:* Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Allison Post, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Room 328, Alexandria, VA 22302.

- *Email:* Send email to allison.post@usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 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 Allison Post at 703-457-7708.

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: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)—Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden.

Form Number: FNS-683B (under OMB Control Number 0584-0594) is associated with this collection.

OMB Number: 0584-0447.

Expiration Date: August 31, 2024.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) is associated with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, also known as WIC. WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education at no cost to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding post-partum individuals, infants, and children up to 5 years of age at nutritional risk. The purpose of FMNP is to provide fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits and vegetables through farmers' markets and roadside stands to WIC participants, and to expand awareness and use of, and sales at, farmers' markets and roadside stands. Currently, FMNP operates through State health departments in 41 States, 7 Indian Tribal Organizations, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Section 17(m)(8) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(m)(8)), and FMNP regulations at 7

CFR part 248 require that certain program-related information be collected and that full and complete records concerning FMNP operations are maintained. The information reporting and recordkeeping burdens are necessary to ensure appropriate and efficient management of FMNP. The burden activities that are covered by this Information Collection Request (ICR) include requirements that involve the authorization and monitoring of State agencies; the certification of FMNP participants; the nutrition education that is provided to participants; farmer and market authorization, monitoring, and management; and financial and participation data.

State Plans are the principal source of information about how each State agency operates FMNP. Information from participants and local agencies is collected through State agency-developed forms or Management Information Systems (MIS). The information collected is used by the Department of Agriculture/Food and Nutrition Service to manage, plan, evaluate, make decisions and report on FMNP operations. Along with State Plans, State agencies also submit the Federal-State Supplemental Nutrition Programs Agreements (FNS-339), for which the associated reporting and recordkeeping burden is approved under OMB Control Number: 0584-0332, Expiration Date: 06/30/2025. Additionally, FMNP financial and participation data are collected using the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) Annual Financial and Program Data Report (FNS 683B), for which the form and its associated reporting burden are approved under OMB Control Number: 0584-0594 Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS), Expiration Date: 09/30/2026.

Recordkeeping burden associated with form FNS 683B is not approved under OMB Control Number 0584-0594. State agencies must maintain records in order to support data reported in FPRS, and the recordkeeping burden for such record maintenance is captured in this ICR, OMB Control Number: 0584-0447.

This information collection is requesting a revision in the burden hours due to program changes resulting from FMNP State agencies transitioning from paper coupon systems to electronic benefit systems, as well as one existing requirement that has been in use

without PRA approval. The requested revisions in this information collection also reflect program adjustments to account for changes in the number of FMNP participants, FMNP authorized outlets, and FMNP State and local agencies.

The currently approved burden for this collection is 1,640,906 hours. FNS estimates the new burden at 1,175,580 burden hours, which is a decrease of 465,326 hours. The currently approved total annual responses are 4,909,194. FNS estimates the new number of responses at 4,148,625, which is a decrease of 760,569 total annual responses.

Affected Public: Individuals/ Households, Business or Other For Profit; Not For Profit; State, Local, and Tribal Government. Respondent groups identified include: (1) FMNP participants who are women, infants,

and children participating in the WIC Program; (2) authorized FMNP outlets which are farmers, farmers' markets, and roadside stands; (3) nonprofit businesses operating as local agencies; and (4) local and State agencies (including geographic States, U.S. Territories, and Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs)) administering FMNP.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents is 1,351,492. This includes 51 State agencies, 769 local agencies, 1,330,746 individuals/households (FMNP participants), 329 nonprofit businesses, and 19,597 authorized FMNP outlets (farmers, farmers' markets, roadside stands).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: The total estimated number of responses per respondent for this collection is 3.07.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 4,148,625. The estimated total for reporting is 2,814,962 while the estimate total for recordkeeping is 1,333,663.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated time per response averages approximately 17 minutes (0.28 hours) for all respondents. For the reporting burden, the estimated time per response varies from 3 minutes to 40 hours, while the estimated time per response for the recordkeeping burden varies from 10 minutes to 40 hours, depending on the requirement.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,175,580 hours. The estimated total reporting burden is 839,123 hours while the estimated total recordkeeping burden is 336,457 hours.

See the table below for the estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

ESTIMATE OF THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BURDEN TABLE

Regulatory section	Information collected	Form(s)	Estimated number of respondents	Annual responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total annual burden hours
REPORTING BURDEN ESTIMATES							
Affected Public: STATE & LOCAL AGENCIES (Including Indian Tribal Organizations and U.S. Territories)							
248.3(e), 246.5	Local Agency Applications		768.60	0.50	384.30	2.00	768.60
248.4	State Plan		51.00	1.00	51.00	40.00	2,040.00
248.6, 248.10(i)	Certification Data for Participants.		51.00	26,093.06	1,330,746.00	0.25	332,686.50
248.10(a)(2),(3),(b),(c)	Authorization—Review of Outlet Applications (Farmers, Farmers' Market, Roadside Stand).		51.00	192.13	9,798.50	0.25	2,449.63
248.10(a)(4)(d)	Face-to-Face Training Development.		51.00	1.00	51.00	8.00	408.00
248.10(a)(4)(d)	Face-to-Face Training		51.00	15.00	765.00	2.00	1,530.00
248.10(b)(5)	Disqualification of Authorized Outlets.		5.00	1.00	5.00	0.08	0.42
248.10(d)	Annual Training for Authorized Outlets Development.		51.00	1.00	51.00	8.00	408.00
248.10(d)	Annual Training for Authorized Outlets.		51.00	15.00	765.00	2.00	1,530.00
248.10(e)(2),(3); 248.17(c)(1)(i)	Monitoring/Review of Authorized Outlets.		51.00	38.43	1,959.70	1.50	2,939.55
248.10(e)(4); 248.17(c)(1)(ii)	Monitoring/Review of Local Agencies.		51.00	10.76	549.00	2.00	1,098.00
248.10(f)	Coupon Management System		51.00	1.00	51.00	5.00	255.00
248.10(h)	Coupon Reconciliation						115.50
248.10(h)	Paper Coupon Reconciliation		26.00	1.00	26.00	3.00	78.00
248.10(h)	Electronic Benefit Reconciliation.		25.00	1.00	25.00	1.50	37.50
248.10(j)	Recipients and Authorized Outlet Complaints.		51.00	9.67	493.00	1.00	493.00
248.10(k)	Farmer/farmers' market sanctions.		51.00	7.69	391.94	0.08	32.73
248.11(a)	Disclosure of Financial Expenditures.		51.00	1.00	51.00	10.00	510.00
248.12(a)(2)	Prior approval for cost items per 2 CFR part 200, subpart E, and 2 CFR parts 400 and 415.		5.00	1.00	5.00	40.00	200.00
248.17(a)	Establishment of ME System		1.00	1.00	1.00	24.00	24.00
248.17(b)(2)(ii)	State Agency Corrective Action Plan.		7.00	1.00	7.00	10.00	70.00
248.17(c)(2)	Special Reports		2.00	1.00	2.00	10.00	20.00
248.18(b)	Audit Responses		1.00	1.00	1.00	15.00	15.00

ESTIMATE OF THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BURDEN TABLE—Continued

Regulatory section	Information collected	Form(s)	Estimated number of respondents	Annual responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total annual burden hours
Subtotal Reporting: State and Local Agencies (Including Indian Tribal Organizations and U.S. Territories).			819.60	1,642.48	1,346,179.44	0.26	347,593.92
Affected Public: INDIVIDUALS/HOUSEHOLDS (Applicants for Program Benefits)							
248.6, 248.10(i)	Certification Data for Participants.		1,330,746.00	1.00	1,330,746.00	0.05	66,670.37
Subtotal Reporting: Individuals/Households.			330,746.00	1.00	330,746.00	0.05	66,670.37
Affected Public: Authorized Outlets (Farmers/Markets/Roadside Stands) and Businesses							
248.3(e), 246.5	Non-profit businesses Applications.		329.40	0.50	164.70	2.00	329.40
248.10(a)(4)(d)	Face-to-Face Training		1,959.70	1.00	1,959.70	2.00	3,919.40
248.10(b)(1)(xi)	Farmer/farmers' market complaints.		493.00	1.00	493.00	0.50	246.50
248.10(b),(c)	Authorized Outlet Agreements		9,799	1.00	9,798.50	0.08	818.17
248.10(b)(5)	Appeal of Denial		7.84	1.00	7.84	2.00	15.68
248.10(d)	Annual Training for Authorized Outlets.		17,637.30	1.00	17,637.30	2.00	35,274.60
248.10(e)(1)	Coupon Reimbursement						384,254.90
248.10(e)(1)	Paper Coupon Reimbursement & Electronic Benefit Mail-In.		10,375	9.00	93,373.94	4.00	373,495.76
248.10(e)(1)	Electronic Benefit Reimbursement via Hybrid Processing.		769	9.00	6,916.59	1.00	6,916.59
248.10(e)(1)	Electronic Benefit Reimbursement via Electronic Processing.		7,685	1.00	7,685.10	0.50	3,842.55
Subtotal Reporting: Authorized outlets.			19,926.40	6.93	138,036.67	3.08	424,858.65
GRAND SUBTOTAL: REPORTING.			1,351,492.00	2.08	2,814,962.11	0.30	839,122.95

RECORDKEEPING BURDEN ESTIMATES

Affected Public: STATE & LOCAL AGENCIES (Including Indian Tribal Organizations and U.S. Territories)

248.4(c)	State Plan Record Maintenance.		51.00	1.00	51.00	0.17	8.52
248.9	Nutrition Education		51.00	26,093.06	1,330,746.00	0.25	332,686.50
248.10(a)(4),(d)	Authorized Outlet Training Content.		51.00	1.00	51.00	2.00	102.00
248.10(b),(c)	Authorized Outlet Agreements		51.00	1.00	51.00	2.00	102.00
248.10(b)(5)	Maintenance of Disqualification and Sanction Records.		51.00	1.00	51.00	0.17	8.52
248.10(e)(2),(3); 248.17(c)(1)(i)	Monitoring and Review of Authorized Outlets.		51.00	38.43	1,959.70	0.50	979.85
248.10(e)(4); 248.17(c)(1)(ii)	Monitoring/Review of Local Agencies.		51.00	10.76	549.00	0.50	274.50
248.11(c)	Record of Financial Expenditures.	FNS-683B	51.00	1.00	51.00	2.00	102.00
248.16(a)	Fair Hearings		51.00	1.00	51.00	1.00	51.00
248.17(a)	Maintenance of Management Evaluations.		51.00	1.00	51.00	2.00	102.00
248.23(a)	Record of Program Operations		51.00	1.00	51.00	40.00	2,040.00
GRAND SUBTOTAL: RECORDKEEPING.			51.00	26,150.25	1,333,662.70	0.25	336,456.88
GRAND TOTAL: REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING.			1,351,492.00	3.07	4,148,624.81	0.28	1,175,579.83

Note: FNS-683B, OMB Control Number: 0584-0594 Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS), Expiration Date: 09/30/2026.

SUMMARY TABLE

	Estimated number respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours (col. D × E)
Total Reporting Burden	1,351,492.00	2.08	2,814,962.11	0.30	839,122.95

SUMMARY TABLE—Continued

	Estimated number respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours (col. D × E)
Total Recordkeeping Burden	51.00	26,150.25	1,333,662.70	0.25	336,456.88
TOTAL BURDEN FOR #0584-0447	1,351,492.00	3.07	4,148,624.81	0.28	1,175,579.83

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The Council is authorized under the National Trails System Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters relating to the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail as described in the Act.

DATES: Two virtual half-day meetings will be held on January 16, 2024, and January 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. each day, Pacific Standard Time (PST).

Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PST on January 9, 2024. Written public comments will be accepted up to 11:59 p.m. PST on January 9, 2024. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Council may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All council meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meetings prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held virtually via the Zoom app or the internet using the link posted on the Pacific Northwest Trail Advisory Council Meetings web page: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-together/advisory-committees/?cid=fseprd505622)

[together/advisory-committees/?cid=fseprd505622](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-together/advisory-committees/?cid=fseprd505622), and the public may also join virtually via the Zoom app or the internet using the same link. Council information and meeting details can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-together/advisory-committees/?cid=fseprd505622> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov or via mail (i.e., postmarked) to Jeffrey Kitchens, 1220 Southwest Third Avenue, Suite 1700, Portland, Oregon 97204. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically.

Oral Comments: Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PST, January 9, 2024, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov or via mail (i.e., postmarked) to Jeffrey Kitchens, 1220 Southwest Third Avenue, Suite 1700, Portland, Oregon 97204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Kitchens, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 458-899-6185 or by email at jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meetings is to:

1. Approve meeting minutes;
2. Discuss implementation of the comprehensive plan for the Pacific Northwest Trail; and
3. Discuss and identify future Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council activity;

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 14 days after the meeting date listed under **DATES**.

Please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, by or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. All comments,

including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

Meeting Accommodations: The meeting location is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the Council. To ensure that the recommendations of the Council have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: November 30, 2023.

Cikena Reid,
USDA Committee Management Officer.

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