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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, and the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board. The Board will meet to continue to determine its advice and recommendations on the top priorities and policies for food and agricultural research, education, extension, and economics; discuss progress on their ‘Relevance and Adequacy’ evaluation of USDA’s precision nutrition efforts; and visit the North Carolina Agriculture and Technology (A&T) University Center for Post Harvest Technologies and the North Carolina Food Innovation Lab.

DATES: The NAREEE Advisory Board will meet in person June 3–4, 2024. The date and times the meeting is open to the public on June 3, 2024, is from 8:30–11:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. EDT. The time for public oral comments is 5:30 p.m.–5:45 p.m. EDT. The meeting is not open to the public from 11:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m. for administrative purposes.

The date and times that the meeting is open to the public on June 4, 2024, is from 8:30–noon EDT. The time for public oral comments is 11:45 a.m.–noon EDT. The meeting is not open to the public from noon–3:00 p.m. EDT for administrative purposes.

Public Participation/Oral Comments: Interested individuals may participate in-person or virtually. To attend the meeting via Zoom and/or make oral comments, you must contact Ms. Michele Simmons at email: nareee@usda.gov at least five business days prior to the meeting (no later than May 27, 2024).

Written Comments: The public may file written comments no later than May 27, 2024. Written comments from the public may be submitted via email at nareee@usda.gov to the attention of Ms. Michele Simmons. Public written comments will be considered by the NAREEE Advisory Board at the meeting. All written public comments will be available for review at the meeting. Duplicate comments from multiple individuals will appear as one comment, with a notation that multiple copies of the comment were received. The comments will be maintained in the public record of the federal advisory committee at USDA. Please visit <https://nareeeab.ree.usda.gov> to learn more about the agenda for or reports resulting from this meeting.

All statements will become a part of the official record of the NAREEE Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the NAREEE Advisory Board’s Office. Written comments by attendees and other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the Board meeting (no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on Wednesday, June 19, 2024).

ADDRESSES: *Meeting Location:* The Board meeting will take place North Carolina Research Campus; Core Laboratory Building (Events Room); 150 Research Campus Drive, Kannapolis, NC 28081.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kate Lewis, Executive Director/ Designated Federal Official, or Ms. Michele Simmons, Program Support Coordinator, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; telephone: (202) 579–6610 or email: nareee@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 10, Section 1408 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3123), and

the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board.

Purpose of the meeting: The Board will meet to continue to determine its advice and recommendations on the top priorities and policies for food and agricultural research, education, extension, and economics; discuss progress on their ‘Relevance and Adequacy’ evaluation of USDA’s precision nutrition efforts; and visit the North Carolina Agriculture and Technology (A&T) University Center for Post Harvest Technologies and the North Carolina Food Innovation Lab.

An agenda for this two-day meeting may be received by sending an email to the attention of Ms. Michele Simmons at nareee@usda.gov.

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Dated: May 6, 2024.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Repayment Demand and Program Disqualification

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

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 currently approved information collection requirements associated with initiating collection actions against individuals/households (I/HH) who have received an overissuance in SNAP.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 9, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Maribelle Balbes, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be submitted via email to snapsab@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 Jennifer Ragan at snapsab@usda.gov, 703–457–6786.

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 Repayment Demand and Program Disqualification.

Form Number: N/A.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0492.

Expiration Date: 07/31/2024.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 13(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2022(b)), and SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.18 require State agencies to initiate collection action against I/HH that have been overissued benefits. To initiate collection action, State agencies must provide an affected I/HH with written notification informing the I/HH of the claim and demanding repayment. This process is automated in most State agencies.

SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.16(e)(3) require State agencies to investigate any case of suspected fraud and, where applicable, make an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) determination either administratively or judicially. Notifications and activities involved in the IPV process include:

- The State agency providing written notification informing an individual suspected of committing an IPV of an impending administrative disqualification hearing or court action;
- An individual opting to accept the disqualification and waiving the right to an administrative disqualification hearing or court action by signing either a waiver to an administrative disqualification hearing or a disqualification consent agreement in cases of deferred adjudication and returning it to the State agency; and
- Once a determination is made regarding an IPV, the State agency sending notification to the affected individual of the action taken on the administrative disqualification hearing or court decision.

SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.16 require State agencies to use disqualified recipient data to ascertain the correct penalty for IPVs, based on prior disqualifications. State agencies

determine this by accessing and reviewing records located in the Electronic Disqualified Recipient System (eDRS). eDRS is an automated system developed by the Food and Nutrition Service that contains records of disqualifications in every State. State agencies are also responsible for updating the system, as required at 7 CFR 237.16, which includes reporting disqualifications in eDRS as they occur and updating eDRS when records are no longer accurate, relevant, or complete.

This information collection covers activities associated with initiating overissuance collections and IPV determinations. The burden associated with reporting collections and other claims management information on the FNS–209 form is covered under the Food Program Reporting System, OMB control number 0584–0594, expiration date 09/30/2026. The burden associated with referring delinquent claims and receiving collections through the Treasury Offset Program is covered under currently approved OMB control number 0584–0446, expiration date 09/30/2025.

Summary of Estimated Burden

The burden consists of two major components: the initiation of overissuance collections and actions associated with IPV determinations. As an exception, due to the variances in data associated with implementing COVID flexibilities during the Public Health Emergency, a 3-year average for fiscal years 2021–2023 has been used to compare against the currently approved burden. The estimated total 3-year average annual burden for this collection is 99,786.9643 hours (69,343.3710 State agency reporting hours + 14,910.3556 I/HH reporting hours + 15,533.2377 State agency recordkeeping hours). The net aggregate change to this collection is a decrease of 35,739.02 total burden hours from the currently approved burden of 135,525.9843 hours. The estimated total annual responses for this collection is 1,498,759.9962 responses (547,029.3333 State agency reporting total annual response + 486,663.6667 I/HH reporting total annual responses + 465,066.9962 State agency recordkeeping total annual records). The burden hours associated with overissuance collection initiation and IPV activity have decreased due to a decrease in the number of claims established and the number of States initiating IPV activity against SNAP I/HH over the last 3 fiscal years (2021–2023).