

State	Valid ballots
Nebraska	4
Nevada	0
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	0
New Mexico	0
New York	0
North Carolina	0
North Dakota	2
Ohio	14
Oklahoma	0
Oregon	0
Pennsylvania	2
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	0
South Dakota	12
Tennessee	0
Texas	1
Utah	0
Vermont	0
Virginia	0
Washington	0
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	5
Wyoming	0

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 6301–6311.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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USDA Farmers Market Application; Notice of Request for an Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service,
USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension and revision of the currently approved information collection for USDA Farmers Market Application.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 2, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at <https://www.regulations.gov> or mailed to ToiAyna Thompson, Market Manager, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400

Independence Avenue SW, Room 1097 South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Comments should reference the document number and the date and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments will be available for public inspection in person at USDA–AMS, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Marketing Services Division, Room 4523–South Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, (except official Federal holidays) or can be viewed at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Persons wanting to visit the USDA South Building to view comments received are requested to make an appointment in advance by calling (202) 690–1300. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at <https://www.regulations.gov> and will be included in the record and made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be made public. Comments may be submitted anonymously.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ToiAyna Thompson, Market Manager, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 1097 South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone 202–7450–7691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Farmers Market Application.

OMB Number: 0581–0229.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2024.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct, assist, and foster research, investigation, and experimentation to determine the best methods of processing, preparation for market packaging, handling, transporting, distributing, and marketing agricultural products, 7 U.S.C. 1622(a). Moreover, 7 U.S.C. 1622(f) directs and authorizes the Secretary to conduct and cooperate in consumer education for more effective utilization and greater consumption of agricultural products. In addition, 7 U.S.C. 1622(n) authorizes the Secretary to conduct services and to perform activities that will facilitate the

marketing and utilization of agricultural products through commercial channels.

On December 23, 2005, the AMS published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 76129) to implement established regulations and procedures under 7 CFR part 170 for AMS to operate the USDA Farmers Market, specify vendor criteria and selection procedures, and define guidelines to be used for governing the USDA Farmers Market. In conjunction, the USDA Farmers Market Application was developed to receive information from farmers and small business owners who are interested in participating in the market. Prospective vendors fill out the Application online once per year. Copies of this one-time yearly application form to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farmers Market may be obtained by calling the AMS Transportation and Marketing Program contact listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section or visiting <https://www.usda.gov/farmersmarket>.

The information collected on the Application allows AMS the means to review and select participants for the annual market season. The type of information requested on the Application includes: (1) Certification the applicant is the owner or representative of the farm or business; (2) applicant contact information including name(s), address, phone number, and email address; (3) farm or business location; (4) types of products grown or to be sold; (5) business practices and direct sourcing relationships with local farmers, ranchers and growers; (6) weekly sales data; (7) insurance coverage; and (8) all applicable food safety documents. Vendors selected to the market provide a signed copy of the Participant Agreement, which states that the vendor has read, understands and agrees to adhere to all applicable rules and guidelines as outlined in the USDA Farmers Market Rules, Procedures, and Operating Guidelines. Sales Data is collected from vendors weekly. This information is useful in letting AMS know how well the market and vendors are doing overall.

We collect sales data at the beginning of every market day from the previous week. This is collected on an Excel spreadsheet that is stored by market manager. It then gets documented in a shared office file, that tracks the sales all season. Collecting sales gives us feedback as to how each vendor did each week and the success of the market each year. We use these numbers to determine the success of the market, the marketing strategies of each vendor, and uniqueness of each product. It is also

noted with a quick snapshot of the weather for each corresponding day, to determine if the sales were affected by extreme rain, heat, or any other natural disaster that would deter marketgoers from visiting and purchasing from the vendors.

The USDA Farmers Market Customer Satisfaction Questionnaire and the VegUcation Questionnaire will be combined into one survey and submitted under 0581–0269 Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery. The purpose of this survey is to learn who our customers are and what their preferences are in order to improve the USDA Farmers Market. The VegUcation classes take place weekly at the USDA Farmers Market and are free for anyone to attend and are taught by USDA subject matter experts. The purpose is to learn how familiar attendees are with the featured fruit or vegetable, if they found the class valuable, and if their attendance affected their market purchases. The Vendor Satisfaction Survey is used to determine the success of the market from the participating vendors for each season.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to be 7 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farmers and/or small business owners.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 68.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1,764.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 25.98.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 201.12 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The information collected is used only by authorized employees of the USDA, AMS. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Inspector General

Succession, Delegations of Authority, and Signature Authorities

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On August 1, 2024, pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 and the Inspector General (IG) Act of 1978, as amended, USDAIG Phyllis K. Fong issued IG–1313, Change 9, Succession, Delegations of Authority, and Signature Authorities. This directive supersedes IG–1313, Change 8, dated November 8, 2016, as amended by Assistant Inspector General (AIG) Bulletin C–20–001–1313, dated June 24, 2020; and all previous delegations to the extent that they are inconsistent with this publication. This publication supersedes the USDA OIG's prior notice of succession order.

DATES: The revised directive referenced in this notice was issued on August 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christy A. Slamowitz, Counsel to the IG, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 441–E, Washington, DC 20250–2308, Telephone: (202) 720–9110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA OIG is issuing this notice to publish an updated line of succession and delegations of authority within USDA OIG. This publication supersedes the prior notice of succession order for USDA OIG published at 85 FR 58331 (September 18, 2020). Accordingly, pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 (5 U.S.C. 3345–3349d) and 5 U.S.C. 401–424, the IG has designated the detailed sequence of succession as follows:

I. During any period in which the USDA IG, dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office (“incapacity”), and unless the President shall designate another officer to perform the functions and duties of the position, the Deputy IG, as the designated first assistant to the IG, shall temporarily perform the IG's functions and duties in an acting

capacity, pursuant to and subject to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act (5 U.S.C. 3345–3349d) and 5 U.S.C. 403(h). However, per 5 U.S.C. 3345(b)(1), the Deputy IG does not become the acting IG if, during the 365-day period preceding the IG's incapacity, the Deputy IG served as Deputy IG for less than 90 days and the President has nominated that Deputy IG as the new IG. In the absence of the IG and Deputy IG, the officials designated below, in the order listed, shall become the acting Deputy IG and so shall temporarily perform the functions and duties of the IG. This order may be changed by a delegation in writing by the IG, or by the Deputy IG while acting in the absence of the IG:

1. Assistant IG for Audit (AIG/A);
2. Assistant IG for Investigations (AIG/I);
3. Assistant IG for Analytics and Innovation (AIG/AI);
4. Assistant IG for Management (AIG/M);
5. Counsel to the IG;
6. Deputy Assistant IG for Audit (DAIG/A), by seniority;
7. Deputy Assistant IG for Investigations (DAIG/I);
8. Deputy Assistant IG for Analytics and Innovation (DAIG/AI); and
9. Audit Directors and SACs, alternating, by seniority (*i.e.*, most senior Audit Director, then most senior SAC, then second most senior Audit Director, then second most senior SAC, and so on). For purposes of this paragraph only, the Division Director, Investigations Forensics and Technologies Division, will be counted as a SAC in the order of succession.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the President also may direct an officer or employee (“employee”) of any OIG (including but not limited to USDA's OIG) to perform the functions and duties of USDA's IG temporarily in an acting capacity pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 403(h)(2)(C). However, such officer or employee must have served in a position in an OIG for not less than 90 days during the 365-day period preceding the date of the IG's incapacity, unless the employee is serving as an Inspector General (but not solely as an acting Inspector General). The employee must also have a rate of pay equal to or greater than the GS–15 level prior to their appointment, and have demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations. Finally, in the 30 days prior to the appointment, the president must have given appropriate notice to both Houses