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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the land tortoises program, contact Dr. Michael Carter, Commodity Policy Advisor, Strategy and Policy, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 1221 College Park Drive, Suite 200, Dover, DE 19904; (301) 536-5508; Michael.a.carter@usda.gov. For more information on the information collection reporting process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851-2528 or email APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Interstate Movement of Certain Land Tortoises.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0156.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the dissemination of animal diseases and pests within the United States.

Currently, 9 CFR part 74 restricts the interstate movement of three tortoise species: The leopard tortoise, the African spurred tortoise, and the Bell's hingeback tortoise. APHIS implemented these restrictions in 2001 to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic ticks known to be vectors of heartwater disease, an acute, infectious disease of cattle and other ruminants.

Leopard, African spurred, and hingeback tortoises can be moved interstate for sale, health care, adoption, or export to another country only if they

are accompanied by a health certificate (also known as a certificate of veterinary inspection). The health certificate must be signed by a Federal or accredited veterinarian and must state that the tortoises have been examined by that veterinarian and found free of ticks within 30 days prior to movement.

Animal owners may use one of several different types of health certificates that are issued at the State level. All documents request the same data. Any may be used and submitted to APHIS.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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;

- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Accredited veterinarians, business owners, individuals.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 50.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 5.

Estimated annual number of responses: 250.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 375 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of January 2026.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: OMB Generic Clearance for the Annual Survey of School Food Authorities

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (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 data collection is based on the currently approved *2023 Pulse Survey: Operational Challenges in Child Nutrition Program*, OMB Control No. 0584-0689, expiration date 12/31/2026. This revised collection will be renamed the *OMB Generic Clearance for the Annual Survey of School Food Authorities* and will be reclassified as a generic clearance to more accurately reflect the process under which FNS has submitted and OIRA has cleared revised annual School Food Authority (SFA) survey instruments. The studies encompassed under this information collection will collect data from SFAs administering the Child Nutrition Programs, including information on emerging and ongoing challenges, their impacts on operations and student participation, and strategies SFAs are undertaking to address challenges they face.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Conor McGovern, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Pl., 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be submitted via email to Conor.McGovern@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 Conor McGovern at Conor.McGovern@usda.gov or (703) 457-7740.

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: OMB Generic Clearance for the Annual Survey of School Food Authorities.

Form Number: N/A.

OMB Number: 0584-0689.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2026.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: FNS administers the Child Nutrition (CN) Programs in partnership with States, local SFAs, other program sponsors, and local program operators. Section 28(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act authorizes the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary to conduct annual national performance assessments of the school meal programs and requires States and local entities participating in the programs to cooperate with program research and evaluations.

This information collection request is for a revision of the currently approved collection. The FNS requests a generic clearance to collect annual data on emerging school food service operational challenges, including but not limited to food costs, procurement challenges, labor shortages, changes to nutrition standards, and/or related issues in SY 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and SY 2028-2029. Access to a timely and reliable source of data on these topics will allow FNS to provide the best possible support to SFAs facing continued food service operations challenges and enable FNS to respond more quickly and effectively to potential disruptions in the future.

To administer the survey each year, FNS will first contact state agencies administering the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to obtain current lists of SFA Directors or another appropriate point of contact (the OMB control number for the collection of contact information for sampling frames is 0584-0613, FNS Quick Response Surveys, expiration 06/30/2027). The list will be used to conduct a census. FNS will provide state agencies with a template email to send to SFA Directors in their respective States to provide information regarding the survey and express support for the data collection. FNS will then email the survey to respondents via a web-based survey platform such as Qualtrics. The survey instrument will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Survey administration will be similar to the methods used for the SFA Surveys on School Food Supply Chain Disruption and Student Participation in SY 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 which were previously cleared under OMB control number 0584-0689, expiration date 12/31/2026. This proposed renewal more accurately reflects the use of the ICR to date by limiting data collection to SFAs and reclassifying it as a generic clearance rather than requesting annual changes through a change memorandum under the clearance process for the current information collection for SFA surveys.

Under the currently approved information collection, methods consisted of a web survey of all SFAs nationwide operating Child Nutrition Programs in schools during a given school year. The most recent collection for the 2024-2025 school year was distributed to 18,531 SFAs based on contact information collected from the 56 CN agencies that administer CN Programs at the state level in the 50 States, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

FNS is proposing to use a generic ICR for this data collection because we make small annual changes to the survey instrument each year to reflect lessons learned from previous surveys, as well as collect new information unique to the collection period. Under the current information collection, this has been handled through annual change memoranda, but the generic clearance process is more appropriate for handling these sorts of changes on an annual basis. Therefore, this generic clearance enables FNS to better meet the goals of Executive Order 14058, *Transforming Federal Customer Experience and Service Delivery to Rebuild Trust in*

Government, by allowing FNS to expeditiously gather information from program operators to improve and refine customer experience and service delivery.

Affected Public: State/local governments and private, not-for-profit businesses: Respondent groups identified include: (1) State agencies administering the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, and (2) SFA Directors from all 50 States, 5 territories, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents per year is 18,692. This includes (1) 56 State Agency Directors; and (2) 18,636 SFA Directors. Consistent with past approaches, new survey questions will engage nine pretest participants representative of SFA Directors (government and private, not-for-profit business).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: State Agency Director respondents will be asked to provide a current list of SFAs operating Child Nutrition Programs, as needed, and distribute a survey support email to these respondent groups annually (three times total, in SY 2025-2026, SY 2027-2028, and SY 2028-2029). SFAs will be asked to complete the web survey once per year.

In the event of non-response, survey respondents will receive follow-up email correspondence and will be provided contact information for FNS survey support as needed. Based on the prior three years of data collection, FNS estimates that about 65 percent of Directors of private SFAs will complete the survey and 72 percent of Directors of public SFAs will complete the survey each year. Using the most recent data from SY 2024-2025 where 84 percent of SFAs were public, FNS estimates that 11,271 of 15,654 public SFAs will complete the survey and 1,938 of 2,982 private SFAs will complete the survey.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 37,328, including non-respondents. We expect that 26,474 of these will be responsive.

Estimated Time per Response: The average time for all responses is about 9.6 minutes (0.16 hours). Response time ranges from a little over one minute (0.02 hours) for non-responsive contacts to 20 minutes (0.33 hours) to respond to the full survey instrument.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,406.3 hours. See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

Respondent Type	Respondent	Type of instrument	Sample Size	Responsive				Non-Responsive				All Total Annual hour burden		
				Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total Annual responses	Hours per response	Annual burden (hours)	Number of non-respondents	Frequency of response	Total Annual responses			
State/local government	State agency	Survey support email	56	56	1	56	0.17	9.5	-	1	-	0.02		
	SFA Director	Recruitment email	15,654	11,271	1	11,271	0.03	338.1	4,383	1	4,383	0.02		
	SFA Director	SFA survey	15,654	11,271	1	11,271	0.33	3,719.4	4,383	1	3,933	0.02		
Business (private SFAs)	SFA Director	Recruitment email	2,982	1,938	1	1,938	0.03	58.1	1,044	1	1,044	0.02		
	SFA Director	SFA survey	2,982	1,938	1	1,938	0.03	64.0	1,044	1	1,044	0.02		
	TOTAL		18,692	13,265	5	26,474	0.16	4,189.2	5,427	5	10,854	0.02	217.1	4,406.3

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection****Activities: Proposed Collection; 60-Day Public Comment Request for the Study Classifying and Measuring Household Food Waste**

AGENCY: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP).

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 new collection for identifying and describing the sources of food waste; identifying and describing how much food waste can be attributed to these different sources in U.S. households overall and by food category; identifying and describing how estimates of food waste attributable to each source, overall and by food category, are associated with household characteristics including household income and per capita food-at-home expenditure; identifying and describing how estimates of food waste attributable to each source, overall and by food category, are associated with adherence to best practices in minimizing household food waste; identifying and describing the minimum level of food waste by source, overall, and by food category, observable in a nationally representative sample of U.S. households; and using information collected from objectives 1–5 to develop updated food waste estimates and a predictive model that estimates the proportion of food waste at the household level for varied household types.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Michael Schwarz, Economist, Nutrition and Economic Analysis Branch, Nutrition Guidance and Analysis Division, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be

submitted via email to michael.schwarz@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 written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday at Braddock Metro Center II, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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 collected should be directed to Michael Schwarz by email at michael.schwarz@usda.gov or by phone at (703) 605–4314.

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: Classifying and Measuring Household Food Waste.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

OMB Number: Not Yet Assigned.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Determined.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Abstract: This is a new information collection request. The Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) outlines costs associated with foods and beverages that can be purchased on a limited budget to support a healthy diet at home; the TFP is the least costly of four nutritionally balanced food plans developed by the USDA. The average monthly TFP food cost estimates for a standard four-person household¹ are used to set maximum monthly benefits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

¹ One adult man aged 20–50, one adult woman aged 20–50, one child aged 9–11 and one child aged 6–8.

Understanding the amount of food wasted at the household level is an integral part of the TFP because even the thriftiest households generate some food loss or waste.² This study aims to provide data-driven estimates of the amount of food waste households create and the minimum level of food waste generated by U.S. households (with a focus on four-person households). This study will use household surveys, digital food waste diaries, wastebin audits, and indepth interviews to update estimates of household food waste and develop a new predictive model to estimate household food waste for the foreseeable future. FNS has identified six objectives for this study: (1) Identify and describe the sources of food waste, (2) identify and describe how much food waste can be attributed to these different sources in the U.S. households overall and by food category, (3) identify and describe how estimates of food waste attributable to each source, overall and by food category, are associated with household characteristics including household income and per capita food-at-home expenditure, (4) identify and describe how estimates of food waste attributable to each source, overall and by food category, are associated with adherence to best practices in minimizing household food waste, (5) identify and describe the minimum level of food waste by source, overall, and by food category, observable in a nationally representative sample of U.S. households, and (6) using information collected from Objectives 1–5, develop food waste estimates and a predictive model to estimate the proportion of food waste at the household level for varied household types.

Affected Public: Members of the public affected by the data collection are individuals who live in the contiguous U.S. and have a USPS mailing address.

Data collection: Recruitment materials will be mailed to 12,600 sampled households inviting them to participate in the data collection. This mailing will direct interested households to an online consent form and pre-screening questions to assess their eligibility to participate. Recruited households may receive up to three reminder mailings and two phone calls. The study team anticipates approximately 8 percent (1,008 households) of the 12,600 households invited to participate will complete the study consent form and pre-screening questions. The study team

² Unavoidable food waste occurs at the household level (though not at the fault of the household) because of supply chain inefficiencies, such as dairy spoiling prematurely because it was not handled properly by retailers (Mercier, et al., 2017).