

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 29, 2010.

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Title: Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Shortage Situation.

OMB Control Number: 0524-0046.

Summary of Collection: In January 2003, the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA) was passed into law adding section 1415A to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1997. This law established a new Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) (7 U.S.C. 3151a) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program of entering into agreements with veterinarians under which they agree to provide veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. The purpose of the program is to assure an adequate supply of trained food animal veterinarians in shortage situations and provide USDA with a pool of veterinary specialists to assist in the control and eradication of animal disease outbreaks.

Need and Use of the Information: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will collect information using the Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination form. Applications for the VMLRP will be accepted from eligible veterinarians who agree to serve in one of the designated shortage situations in exchange for the repayment of the veterinarian's qualifying educational loans. The nomination form includes a series of questions that will need to be answered before the nomination can be submitted to the peer panelists for their review and recommendations.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 60.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting Biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 480.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Untreated Oranges, Tangerines, and Grapefruit from Mexico Transiting the United States to Foreign Countries.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0303.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701–7772), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The Code of Federal Regulations, § 352.30 addresses the movement into or through the United States of untreated oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit from Mexico that transit the United States en route to foreign countries.

Need and Use of the Information: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is taking action to provide additional protection against the possible introduction of fruit flies via untreated oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit from Mexico that transit the United States. Untreated oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit from Mexico transiting the United States for export to another country must be shipped in sealed, refrigerated container and insect-proof packaging. A transportation and exportation permit must be issued by an inspector for shipments of untreated oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit from Mexico. Without the information, APHIS would not be able to allow the movement of untreated citrus to transit the United States to foreign countries.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individual or households.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 13.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program State Agency Options

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, 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 the proposed collection. This collection is an extension without change for the

State Agency Options, Standard Utility Allowance and Self Employment Costs, burden calculations for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 6, 2010.

ADDRESSES: 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 used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Angela Kline, Chief, Certification Policy Branch, Program Development Division, FNS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 812, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Ms. Kline at (703) 305-2486. The Internet address is:

Angela.Kline@FNS.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 FNS during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, 22302, Room 800.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information should be directed to Ms. Kline at (703) 305-2495.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: State Agency Options.

OMB Number: 0584-0496.

Form Number: None.

Expiration Date: 10/31/2010.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This collection is an extension without change for the State

Agency Options, Standard Utility Allowance and Self Employment Costs, burden calculations for SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program. The program's name was changed by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246) (FCEA) on October 1, 2008, to reflect the fact that participants no longer receive stamps or coupons to make food purchases and to emphasize the nutritional aspect of the program. To comply with current law, FNS is using the new program name SNAP in this extension of information collection for OMB No. 0584-0496. It should be noted, however, that the program regulations at 7 CFR parts 271-285 have not yet been revised to reflect the new name.

The SNAP regulations at 7 CFR part 273 contain the requirements for the application, certification and continued eligibility for SNAP benefits. On January 29, 2010, FNS published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 4912), which codified the eligibility and certification provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA). This notice extends the collection burden, which was recently revised and approved by OMB on March 26, 2010, to account for changes required by the final FSRIA rule.

Establishing and reviewing standard utility allowances. The regulations at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(iii) allow State agencies to establish standard utility allowances (SUA) in place of the actual utility costs incurred by a household. Once SUAs are established, State agencies are required to review and adjust SUAs annually to reflect changes in the costs of utilities. Many State agencies already have one or more approved standards, which they update annually. State agencies may use information already available from case files, quality control reviews or other sources and from utility companies. State agencies may make adjustments based on cost-of-living increases. The information will be used to establish standards to be used in place of actual utility costs in the computation of the excess shelter deduction. State agencies are required to submit the amounts of these standards and methodologies used in developing and updating the standards to FNS when they are developed or changed.

Estimates of burden: Currently 52 State agencies have a standard that includes heating or cooling costs and 41 have a standard for utility costs other than heating or cooling. In addition, 51 State agencies have a telephone allowance standard. We estimate a minimum of 2.5 hours annually to make this review and adjustment (2.5 hours × 52 State agencies = 130 hours). Total