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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 7, 2005.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

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Economic Research Service

Title: Food Security Supplement to the Current Population Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0536-0043.

Summary of Collection: The Food Security Supplement is sponsored by the Economic Research Service (ERS) as a research and evaluation activity authorized under Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977. ERS is collaborating with the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and the Bureau of Census to continue this program of research and development. The Food Stamp Program (FSP) is currently the primary source of nutrition assistance for low-income Americans enabling households to improve their diet by increasing their food purchasing power. As the nation's primary public program for ensuring food security and alleviating hunger, USDA needs to regularly monitor these conditions among its target population. This need requires that USDA continue basic data collection, analysis, and evaluation.

Need and Use of the Information: ERS will collect information from the Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement to routinely obtain data from a large, representative national sample in order to develop a measure that can be used to track the prevalence of food insecurity and hunger within the U.S. population, as a whole, and in selected population subgroups, and to continue development and improvement of methods for measuring these conditions. The data collected will partially fulfill the requirements of the Congressionally mandated 10-Year Plan for the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 56,200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 7,155.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Alaska Dairy Fund

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the availability of funds to be applied to accounts of Alaska dairy farmers. As provided by the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (2005 Emergency Supplemental Act) (Pub. L. 109-13) \$1 million made available by section 786 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations (2005 Appropriations Act) (Pub. L. 108-447) may be applied to accounts of Alaska dairy farmers owed to the Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Cumpton, Senior Loan Officer, USDA/FSA/DAFLP/STOP 0523, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0523; telephone (202) 690-4014; facsimile (202) 690-0949; electronic mail: mike.cumpton@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information

Section 751 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), enacted February 20, 2003, authorized loans and grants to expand the State of Alaska's dairy industry and related milk processing and packaging facilities in Fiscal Years 2003 through 2007. Section 786 of the 2005 Appropriations Act enacted December 8, 2004, appropriated \$1 million for that purpose. Section 5104 of the 2005 Emergency Supplemental Act enacted May 11, 2005, authorized the Agency to apply those funds to the accounts of Alaska dairy farmers owed to the Secretary of Agriculture.

This notice announces that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is making \$1 million available to established dairy farms in Alaska currently indebted on FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLP) loans that have been in continuous commercial milk production for at least the last three full calendar years and continued to produce milk to sell