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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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March 11, 2005.

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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 the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators of Federally Restricted Use Pesticides (7 CFR Part 110).

OMB Control Number: 0581-0164.

Summary of Collection: The Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade (FACT) Act of 1990 (Subtitle H, Sec. 1491) mandates the Department of Agriculture (USDA) in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "shall require certified applicators of federally restricted use pesticides to maintain records comparable to records maintained by commercial applicators in each state." In addition, USDA and the Administrator of EPA are required under Section 1491(f) of the FACT Act to survey the records and develop and maintain a data base so USDA and the Administrator of EPA can prepare and publish annual pesticide use reports, copies of which must be transmitted to Congress. Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is charged with administering the Federal Pesticide Recordkeeping Program. AMS requires certified private applicators of federally restricted use pesticides to maintain records of all restricted use pesticide applications for a period of two years.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information using form STD-8, Pesticide for Recordkeeping Inspection. In order to properly administer the Pesticide Recordkeeping Program, AMS needs to monitor and determine to what extent private applicators are complying with the program's requirements and identify the reasons for non/or partial compliance. AMS has the responsibility to assure records are kept to provide information to be utilized by licensed health care professionals for possible medical treatment. In addition, the statute requires USDA to submit annual reports to Congress pertaining to the use of restricted use pesticides in agricultural production.

Description of Respondents: Farm; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 660,148.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,561,209.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Long Term Contracting.

OMB Control Number: 0560-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Long Term Contracting System (LTCS) is a web-based application that streamlines the bid entry and evaluation functions for Long-term, Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quality contracts. The Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) will generally issue invitations for bids to purchase commodities for domestic feeding program on an annual, semi-annual, monthly, or quarterly basis; however, invitations may be issued more frequently depending on various program requirements. Bid offers will be received, evaluated, and awarded within the LTCS.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will be processed through the LTCS bid evaluation program to determine optimal awards. KCCO will analyze the results of the bid evaluation and award contracts to the eligible, responsible and responsive bidders whose offers are most advantageous to USDA in terms of the lowest overall cost. The information is required to procure agricultural commodities for domestic feeding programs. Without the information, KCCO could not meet program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting: quarterly; semi-annually; annually; monthly; on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 80.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Farm Service Agency****Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection "County Committee Elections"**

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and entities on the

extension of a currently approved information collection used in support of the FSA County Committee Elections. The collection of information from FSA Farmers and Ranchers is used to receive nominations from eligible voters for the County Committee.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 16, 2005 to be assured consideration.

Additional Information: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: Kenneth Nagel, Agricultural Program Specialist, Office of the Deputy Administrator for Field Operations, Farm Service Agency, USDA, STOP 0542, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0542, Washington, DC 20250; telephone (202) 720-7890. Copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Kenneth Nagel.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: County Committee Election.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0229.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2005.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number is 0560-0229 is necessary to effectively allow farmer and ranchers to nominate potential candidates for the county committee election in accordance with the requirements at 7 CFR part 7. Specifically, the Agency uses the information annually or if needed through-out the year for special elections to create ballots for county committee elections.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response.

Respondents: Any individual with farming interest in the Local Administrative Area (LAA). (eligible voters)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,100,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 350.

Topics for comment include but are not limited to the following: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether 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 on those who are to

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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.

Signed in Washington, DC on March 8, 2005.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service****Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Income Eligibility Guidelines**

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Whitford, Branch Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, FNS, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2746.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Executive Order 12866**

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.