

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Farm Service Agency****Public Meetings of Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers****AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** We are issuing this notice to advise the public that meetings of the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (Committee) will be held to discuss various beginning farmer issues.

**DATES:** The public meetings will be held July 9–10, 2007. The first meeting, on July 9, 2007, will start at 8 a.m. and end by 5:30 p.m. The second meeting, on July 10, 2007, will begin at 8 a.m. and end by 6 p.m. All times noted are Central Standard Time (CST). See Supplementary Information for oral presentation submission date.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites Des Moines-On the River, 101 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa, (515) 244-1700. Written requests to make oral presentations must be sent to: Mark Falcone, Designated Federal Official for the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522; telephone (202) 720-1632; FAX (202) 690-1117; e-mail: [mark.falcone@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:mark.falcone@wdc.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Falcone at (202) 720-1632.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 5 of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-554) required the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary) to establish the Committee for the purpose of advising the Secretary on the following:

(1) The development of a program of coordinated financial assistance to qualified beginning farmers and ranchers required by section 309(i) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1929). Under the program, Federal and State beginning farmer programs provide financial assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers;

(2) Methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through the program;

(3) Methods of encouraging States to participate in the program;

(4) The administration of the program; and

(5) Other methods of creating new farming or ranching opportunities.

The Committee meets annually and all meetings are open to the public. The duration of the Committee is indefinite. Earlier meetings of the Committee, beginning in 1999, provided an opportunity for members to exchange ideas on ways to increase opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers. Members discussed various issues and drafted numerous recommendations, which were provided to the Secretary.

Agenda items for the July 2007 meetings include:

(1) Discussions concerning provisions of the 2007 Farm Bill legislative proposals to assist beginning farmers and ranchers;

(2) A young farmer panel discussion;

(3) Comments from the Director of Iowa's Beginning Farmer Center;

(4) Status of previous committee recommendations.

Attendance is open to all interested persons but limited to space available. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation should submit a request in writing (letter, fax, or e-mail) to Mark Falcone at the above address. Statements should be received no later than July 5, 2007. Requests should include the name and affiliation of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. The floor will be open to oral presentations beginning at 1:15 p.m. CST on July 9, 2007.

Comments will be limited to 5 minutes, and presenters will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations to attend or participate in the meetings should contact Mark Falcone by July 5, 2007.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 4, 2007.

**Glen L. Keppy,**

*Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Food Safety and Inspection Service**

**[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0015]**

**Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection (Specified Risk Materials)**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to request a revision of an approved information collection concerning the regulatory requirements relating to specified risk materials in cattle to reflect the most recent plant data, which support a finding of more total burden hours.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand- or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S.

Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250.

- Electronic mail:

[fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov).

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulation.gov> and in the "Search for Open Regulations" box, select "Food Safety and Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select FDMS Docket Number FSIS-2007-0015 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

All submissions received by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number. All comments submitted in response to this document, as well as research and background information used by FSIS in developing this document, will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room at the address listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments will also be posted on the Agency's Web site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations\\_&\\_policies/regulations\\_directives\\_&\\_notices/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/regulations_directives_&_notices/index.asp). Individuals who do not wish FSIS to post their personal contact information—mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number—on the Internet may leave the information off their comments.

*For Additional Information:* Contact John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th

Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0345.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Specified Risk Materials.

*OMB Number:* 0583-0129.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 10/31/2007.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an approved information collection.

*Abstract:* FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*). FSIS protects the public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting revision of an approved information collection addressing paperwork requirements specified in the regulations relating to specified risk materials (SRMs) in cattle.

FSIS requires that official establishments that slaughter cattle or process carcasses or parts of cattle develop written procedures for the removal, segregation, and disposition of specified risk materials. The Agency also requires that these establishments maintain daily records to document the implementation and monitoring of their procedures for the removal, segregation, and disposition of SRMs, and any corrective actions that they take, to ensure that the procedures are effective (9 CFR 310.22).

The Agency is revising the SRM information collection based on the most recent plant data, which support a finding of more total burden hours than there are in the approved information collection.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

*Estimate of Burden:* FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of .12 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Official establishments that slaughter cattle or process parts of cattle.

*Estimated No. of Respondents:* 3,512.

*Estimated No. of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 300.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 123,216 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from John O'Connell, Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-5627, (202) 720-0345.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical

utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' 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; and, (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on establishments, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may also be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

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.

**Additional Public Notification**

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that the public and in particular minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it on-line through the FSIS web page located at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2007\\_Notices\\_Index/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2007_Notices_Index/index.asp).

FSIS also will make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service consisting of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals who have requested to be included. The update also is available on the FSIS web page. Through Listserv and the web page FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news\\_and\\_events/email\\_subscription/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/) Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their account.

Done at Washington, DC, on: June 11, 2007.

**David P. Goldman,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. FSIS-2007-0014]

**Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection (Advanced Meat Recovery)**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to request a revision of an approved information collection regarding the regulatory requirements associated with the production of meat from Advanced Meat Recovery systems to reflect its most recent plant data, which support a finding of fewer total burden hours.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand- or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250.

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All submissions received by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number. All comments submitted in response to this document,