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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 13, 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), *Pamela_Beverly_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) 720-8681.

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Agricultural Research Service

Title: ARS Animal Health National Program Assessment Survey Form.

OMB Control Number: 0518-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is charged with extending the Nation's scientific knowledge with research projects in agriculture, human nutrition, food safety, natural resources, the environment, and other topic affecting the Nation. ARS conducts national program assessments every five years. The proposed assessment instrument will enable ARS to ascertain the level of customer and stakeholder satisfaction with the quality, relevance, and performance of its animal health research program. The input received from customers is critical to assess the performance and impact of ARS' research program.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of the survey/questionnaire is to assess the impact that the research program has had in the 2000-2004 national program cycle. The information will be used to assess the performance and impact of the animal health research program and provide input for future modifications as ARS prepares for the next 5-year cycle of research.

Description of Respondents: Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 460.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (1 time survey).

Total Burden Hours: 80.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: 7 CFR Part 1951-L, Servicing Cases Where Unauthorized Loan or Other Assistance was Received.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0160.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) farm loan programs are administered under the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) [Pub. L. 87-128]. Occasionally, FSA encounters cases where unauthorized assistance was received by a borrower. This assistance may be a loan where the recipient did not meet the eligibility requirements set forth in program regulations or where the borrower qualified for loan assistance but the interest rate used was incorrect. The assistance may also be loan servicing

where a borrower received an excessive write down or write-off of their debt. The information collected under the provisions of this regulation is provided on a voluntary basis by the borrower, although failure to cooperate to correct loan accounts may result in liquidation of the account.

Need and Use of the Information: The information to be collected by FSA will primarily be financial data such as amount of income, farm operating expenses, crop yields, etc. The borrower will provide written records or other information to refute FSA's findings when it is determined through audit or by other means that a borrower has received unauthorized financial assistance. If the borrower is unsuccessful in having the FSA change its determination of unauthorized assistance, the borrower may appeal the FSA decision. Otherwise, the unauthorized loan recipient may pay the loan in full, apply for a loan under a different program, convey the loan security to the government, enter into an accelerated repayment agreement, or sell the security in lieu of forced liquidation.

Description of Respondents: Farms; individuals or household; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; on occasion; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 800.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Nutrition Education Systems Review.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collections: The Food Stamp Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 88-525, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 2011) authorized the Food Stamp Act. Under implementing Food Stamp Program (FSP) Regulations (7 CFR 272.2) state FSP agencies have the option to include nutrition education for program participants as part of their administrative operations. The states must submit an annual nutrition education plan to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for approval; FNS then reimburses states 50 percent of the allowable expenses for nutrition education.

Need and Use of the Information: The Food and Nutrition Service will conduct a descriptive study to develop a more in-depth understanding of the Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) infrastructure, policy choices, operations, and decision-making. The last descriptive study of FSNE operations was conducted in fiscal year 1997. Since that time, several factors have converged making it critical for FNS to obtain more current information. First the scale of FSNE has grown rapidly. Second there is growing Agency and public interest in improving the diets and reducing the prevalence of overweight and obesity. Finally, FNS has limited information on the states

use of new approaches to nutrition education.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,110.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; other (one time).

Total Burden Hours: 1,730.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03-080-5]

RIN 0579-AB73

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal Risk Regions and Importation of Commodities; Availability of an Environmental Assessment With Corrections and Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is making available a corrected version of an environmental assessment relative to a final rule that was published in the January 4, 2005, issue of the **Federal Register**. We are making the corrected version of the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment through February 17, 2005.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before February 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **EDOCKET:** Go to <http://www.epa.gov/feddoCKET> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once you have entered EDOCKET, click on the "View Open APHIS Dockets" link to locate this document.

- **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. 03-080-5, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD,