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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 59

[Docket No. AMS-LS-07-0106; LS-07-01]

RIN 0581-AC67

Livestock Mandatory Reporting; Reestablishment and Revision of the Reporting Regulation for Swine, Cattle, Lamb, and Boxed Beef

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period on the reestablishment and revision of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting (LMR) program is extended until September 24, 2007.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 24, 2007, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this proposal. Comments can be submitted on the Internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Written comments can be sent to Warren P. Preston, Chief, Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, Docket No. LS-07-01, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2619-S, Washington, DC 20250-0252, or by facsimile to (202) 690-3732. All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue. All comments will be available for public inspection at the above location, or on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments that specifically pertain to the information collection and recordkeeping requirements of this action should also be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 725, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Warren P. Preston, Chief, Livestock and Grain Market News Branch at (202) 720-6231, fax (202) 690-3732, or e-mail Warren.Preston@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 2, 2001, AMS implemented the LMR program as required by the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 (1999 Act). The statutory authority for the program lapsed on Sept. 30, 2005. In October 2006, Congress enacted legislation to reauthorize the 1999 Act through Sept. 30, 2010 (Reauthorization Act), and to amend the swine reporting requirements of the 1999 Act.

As such, a proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on August 8, 2007, (72 FR 44671) to re-establish the regulatory authority for the program's continued operation and incorporate the swine reporting changes contained within the Reauthorization Act. In addition, the rule proposed changes to the LMR program that seek to enhance the program's overall effectiveness and efficiency based on AMS' experience in the administration of the program over the past six years.

The comment period was originally scheduled to end on September 7, 2007. However, several industry organizations have requested additional time to provide more thorough comments. AMS believes it is beneficial to extend the comment period until September 5, 2007, in order to receive input from all interested parties.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*

Dated: September 5, 2007.

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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 983

[Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0095; FV07-983-2 PR]

Pistachios Grown in California; Change in Reporting Requirements and New Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This rule invites comments on changes to the reporting requirements established under the California pistachio marketing order (order). The order regulates the handling of pistachios grown in California and is administered locally by the Administrative Committee for Pistachios (committee). These changes would modify one existing committee form and add a new form to a currently-approved information collection. The information collected would require handlers to report production and producer data, enabling the committee to obtain better information for preparing its annual marketing policy statement and conducting committee nominations and periodic referenda under the marketing order for California pistachios. This proposal announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request revisions to a currently-approved information collection issued under the order. These changes are intended to enhance the efficient operation of the program.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 6, 2007. Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, comments on the information collection burden that would result from this proposal must be received by November 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237; Fax: (202) 720-8938; or Internet: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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