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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 1, 1996.

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 these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Ag Box 7630, Washington, D.C. 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

Agricultural Marketing Service

- *Title:* Plan for Estimating Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection.

Summary: Market news reports are intended to provide both buyers and sellers with information necessary for making informative marketing decisions. The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information for the purpose of anticipation and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income to bring about a balance between production and utilization.

Need and Use of the Information: The livestock and meat industry requested that USDA issue slaughter estimates by species in order to assist them in making immediate production and marketing decisions and as a guide to the volume of meat in the market channel.

Description of Respondents: Individual or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondent: 77.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Daily.

Total Burden Hours: 334.

Agricultural Marketing Service

- *Title:* Grain Market News Reports and Molasses Market News.
Summary: Grain and molasses information collections are published in market news reports, which are compiled in cooperation with the grain and feed industry and the Agricultural Marketing Service. Market news reports provide a timely exchange of accurate and unbiased information on current marketing conditions affecting trade in livestock, meats, grain, and wool.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is used to prepare market news reports. Market news reports provide buyers and sellers with the information necessary for making marketing decisions on buying and selling. Comparing prices to determine best locations for product sales; and to evaluate market conditions and calculate pricing levels.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 160.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion, Weekly, Monthly.
Total Burden Hours: 286.

Agricultural Marketing Service

- *Title:* Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin, Marketing Order No. 930.

Summary: The Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service has issued a recommended decision proposing Marketing Order No. 930. The Act authorizes tart cherry producers and processors of canned and frozen tart cherries to vote in a referendum to indicate whether they approve or disapprove the proposal.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to establish a marketing order for tart cherries. The information will be used to determine voter eligibility, ascertain support for the proposed marketing order,

determine eligibility for nomination to serve as producer and handler members on the Board.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,678.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 373.
Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by March 15, 1996.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

- *Title:* Milk and Milk Products.
Summary: This information collection provides data to estimate total milk production, number of cows, amounts and value of feed fed to milk cows, and production of manufactured dairy products.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection produces statistics that are used to establish monthly estimates of stock, shipments, and selling prices. The information is used in price support programs for milk and to appraise supplies, prices, and trends in the dairy industry.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 44,448
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly, Monthly, Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 19,066

National Agricultural Statistics Service

- *Title:* Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

Summary: This information collection provides data to prepare estimates of production disposition, and income derived from eggs, chicken, and turkeys.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used by the USDA economists and government policy makers to ensure the orderly marketing of broilers, making decisions in government purchases for school lunch program, and formulating export-import policy.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 7,097.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly, Weekly, Monthly, Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 4,032.

Farm Service Agency

- *Title:* Conservation Reserve Program Regulations, 7 CFR 704-Addendum 2.

Summary: This information collection implements the early release provisions

where conservation reserve program participants are provided an opportunity to request and receive early release from contracts or to reduce the amount of acreage subject to the contracts without penalty.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection reflects program policy changes made to improve administration of the early release provision in the conservation reserve program.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Farms.
Number of Respondents: 10,000.
Frequency of Responses: One-time.
Total Burden Hours: 5,000
Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by March 15, 1996.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-003-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of regulations and standards issued under the Animal Welfare Act for guinea pigs, hamsters, and rabbits.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 6, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-003-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-003-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and

4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Persons wishing to inspect comments and notices are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations and standards for guinea pigs, hamsters, and rabbits, 9 CFR, part 3, subparts B and C, contact Mr. Stephen Smith, Animal Care Staff Officer, Regulatory Enforcement and Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-7833, or e-mail: SNSmith@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of the proposed collection of information, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS—Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Animal Welfare.

OMB Number: 0579-0092.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1996.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Regulations and standards have been promulgated under the Animal Welfare Act (the Act) to promote and ensure the humane care and treatment of regulated animals under the Act. Title 9, part 3, subparts B and C, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) address specific care and handling regulations for guinea pigs, hamsters, and rabbits. Enforcement of the Act and regulations require documentation of specified information concerning the transportation of these animals.

The regulations for transporting guinea pigs, hamsters, and rabbits require intermediate handlers and carriers to only accept shipping enclosures that meet the minimum requirements set forth in the regulations (§ 3.36) or are accompanied by documentation signed by the consignor verifying that the shipping enclosures comply with the regulations. If guinea pigs, hamsters, and rabbits are transported in cargo space that falls below 45 °F (7.2 °C), the regulations specify that the animals must be accompanied by a certificate of acclimation signed by a U.S. Department of Agriculture accredited veterinarian.

In addition, all shipping enclosures must be marked "Live Animals" and have arrows indicating the correct upright position of the container. Intermediate handlers and carriers are required to attempt to contact the consignee at least once every 6 hours upon the arrival of any live animals.

Documentation of these attempts must be recorded by the intermediate handlers and carriers and maintained for inspection by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) personnel.

The above reporting and recordkeeping requirements do not mandate the use of any official government form.

The burden generated by APHIS requirements that all shipping documents be attached to the container has been cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB No. 0579-0036.

The reporting and recording requirements of 9 CFR, part 3, subparts B & C, are necessary to enforce regulations intended to ensure the humane treatment of guinea pigs, hamsters, and rabbits during transportation in commerce.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .125 hours per response.

Respondents: Intermediate handlers, carriers, "A" and "B" dealers (as consignors), USDA accredited veterinarians.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1470.

Estimated Numbers of Responses per Respondent: 1.408.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 260 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.