

Agricultural Marketing Service**[Docket No. FV96-930-1NC]****Notice of Request To Approve an Information Collection****AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. Chapter 35], this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an information collection for a proposed marketing order for tart cherries. Information collection approval is necessary at this time since tart cherry growers and handlers who are nominated to serve as representatives on the Cherry Industry Administrative Board (Board) would need to file nomination forms and background acceptance statements with the Secretary of Agriculture. The proposed marketing order includes Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin, Marketing Order No. 930.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 26, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Teresa L. Hutchinson, Marketing Specialist, Northwest Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1220 SW Third Avenue, Room 369, Portland OR 97204, Tel: (503) 326-2724, Fax (503) 326-7440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

OMB Number: 0581-0177.

Expiration Date of Approval: 3 years from date of approval.

Type of Request: Approval of the collection of information under a new proposed marketing order for tart cherries.

Abstract: Marketing order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables and specialty crops, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and adequate returns to producers. Under the Agricultural

Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 [7 U.S.C. 601-674], (AMAA), as amended, industries enter into marketing order programs. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee the orders' operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from each commodity industry.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMAA, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the proposed tart cherry marketing order program.

If an order is implemented, the Board would have to be established. The Board is the organization responsible for local administration of the marketing order. This would entail individuals that are nominated to complete qualification statements to ensure such person is qualified to serve on the Board.

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Division regional and headquarter's staff, and authorized employees of the Board. AMS is the primary user of the information and authorized committee employees are the secondary user.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.2602 hours per response.

Respondents: Tart cherry producers and for-profit businesses handling fresh and processed tart cherries produced in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,678.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 0.854.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 373 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the functioning of the proposed tart cherry marketing order program and USDA's oversight of that program; (2) the accuracy of the collection burden estimate and the validity of methodology and assumptions used in estimating the burden on respondents; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information requested; and (4) ways to minimize the burden, including use of automated or electronic technologies.

Send comments to: Teresa L. Hutchinson, Northwest Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1220 SW

Third Avenue, Room 369, Portland OR 97204. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

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.

Dated: September 23, 1996.

Robert C. Keeney,

Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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[Docket No. FV96-923-1 NC]**Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington, Marketing Order No. 923, and Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and Umatilla County, Oregon, Marketing Order No. 924.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 26, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Washington Sweet Cherries

Title: Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington, Marketing Order No. 923.

OMB Number: 0581-0133.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1997.

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

Washington-Oregon Prunes

Title: Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and Umatilla County, Oregon, Marketing Order No. 924.