

collect information using form FS 3100-8.

Need and Use of the Information: FS will collect information to determine if the Cooperative Fire Program funds provided to the State and local fire fighting agencies have been used by State and local agencies to improve their fire suppression capabilities. The information collected will be shared with the public about the importance of the State and Private Cooperative Fire Program. Without the information the program could not be monitored for effectiveness and efficiency.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 25.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Marketing Agreement No. 146, Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts (7 CFR part 998).

OMB Control Number: 0581-0067.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), through the authorities emanating from the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and Marketing Agreement No. 146 (covering peanuts grown in the U.S.), regulates certain agricultural commodities for the purpose of providing orderly marketing conditions in interstate commerce and improving returns to producers. The required information relating to peanut supplies, shipments, inspection disposition, and other inventory information is collected through the use of standardized forms and written letters.

Need and Use of the Information: The Peanut Administrative Committee administers the program and has developed the necessary forms required to file information relating to peanut supplies, shipments, dispositions, and other information. The Committee periodically reviews reports and forms so only the minimum information necessary is collected to effectively carry out the requirements of the Agreement. Only authorized representatives of USDA and employees of the Committee use the information collected. Much of the information is compiled in aggregate and provided to the industry to assist in marketing decisions. If the information were collected less frequently, it would eliminate the data needed to keep the domestic peanut industry and Secretary abreast of changes at the State and local level.

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

Number of Respondents: 25.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion, monthly, annually.

Total Burden Hours: 107.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for 7 CFR, Part 29.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0056.

Summary of Collection: The Tobacco Inspection Act (U.S.C. 511) requires: (1) That all tobacco sold at designated auction markets in the U.S. be inspected and graded; (2) for the establishment and maintenance of tobacco standards for U.S. grown types; (3) for the collection and dissemination of market news; and (4) for provisions to be made for interested parties to request inspection and grading services on an "as needed" basis. The Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act, 1983 (Pub. L. 98-198) gives authorization to the Secretary to inspect all tobacco offered for importation into the United States for grade and quality except cigar and oriental tobacco which must be certified by the importer as to kind and type and in the case of cigar tobacco which will be used solely in the manufacture or production of cigars. Also, the Secretary has the authority to fix and collect fees from the importers to cover the cost of inspection.

Need and Use of the Information: Various forms are used for the inspection and certification processes. The primary sources of data used to complete the forms are used in all business transactions. If the information were collected less frequently, it would eliminate data needed to keep the tobacco industry and the Secretary abreast of changes.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 645.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 13,504.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Export Fruit Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0143.

Summary of Collection: Fresh apples and grapes grown in the United States shipped to any foreign destination must meet minimum quality and other requirements established by regulations issued under the Export Apple Act (7 CFR Part 33) and the Export Grape and Plum Act (7 CFR Part 35). These Acts were designed to promote the foreign trade of the United States in apples, grapes and plums; to protect the reputation of these American-grown commodities; and to prevent deception or misrepresentation of the quality of such products moving in foreign

commerce. The regulation issued under the Export Grape and Plum Act (7 CFR Part 35) cover fresh grapes grown in the United States and shipped to foreign destinations, except Canada and Mexico.

Need and Use of the Information: Persons who ship fresh apples and grapes grown in the U.S. to foreign destinations must have such shipments inspected and certified by Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service (FSIS) inspectors. The Agriculture Marketing Service administers the FSIS. Official FSIS inspection certificates and phytosanitary certificates issued by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service provide the needed information for USDA. Export carriers are required to keep on file for three years copies of inspection certificates for apples and grapes.

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

Number of Respondents: 115.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; monthly; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2204.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; FNS-250, Food Coupon Accountability Report

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection contained in form FNS-250, Food Coupon Accountability Report.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Jeffrey N. Cohen, Branch Chief, Electronic Benefit Transfer Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 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 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.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey N. Cohen, (703) 305-2523.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Food Coupon Accountability Report.

OMB Number: 0584-0009.

Form Number: FNS-250.

Expiration Date: 06/30/2001.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 7(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2016(d)) and 7 CFR 274.4(b)(1) of the Food Stamp Program regulations require that State agencies report on the coupon inventories of coupon issuers, bulk storage points, and claims collection points. The reporting is done on Form FNS-250, Food Coupon Accountability Report. These reports must be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Service monthly. State agencies must review the reports for accuracy, completeness and reasonableness. Supporting documentation must be included when appropriate and the reports must reach FNS no later than 90 days following the end of each report month. The FNS-250 report reflects beginning inventories, end-of-month inventories, receipt of coupons, transfers of coupons, coupons returned to inventory, and credits.

Affected Public: State and local government employees or contractors.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 475.

Estimated Number of Responses per respondent: 12.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 17,100 hours annually.

Dated: April 10, 2001.

Alberta C. Frost,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Rehabilitation of Aging Flood Control Dams, Oklahoma

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is being prepared for the rehabilitation of aging flood control dams in Oklahoma.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Darrel Dominick, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 100 USDA Suite 206, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074, (405) 742-1204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project may cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, M. Darrel Dominick, State Conservationist has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is needed for this project.

The project concerns watershed protection and flood prevention. Alternatives under consideration to reach these objectives include rehabilitation, no action, nonstructural measures, and decommissioning.

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared and circulated for review by agencies and the public. The Natural Resources Conservation Service invites participation and consultation of agencies and individuals that have special expertise, legal jurisdiction, or interest in the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement. Meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. on May 1, 2, and 3, 2001, at the following locations: Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at the Fairgrounds Building in Clinton, Oklahoma; Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at the Fairgrounds Community Building in Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Thursday, May 3, 2001, at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada, Oklahoma, to determine the scope of the evaluation of the proposed action. Further

information on the proposed action or the scoping meetings may be obtained from M. Darrel Dominick, State Conservationist, at the above address or telephone number.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: March 26, 2001.

M. Darrel Dominick,

State Conservationist, Oklahoma.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR, part 1951, subpart N, Servicing Cases Where Unauthorized Loan or Other Financial Assistance Was Received—Multiple Family Housing.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 18, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James E. Vollmer, Senior Loan Specialist, Rural Housing Service, USDA, STOP 0782, Room 1229, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742, telephone (202) 720-1060.

Title: "Servicing Cases Where Unauthorized Loan or Other Financial Assistance Was Received—Multiple Family Housing".

OMB Number: 0575-0104.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2001.

Type of Request: Intent to extend the currently approved information collection and record keeping requirements.

Abstract: The regulation promulgates the policies and procedures for actions to be taken in cases where unauthorized financial assistance in the form of a loan, grant, interest subsidy benefit created through use of an incorrect interest rate, interest credits, or rental