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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-LP-22-0031]

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget for an extension of the currently approved information collection used to compile and generate cattle, swine, lamb, boxed beef, and wholesale pork Market News reports under the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 8, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Written comments may be submitted to Russell Avalos, Assistant to the Director; Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Division; Livestock and Poultry Program; Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2619-S, STOP 0252; Washington, DC 20250-0252. All comments should reference the docket number (AMS-LP-22-0031), the date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, online at <https://www.regulations.gov/> and will be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Avalos, Assistant to the

Director; Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Division; (202) 738-2112; or by email Russell.Avalos@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agency: USDA, AMS.

Title: Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999.

OMB Number: 0581-0186.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2022.

Type of Request: Request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 (1999 Act) was enacted into law on October 22, 1999, [Pub. L. 106-78; 113 Stat. 1188; 7 U.S.C. 1635-1636(i)] as an amendment to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). On April 2, 2001, Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS); Livestock and Poultry Program (LP); Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Division (LPGMN) implemented the Livestock Mandatory Reporting (LMR) program as required by the 1999 Act. The purpose was to establish a program of easily understood information regarding the marketing of cattle, swine, lambs, and livestock products; improve the price and supply reporting services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); and encourage competition in the marketplace for livestock and livestock products. The LMR regulations (7 CFR part 59) established the requirements for certain packers and importers to submit purchase and sales information of livestock and livestock products to meet this purpose.

The statutory authority for the program lapsed on September 30, 2005. In October 2006, Congress passed the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Reauthorization Act (2006 Reauthorization Act) [Pub. L. 109-296] to re-establish regulatory authority for the continued operation of LMR through September 30, 2010, and separate the reporting requirements for sows and boars from barrows and gilts, among other changes. On July 15, 2008, the LMR final rule became effective (73 FR 28606, May 16, 2008).

On September 28, 2010, Congress passed the Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2010 (2010 Reauthorization Act) [Pub. L. 111-239] to reauthorize LMR for an additional five years through September 30, 2015, and require the addition of wholesale pork through

negotiated rulemaking. On January 7, 2013, the LMR final rule became effective (77 FR 50561, August 22, 2012).

The Agriculture Reauthorizations Act of 2015 (2015 Reauthorization Act) [Pub. L. 114-54], enacted on September 30, 2015, reauthorized the LMR program for an additional five years through September 30, 2020, and amended certain lamb and swine reporting requirements.

For lamb, the definitions of a packer and importer were modified to lower the reporting thresholds of each, from a processing average of 75,000 lambs to 35,000 lambs, and from an import average of at least 2,500 metric tons of lamb meat products to an average of 1,000 metric tons of lamb meat. On May 31, 2016, a direct final rule to implement these reporting changes became effective (81 FR 10057, February 29, 2016). For swine, the 2015 Reauthorization Act added a definition and reporting requirements for negotiated formula and late day purchases. On October 11, 2016, a final rule became effective (81 FR 52969, August 11, 2016) to implement these changes as well as a lamb reporting change requested by industry stakeholders amending the term "packer-owned lambs" and requiring packers to report lambs owned by a packer for at least 28 days immediately before slaughter.

The reports generated by the 1999 Act are used by other Government agencies to evaluate market conditions and calculate price levels, including USDA's Economic Research Service and World Agricultural Outlook Board. Economists at most major agricultural colleges and universities use the reports to make short and long-term market projections. Also, the Government is a large purchaser of livestock related products, therefore a system to monitor the collection and reporting of data therefore was needed.

In order to comply with the 1999 Act's goal of encouraging competition in the marketplace for livestock and livestock products, Section 251 directs USDA to make available to the public information and statistics obtained from, or submitted by, respondents covered by the 1999 Act in a manner that ensures that the confidentiality of the reporting entities is preserved. AMS

is in the best position to provide this service.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 0.16 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, individuals or households, farms, and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses: 144,664 responses.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1,315 responses (rounded).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 23,035 hours (rounded).

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this document will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, including any personal information provided.

Melissa Bailey,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2022-0010]

Elimination of Deadline for Partial Refunds of Overtime and Holiday Inspection Fees for Small and Very Small Establishments

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On July 15, 2021, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced in the **Federal Register** that, while funding is available, it will reduce

overtime and holiday inspection fees for small and very small establishments. In the notice, FSIS stated that small and very small establishments need to submit an Overtime/Holiday Rate Reduction form to request an overtime or holiday inspection fee reduction. FSIS also explained that establishments that submit their forms by March 11, 2022, and that qualify for a fee reduction, would receive a partial refund for overtime and holiday inspection fees paid since October 11, 2020, *i.e.*, the first day of the pay period after the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021. FSIS is eliminating the March 11, 2022, deadline for partial refunds. Therefore, all establishments that qualify and submit their forms will be eligible to receive the partial refund for overtime and holiday fees paid since October 11, 2020, while funding is available.

ADDRESSES: Small and very small establishments should submit their completed forms to the FSIS inspection personnel assigned to their establishment or, alternatively, email the completed form to the appropriate FSIS District Office, "Attention Grant Curator." Contact information for the FSIS District Offices, including email addresses, is available at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/contactus/fsis-offices/office-field-operations-fo>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Edelstein, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development by telephone at (202) 205-0495.

For billing issues and to request refunds contact the Financial Service Center Customer Contact Center: (515) 334-2000 option 1 or email at fsis.billing@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2, 135 Stat. 242), Congress provided FSIS with \$100 million in budget authority to reduce the costs of overtime inspection for federally-inspected small and very small meat, poultry, and egg products establishments. Congress provided a period of availability up until fiscal year 2030, which ends September 30, 2030. On July 15, 2021, FSIS announced in the **Federal Register** that it implemented this provision by reducing overtime and holiday inspection fees for small establishments by 30 percent and very small establishments by 75 percent (86 FR 37276). FSIS also announced that it developed an Overtime/Holiday Rate Reduction form that official establishments must submit to request an overtime or holiday inspection fee reduction (86 FR 37276). The form is available on FSIS' website at: https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2021-07/FSIS-5200-16-OvertimeHolidayRateReductionForm_v6-4re508.pdf.

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While in the July 15 **Federal Register** notice (86 FR 37276), FSIS stated that establishments must submit their forms by March 11, 2022, to receive a partial refund back to October 11, 2020, the Agency has decided to eliminate the deadline for establishments to submit their forms to qualify for a partial refund for overtime and holiday inspection fees paid since October 11, 2020. Therefore, all establishments that qualify and submit their forms will be eligible to receive the partial refund for overtime and holiday fees paid since October 11, 2020, while funding is available.

Small and very small establishments should submit their completed forms to the FSIS inspection personnel assigned to their establishment or, alternatively, email the completed form to the appropriate FSIS District Office, "Attention Grant Curator."

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>.

FSIS will also announce and provide a link to this **Federal Register** publication through the FSIS *Constituent Update*, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The *Constituent Update* is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS can provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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