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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–22–0033]

#### Almonds Grown in California; Request for Extension and Revision 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 (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Almonds Grown in California, Marketing Order No. 981.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 17, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Fax: (202) 720–8938; or internet: <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: <https://www.regulations.gov/>. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be made available to the public on the internet at the address provided above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pushpa Kathir, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Room 1406–S, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Telephone: (202) 720–2491, Fax: (202) 720–8938, or Email: [pushpa.kathir@usda.gov](mailto:pushpa.kathir@usda.gov).

Small businesses may request information on this notice by contacting Richard Lower, Assistant to the Director, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Room 1406–S, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Telephone (202) 720–2491, Fax: (202) 720–8938; or Email: [richard.lower@usda.gov](mailto:richard.lower@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Almonds Grown in California, Marketing Order No. 981.

*OMB Number:* 0581–0242.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* November 30, 2022.

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

*Abstract:* The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674), to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the California almond marketing order (7 CFR part 981), which has been operating since 1950.

The marketing order and its rules and regulations authorize the Almond Board of California (Board), the agency responsible for local administration of the marketing order, to require handlers and other certain entities to submit information.

Since September 2007, the Board has been operating a mandatory program under the marketing order to help reduce the potential for Salmonella in almonds. The Board had developed forms as a means for handlers to file required information with the Board relating to the treatment of almonds. Almond handlers are required to submit annual treatment plans to the Board and inspection agency regarding how they plan to treat their almonds in compliance with the program.

Entities interested in being almond process authorities that validate technologies are required to submit an application to the Board on ABC Form

No. 51, “Application for Process Authority for Almonds.” Manufacturers in the United States, Canada, and Mexico interested in being approved to accept untreated almonds, provided they agree to treat the almonds themselves under the Board’s Direct Verifiable (DV) program, are required to submit an application to the Board on ABC Form No. 52, “Application for Direct Verifiable (DV) Program for Further Processing of Untreated Almonds.” Entities interested in being approved DV Program user auditors are required to apply to the Board on ABC Form No. 53, “Application for Direct Verifiable (DV) Program Auditors.” To ensure compliance with the mandatory program, entities are required to use either an on-site or audit-based verification program and annually submit a treatment plan to the Board on ABC Form No. 54, “Handler Treatment Plan.”

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of USDA, including AMS, Specialty Crops Program’s regional and headquarters’ staff, and authorized employees and agents of the Board. Authorized Board employees, agents, and the industry are the primary users of the information, and AMS is the secondary user.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.7 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Almond handlers; persons or organizations that would like to qualify to be Board-approved process authorities that validate treatments and technologies; manufacturers who would like to qualify to participate in the Board’s DV program; and entities that would like to qualify as auditors under the DV program.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 175.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.00.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 4,200 hours.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility,

and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who 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 Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, including any personal information provided.

**Erin Morris,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by September 15, 2022. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control

number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* Transparency in Poultry Grower Contracting and Tournaments.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581-NEW.

*Summary of Collection:* In accordance with the authority granted to the Secretary by the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 the Packers and Stockyards Division (PSD) is proposing regulations under the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, (P&S Act) (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) that clarify when certain conduct in the livestock and poultry industries represents the making or giving of an undue or unreasonable preference or advantage or subjects a person or locality to an undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage. These proposed regulations also establish criteria PSD will consider in determining whether a live poultry dealer has provided prescribed documents to a prospective or current poultry grower.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information collection requirements in this request are essential to improve transparency and forestall deception in the use of poultry growing arrangements, in accordance with the purposes of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921. Proposed revisions to the Packers and Stockyards regulations would require live poultry dealers to provide certain disclosures to poultry growers in advance of entering into production contracts. Under the proposal, dealers would have the option of using the Live Poultry Dealer Disclosure Form provided by AMS to meet the requirements for the cover page that must accompany additional dealer-generated disclosure documents as required. Alternatively, dealers could develop their own cover page to meet the requirement, as long as all the required information is included. Poultry growers could use the disclosure information to evaluate the accuracy of proposed contracts and make informed business decisions regarding financial investments related to poultry production.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 89.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 29,346.

**Levi S. Harrell,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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Comments regarding this information collection received by September 15, 2022 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

*Title:* Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570-0079.

*Summary of Collection:* Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act provided funding for "loans and