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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS–FTPP–22–0077]

Information Collection Renewal for Country of Origin Labeling

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 approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection for Country of Origin Labeling.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 17, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Comments may also be filed with the Docket Clerk, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 2069-South, Washington, DC 20250; Fax: (202) 260–8369. All comments should reference the docket number AMS–FTPP–22–0077, the date, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at <https://www.regulations.gov> and will be included in the record and made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Becker, Branch Chief of Research and Rulemaking, Food Disclosure and Labeling Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Telephone

(202) 720–4486, Email: kenneth.becker@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Collection Renewal for Country of Origin Labeling.

OMB Number: 0581–0250.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2023.

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

Abstract: The 2002 (Pub. L. 107–171) and 2008 (Pub. L. 110–234), Farm Bills and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub. L. 114–113) amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require retailers to notify their customers of the country of origin of muscle cuts and ground lamb, chicken, and goat meat; wild and farm-raised fish and shellfish; perishable agricultural commodities; peanuts, pecans, and macadamia nuts; and ginseng. An interim final rule for mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) for fish and shellfish became effective on April 4, 2005. An interim final rule for the remaining covered commodities became effective on September 30, 2008. On January 15, 2009, a final rule was published for all covered commodities which became effective March 16, 2009. On May 23, 2013, a final rule was published to amend the definition of retailer and labeling requirements for meat muscle cut commodities derived from animals slaughtered in the United States. With the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Congress amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to remove muscle cut beef and pork, and ground beef and pork commodities from COOL requirements. On March 2, 2016, AMS issued a final rule to remove mandatory COOL requirements for beef, pork, ground beef and ground pork to conform with the statute. Mandatory COOL requirements remain in full force and effect for all remaining covered commodities. Enforcement activities have been conducted since 2006 utilizing cooperative agreements established with State agencies as authorized by the statute. The previously approved information collection request expires on March 31, 2023.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for recordkeeping storage and maintenance is estimated to average 56.9 hours per response.

Recordkeepers: Importers, food manufacturers, and food retailers.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 349,598.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 349,598.

Estimated Number of Responses per Recordkeeper: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 19,879,947.

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. Comments may be submitted using the electronic process available at <https://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–22–0047]

Pecans Grown in Multiple States; 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 Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas, Marketing Order No. 986.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 17, 2023.

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 Crop 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.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pecans Grown in Multiple States, Marketing Order No. 986.

OMB Number: 0581-0291.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2022

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

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. Marketing order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high-quality product and adequate returns to producers. Marketing orders are authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (Act), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674). The Secretary of Agriculture oversees these operations and issues regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from the respective commodity industry.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comments on the 14 forms in this OMB package which are described below. Two ballot forms for committee nominations (SC-307 and SC-308), two grower and sheller nomination forms (SC-309 and SC-310) as well as two background and acceptance statements forms for growers and shellers and public members (SC-8 and SC-9) and a grower referendum ballot (SC-313). Two Marketing Agreements (SC-242 and SC-242A) are also included. In addition, this package includes five reporting forms the American Pecan Council uses to track shipments and inventory. The Summary Report/U.S. Pecans Received for Your Account (Form 1); Pecans Purchased Outside of the United States (Form 2); Exports by Country of Destination (Form 3); Annual Agreement of Inter-Handler Transfer (Form 4); and Year-End Inventory Report (Form 5). The number of producers has changed from 2,500 to 4,380 since the last renewal. Now that the marketing order has been in place for a few years, the industry has a better understanding of the actual numbers of producers in the industry.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.3 hours per response (rounded).

Respondents: Pecan producers, handlers, shellers and public members.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,512.

Estimated Total Annual of Responses: 5,225.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.2 (rounded).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,587 (rounded).

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the 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 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.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 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 this information collection received by December 19, 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. 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