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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FGIS-24-0041]

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve a 3-year extension of a currently approved information collection for the "Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) and under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (AMA)." This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 21, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at <https://www.regulations.gov>. All comments should reference the docket number (same number as above assigned by Originating Program), the date, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received 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: Contact Gregory J. Giese USDA AMS; telephone: (816) 702-3926; email: Gregory.J.Giese@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress enacted the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) (7 U.S.C. 71-87k) and the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (AMA) (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) to facilitate the marketing of grain, oilseeds, pulses, rice, and related commodities. These statutes provide for the establishment of standards and terms which accurately and consistently measure the quality of grain and related products, provide for uniform official inspection and weighing, provide regulatory and service responsibilities, and furnish the framework for commodity quality improvement incentives to both domestic and foreign buyers. AMS's Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) establishes policies, guidelines, and regulations to carry out the objectives of the USGSA and the AMA. Regulations appear at 7 CFR parts 800 through 802 for the USGSA and 7 CFR part 868 for the AMA.

The USGSA, with few exceptions, requires official inspection of export grain sold by grade. Official services are provided, upon request, for grain in domestic commerce. The AMA authorizes similar inspection and weighing services, upon request, for rice, pulses, flour, corn meal, and certain other agricultural products. Conversely, the regulations promulgated under the USGSA and the AMA require specific information collection and recordkeeping necessary to carry out requests for official services. Applicants for official services must specify the kind and level of service, the identification of the product, the location, the amount, and other pertinent information in order that official personnel can efficiently respond to their needs.

Official services under the USGSA are provided through FGIS field offices and delegated and/or designated State and private agencies. Delegated agencies are State agencies delegated authority under the USGSA to provide official inspection service, Class X or Class Y weighing services, or both, at one or more export port locations in the State. Designated agencies are State or local governmental agencies or persons designated under the USGSA to provide official inspection services, Class X or Class Y weighing services, or both, at locations other than export port locations. State and private agencies, as a requirement for delegation and/or

designation, must comply with all regulations, procedures, and instructions in accordance with provisions established under the USGSA. FGIS field offices oversee the performance of these agencies and provide technical guidance as needed.

Official services under the AMA are performed, upon request, on a fee basis for domestic and export shipments either by FGIS employees, individual contractors, or cooperators. Contractors are persons who enter into a contract with FGIS to perform specified sampling and inspection services. Cooperators are agencies or departments of the Federal Government which have an interagency agreement, State agencies, or other entities which have a reimbursable agreement with FGIS.

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements (United States Grain Standards Act and Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946).

OMB Number: 0581-0309.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2025.

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

Abstract: The USGSA and the AMA authorize USDA to inspect, certify and identify the class, quality, quantity and condition of agricultural products shipped or received in interstate and foreign commerce.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.13 hours per response.

Respondents: Grain producers, buyers, and sellers, elevator operators, grain merchandisers, and official grain inspection agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,910.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 126.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 162,259 hours.

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

Melissa Bailey,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–DA–23–0064]

Notice of Request for Approval of an Existing Information Collection in Use Without an OMB Control Number

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) intent to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of an existing information collection in use without an OMB control number for Dairy Market News pursuant to Section 203(g) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 21, 2025 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments by using the electronic process available at <https://www.regulations.gov> or sent to Lorie Cashman, Director, Economics Division, AMS Dairy Program, 4600 American Parkway, STE 106, Madison, WI 53718. All comments should reference the docket number (AMS–DA–23–0064), the date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received 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. Please do not include personally identifiable information (such as name, address, or other contact information) or confidential business information that you do not want publicly disclosed.

Comments may be submitted anonymously.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lorie Cashman, Director, Economics Division, AMS Dairy Program, by telephone: (202) 720–4405, or by email: Lorie.Cashman@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Dairy Market News (DMN) covers supply, demand, and pricing on a regional, national, and international basis for milk, butter, cheese, and dry and fluid milk products. The DMN goal is to provide timely and unbiased market insight that helps American farmers and businesses understand market trends and make informed decisions about the marketing, sale, and delivery of their products. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) administers programs that provide information to facilitate domestic and international marketing opportunities for U.S. producers of food, fiber, and specialty crops. Within that AMS framework, the DMN program focuses on providing domestic and international market information on various dairy commodities.

Title: Dairy Market News.

OMB Number: 0581–NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Type of Request: Existing Information Collection in use without an OMB Control Number.

Abstract: Section 203(g) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and disseminate marketing information on a market-area basis for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements, aiding in the maintenance of farm income, and bringing about a balance between production and utilization of agricultural products by providing timely coverage of prices, supply, demands, trends, movement, and other pertinent information affecting the trading of milk and dairy products. The market reports compiled and disseminated by the AMS Dairy Program's DMN provide current, unbiased, and factual information to all stakeholders in the U.S. agricultural industry. DMN reports assist producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, and others to make informed production, purchasing, and sales decisions. DMN reports also promote orderly marketing by fostering a more equitable relationship between buyers and sellers.

DMN reporters communicate with buyers and sellers of fluid milk and manufactured dairy products about their respective commodities generally on a weekly basis to accomplish the DMN

mission. These communications are voluntary. Participants are members of dairy industry businesses and trade organizations with whom DMN has established connections. Conversations typically last less than 5 minutes on a weekly basis. This communication and information gathering is accomplished through the use of telephone conversations, face-to-face and/or virtual meetings, and email messages. The information provided by respondents facilitates DMN reporting, which must be timely, accurate, unbiased, and continuous if it is to be meaningful to the industry. DMN collects information on price, supply, demand, trends, movement, and other information of milk and dairy products from the respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .083 hours per response.

Respondents: Processors, brokers, traders, and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 6,240.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52 (rounded).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 518 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.

AMS developed the estimates of burden and cost to the industry using publicly available listings of dairy manufacturers, brokers, and traders. Phone calls occur weekly with each participant and last about 5 minutes. Labor costs are derived from tables on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website for private industry workers' wages as well as for average employer costs per hour for benefits.

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