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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 11, 2020.

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 [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. 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

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Agricultural Marketing Service

TITLE: National Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Programs

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0581-0093

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The U.S. Department of Agriculture has the responsibility for implementing and overseeing programs for a variety of commodities including beef, blueberries, cotton, dairy, eggs, fluid milk, Hass avocados, honey, lamb, mangos, mushrooms, paper and paper-based packaging, peanuts, popcorn, pork, potatoes, softwood lumber, sorghum, soybeans, and watermelons. Various Acts authorize these programs to carry out projects relating to research, consumer information, advertising, sales promotion, producer information, market development and product research to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, and utilization of their respective commodities. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has the responsibility to appoint board members and approve the boards' budgets, plans, and projects and for foreign projects, the Foreign Agricultural Service. AMS' objective in carrying out this responsibility is to assure the following: (1) collection of funds are properly accounted for; (2) expenditures of all funds are for the purposes authorized by enabling legislation; and (3) the board's administration of the programs conforms to USDA policy.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The boards administer the various programs using a variety of forms to carry out their responsibilities. Only authorized employees of the various boards and USDA employees will use the information collected. Were the data collected less frequently, (1) it would hinder data needed to collect and refund assessments in a timely manner and result in delayed or even lost

revenue; (2) boards would be unable to carry out the responsibilities of their respective Acts; and (3) requiring reports less frequently than monthly would impose additional record keeping requirements.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for profit, Farms

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 161,820

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion, Weekly, Monthly, Semi-annually, Annually; Record-keeping;

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 147,939

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