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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. PY-98-004]

#### Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed information collection: Comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to request an approval of an information collection in support of customer-focused improvement initiatives for USDA-procured poultry, livestock, fruit, and vegetable products.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Douglas Bailey, Standardization Branch, Poultry Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0259, Washington, DC 20050-0259, (202) 720-3506.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Customer Service Survey for USDA-Donated Food Products.

*OMB Number:* 0581-XXXX.

*Expiration Date of Approval:*

*Type of Request:* Approval of a new information collection.

*Abstract:* In 1996 AMS piloted the use of a 4-by 6-inch postcard to enable customers to voluntarily submit their perceptions of poultry and livestock products procured by USDA for school lunch and other domestic food programs. These cards have proven to be a quick and inexpensive way for AMS to know what its customers are thinking and to learn how to make meaningful improvements to its products. AMS would like to continue

the use of the customer opinion postcards to get voluntary customer feedback on various products each year by creating the Customer Opinion Postcard, Form AMS-11. In this way AMS will be better able to meet the quality expectations of school food service personnel and the 26 million school children who consume these products daily.

Information about customers' perception of USDA-procured products is sought as a sound management practice to support AMS activities under 7 CFR 250, Regulations for the Donation of Foods for Use in the United States, Its Territories and Possessions and Areas Under Its Jurisdiction. The information collected will be used primarily by authorized representatives of USDA (AMS, and the Food and Nutrition Service) and shared with State government agencies and product suppliers. To enable customers to mail cards directly to the commodity program that is soliciting the information, several versions of the Form AMS-11 will be used, each with a different return address. Response information about products produced by a particular supplier may be shared with that supplier. Similarly, response information from customers located in a particular State may be shared with government agencies within that State.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.083 hours (5 minutes) per response.

*Respondents:* State, local, and tribal governments, and not-for-profit businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,400.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 700 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Douglas Bailey, Standardization Branch, at (202) 720-3506.

Send comments regarding, but not limited to, the following: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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, to: Douglas C. Bailey, Chief, Standardization Branch, Poultry Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 0259, Washington, DC 20250-0259.

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.

Dated: March 27, 1998.

**D. Michael Holbrook,**

*Deputy Administrator, Poultry Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

#### Crop Revenue Coverage

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act), the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) approves for reinsurance and subsidy the insurance of corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and cotton in select states and counties under the Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) plan of insurance for the 1998 crop year. This notice is intended to inform eligible producers and the private insurance industry of the expanded availability of the CRC plan of insurance for corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, and cotton and its terms and conditions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Hoffmann, Director, Product Development Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture, 9435 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 64131, telephone (816) 926-7387.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 508(h) of the Act allows for the submission of a policy to FCIC's Board and authorizes the Board to review and, if the Board finds that the interests of