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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. DA-97-04]

Notice of 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 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for National Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Programs for Agricultural Marketing Service.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 8, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Eugene E. Krueger, Promotion and Research Staff, Dairy Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Rm. 2734—South, Washington DC 20090, Telephone (202) 720-6909 and Fax (202) 720-0285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Programs for Agricultural Marketing Service.

OMB Number: 0581-0093.

Expiration Date of Approval: Current expiration date is 10/31/97.

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

Abstract: National research and promotion programs are designed to strengthen the position of a commodity in the marketplace, maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign

markets, and develop new uses and markets for specified agricultural commodities. These programs 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. Approval of the programs is required through referendum of those who would be covered. The programs are directed by industry boards. These boards, usually composed of producer, handler, processor, and in some cases, importer and public members, are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the programs. The funding for such programs is collected from designated industry segments, usually through deductions from sales by producers, processors, marketers, and/or importers. The appointed boards are responsible for collecting assessments from the affected persons covered under these programs.

The Secretary also approves the boards' budgets, plans, and projects. These responsibilities have been delegated to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). The applicable commodity divisions within AMS have direct oversight of the respective programs.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intents of the various Acts authorizing such programs, thereby providing a means of administering the programs. The forms covered under this collection require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the respective orders, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intents of the Acts as expressed in the orders. The information collected is used only by authorized employees of the various boards and authorized employees of USDA.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0826125 hours per response.

Respondents: Producers, processors, handlers, and/or importers of a variety of agricultural commodities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Total respondents are estimated to be 319,342.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Number of responses per

respondent varies between programs but is estimated to average 13.90636.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Estimated total annual burden is 366,873 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. Comments may be sent to Eugene E. Krueger, Promotion and Research Staff, Dairy Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Rm.2734-South, Washington D.C., 20090. 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.

Dated: May 5, 1997.

Richard M. McKee,
Director, Dairy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tusayan Growth Environmental Impact Statement, Kaibab National Forest, Coconino County, Arizona.

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: In the March 8, 1994, edition of the **Federal Register**, page 10781, the Forest Service published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposed land exchange in the