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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 25, 2006.

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**Rural Housing Service**

*Title:* Form RD 410–8, Application Reference Letter (A Request for Credit Reference).

*OMB Control Number:* 0575–0091.

*Summary of Collection:* Form RD 410–8, *Applicant Reference Letter,* provides credit information and is used by Rural Housing Service (RHS) to obtain information about an applicant's credit history that might not appear on a credit report. It can be used to document an ability to handle credit effectively for applicants who have not used sources of credit that appear on a credit report. The form provides RHS with relevant information about the applicant's creditworthiness and is used to make better creditworthiness decisions.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RHS will collect information to supplement or verify other debts when a credit report is limited and unavailable to determine the applicant's eligibility and creditworthiness for RHS loans and grants.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 13,466.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,346.

**Charlene Parker,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**Farm Service Agency**

*Title:* CRP Hunting Viewing Revenues Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560–NEW.

*Summary of Collection:* The Farm Service Agency (FSA) on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation provides services to landowners under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), to help them conserve and improve soil, water and wildlife resources on their lands. Some landowners have used their lands enrolled in the CRP, to provide recreational activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, viewing and other activities) to outdoor recreationists. FSA will conduct the CRP Hunting and Wildlife Viewing Revenue Survey to determine how many landowners are providing any recreational activities on their lands and how it affects the CRP program plus the revenues generated by their activities.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FSA will collect information to find out how CRP participants are providing recreational activities on their lands, how such activities affects the CRP

program and what revenues are generated by such activities. The collected information will also be used to estimate the value of enhanced wildlife populations on CRP lands to CRP landowners and to evaluate the benefits of the CRP programs.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; business or other-for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting; Other (one-time survey).

*Total Burden Hours:* 333.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

**[Docket Number FV–04–309]**

### United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes. Specifically, the juice content requirement shall be revised to allow juice content to be determined by weight. Additionally, the redesignation of limes to ''Mixed Color'' and ''Turning'' within the color requirements will be made optional. The standards provide industry with a common language and uniform basis for trading, thus promoting the orderly and efficient marketing of Persian limes.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 31, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheri L. Emery, Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661, South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250–0240, (202) 720–2185, fax (202) 720–8871, or E-mail *Cheri.Emery@usda.gov.* The United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes is available either from the above address or by accessing the AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: *http://www.ams.usda.gov/standards/stanfrfv.htm.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture ''To develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.'' AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables not connected with Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements, no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes using the procedures that appear in part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

#### Background

Prior to undertaking research and other work associated with a proposed revision of the standards, AMS published a notice on June 25, 2004, in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 35572) requesting comments on the possible revision of the United States Standards for Grades of Persian (Tahiti) Limes. Based on the comments received, AMS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 12174) on March 11, 2005, proposing to revise the juice and color requirements. AMS published a subsequent notice in **Federal Register** (70 FR 36111), on June 22, 2005, extending the period for comments.

In response to the requests for comments, AMS received sixteen responses to the proposed revisions. Thirteen of the responses were from a produce association, with twelve separate comments from association members supporting the association response. One comment was from a national trade association representing produce receivers, one from a foreign trade organization and one from a foreign government agency. The comments are available by accessing the AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: *http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbdocketlist.htm.*

AMS proposed removing the juice requirement. Juice content is based on volume and is complex to determine. The comment from the produce association's President, supported by the twelve separate association members, was in favor of the removal. Another comment stated they believe that the requirement was difficult to apply, however, if the requirement remains in the standard they suggested the minimum juice content be reduced to 30 percent from the current requirement of 42 percent. AMS does not support the commenter's proposed reduction, as the 42 percent juice content would be considered by most of the industry to have an acceptable amount of juice. Another commenter suggested that the juice content be determined by weight rather than volume. Given the comments received, AMS has decided to retain the juice requirement in the standards at the current requirement of 42 percent and the volume method. AMS believes that the comment suggesting that the juice content be determined by weight has merit. This method is less complex than the volume method. Further, this method is currently used within the industry. Accordingly, an option to determine the juice content by weight will be added to the standard.

AMS proposed removing the color requirements. The color requirements specify that limes have a percentage of the surface with good green color. The U.S. No. 1 grade, requires three-fourths of the surface to be good green color and the U.S. No. 2 grade requires one-half of the surface good green color. The standard further states, limes not meeting the requirements of the grade due to blanching shall be redesignated as ''Mixed Color'' and limes that do not meet the requirements of the grade due to turning yellow or yellow color, caused by the ripening process shall be designated as ''Turning.'' One commenter supported eliminating the redesignation of lots as ''Mixed Color'' and ''Turning'' for the U.S. No. 1 grade only. Another commenter supported the elimination of the ''Turning'' designation for all grades. The comment from the produce association's President, supported by the twelve separate association members, supported leaving the redesignation of lots to ''Turning'' for advanced yellowing. This commenter further suggested designating lots of limes with blanching and ''incipient'' yellowing as ''Mixed Color.'' Additionally, this commenter also suggested creating a new grade, U.S. Fancy, which would require limes to be predominately good green. The commenter also recommended revising the U.S. No. 1 grade to allow the fruit to have 50 percent of the surface to show ''lightened color'' as a result of blanching and an additional 10 percent of the surface to show ''lightened color'' as a result of yellowing. Since these suggested changes significantly deviate from the two proposed changes, and