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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Generic Fruit Crops, Marketing Order Administration Branch.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0189.

Summary of Collection: Industries enter into a marketing order program under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act (AMAA) of 1937, as amended by U.S.C. 601–674. Marketing Order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables and specialty crops in specified production areas, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and adequate returns to producers. Under the market orders, producers and handlers are nominated by their respective peers and serve as representatives on their respective committees/boards.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is essential to provide the respondents the type of service they request. The committees and boards have developed forms as a means for persons to file required information relating to supplies, shipments, and dispositions of their respective commodities. The information is used only by the authorized committees employees and representatives of USDA including AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs' regional and headquarters' staff to administer the marketing order programs.

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

Number of Respondents: 16,493.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion, Quarterly; Biennially; Weekly; Semi-annually; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 8,611.

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Animal Plant & Health Inspection Service

Title: Swine Health.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0137.

Summary of Collection: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*) the Animal and Plant

Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things to prohibit or restrict the interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the dissemination within the United States of animal diseases and pests of livestock and to conduct programs to detect, control and eradicate pests and diseases of livestock. The regulations in 9 CFR part 71 contain requirements for the interstate movement of swine within a production system to prevent the spread of swine diseases and part 85 regulations regulates the interstate movement of swine to prevent the spread of the pseudorabies (PRV) virus. APHIS will collect information using several APHIS forms.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information on the number of swine being moved in a particular shipment, the shipment's point of origin, the shipment's destination, and the reason for the interstate movement. The documents used to gather the necessary information include: (1) The Permit of Move Restricted Animals (VS Form 1-27), (2) the certificate of veterinary inspection, (3) an owner-shipper statement, (4) the accredited veterinarian's statement concerning embryos for implantation and semen shipments, (5) a swine production system health plan, (6) an interstate movement report and notification, and (7) the completion and recordkeeping of a Quarterly Report of Pseudorabies Control Eradication Activities (VS Form 7-1). The documents provide APHIS with critical information concerning a shipment's history, which in turn enables APHIS to engage in swift, successful trackback investigation when infected swine are discovered. PRV is further controlled through depopulation and indemnity using an Appraisal and Indemnity Claim Form (VS Form 1-23), herd management plan, movement permit and report of net salvage proceeds.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government .

Number of Respondents: 7,670.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 29,840.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Interstate Movement of Certain Tortoises.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0156.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law

gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to prevent, control, and eliminate domestic diseases such as tuberculosis, as well as to take actions to prevent and to manage exotic diseases such as heartwater disease. The regulations in 9 CFR part 93 prohibit the importation of the leopard tortoise, the African spurred tortoise, and the Bell's hingeback tortoise to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic ticks known to be vectors of heartwater disease, an acute, infectious disease of cattle and other ruminants. The regulations in 9 CFR part 74 prohibit the interstate movement of those tortoises that are already in the United States unless the tortoises are accompanied by a health certificate or certificate of veterinary inspection.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to ensure that the interstate movement of these leopard, African spurred, and Bell's hingeback tortoises poses no risk of spreading exotic ticks within the United States. Owners and veterinarians are required to provide the following information to Federal or accredited veterinarians for completion of the health certificate: Name, address, and telephone number of the owner; information identifying the animal such as collar or tattoo number; breed; age; sex; color; distinctive marks; vaccination history; and certifications from both the owner and the veterinarian that all information is true and accurate. The collected information is used for the purposes of identifying each specific tortoise and documenting the State of its health so that the animals can be transported across State and national boundaries. If the information is not collected APHIS would be forced to continue their complete ban on the interstate movement of leopard, African spurred, and Bell's hingeback tortoises, a situation that could prove economically disastrous for a number of U.S. tortoises breeders.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,000.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Sheep 2011 Study.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0188.

Summary of Collection: The Department of Agriculture is responsible for protecting the health of our Nation's livestock and poultry populations by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of

contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases of livestock and poultry and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible. In connection with this mission, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) operates the National Health Monitoring System (NAHMS), which collects, on a national basis, statistically valid and scientifically sound data on the prevalence and economic importance of livestock and poultry diseases. NAHMS will conduct the second national data collection for sheep through a national study, Sheep 2011. The study will take place in 22 States, which represents 88.8 percent of the U.S. sheep population. Collection and dissemination of animal and poultry health information is mandated by 7 U.S.C. 8301, The Animal Health Protection Act of 2002.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using several forms. APHIS will use the data collected to: (1) Describe trends in sheep health and management practices from 1996 to 2011, (2) describe management and biosecurity practices used to control common infectious diseases, including scrapie, ovine progressive pneumonia, Johne's disease, and caseous lymphadenitis, (3) estimate the prevalence of gastrointestinal parasites and anthelmintic resistance, and other diseases in domestic sheep flocks, (4) facilitate the collection of information and samples regarding causes of abortion storms in sheep, (5) determine producer awareness of the zoonotic potential of contagious ecthyma and the management practices used to prevent transmission of the disease, and (6) provide serum to include in the serological bank for future research. Without the data, the U.S.' ability to detect trends in management, production, and health status that increase/decrease farm economy, either directly or indirectly, would be reduced or nonexistent.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 5,500.

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

Total Burden Hours: 9,356.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Citrus Canker; Interstate Movement of Regulated Nursery Stock and Fruit from Quarantined Areas.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0317.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture, either independently or in cooperation with the States, is authorized to carry out

operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests (such as citrus canker) new to or widely distributed throughout the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has regulations in place to prevent the interstate spread of citrus canker. These regulations, contained in 7 CFR 301.75-1 through 301.75-17, restrict the interstate movement of regulated articles from and through areas quarantined because of citrus canker. APHIS amended the citrus canker quarantine regulations to prohibit the interstate movement of regulated nursery stock from a quarantined area. The interstate movement of nursery stock from an area quarantined for citrus canker poses an extremely high risk of spreading citrus canker outside the quarantined area.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information through cooperative agreements, certificates and limited permits. Failure to collect this information could cause a severe economic loss to the citrus industry.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 338.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 875.

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Title: Food Aid Request Entry System (FARES).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0225.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (Title II, Pub. L. 480), Section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, (Section 416(b)), Food for Progress Act of 1985, as amended (Food for Progress), and the International School Lunch Program, known as the Global Food for Education and Child Nutrition Act, authorizes Commodity Credit Corporation Export Operations Division and Bulk Commodities Division to procure, sell, transport agricultural commodities and obtain discharge/delivery survey information. Commodities are delivered to foreign countries through voluntary agencies, United Nations World Food Program, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Agency for International Development. The program information will be electronically captured, requirements validated, and improved commodity request visibility will be provided via FARES Web-based application technology tool. The FARES is for the customers to submit online to process the commodity request electronically and to access the information.

Need and Use of the Information: The Farm Service Agency will collect the following information from FARES: The name of the Private Voluntary Organization, the program, the types of commodities being requested for export, quantities of commodities, destinations

of commodities, and special requirements for packaging. Without this information collection process, the Kansas City Commodity Office would not be able to meet the program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other-for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 305.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Other (bi-weekly/bi-monthly).

Total Burden Hours: 1,708.

Farm Service Agency

Title: (7 CFR Part 767), Farm Loan Program—Inventory Property Management.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0234.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Loan Program provides supervised credit in the form of loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment and finance agricultural production. Authority to establish the regulatory requirements contained in 7 CFR 767 is provided under section 302 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 1922) which provides that "the Secretary is authorized to make and insure under this title to farmers * * *" Section 339 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 1989) further provides that "the Secretary is authorized to make such rules and regulations, prescribe the terms and conditions for making * * * loans, security instruments and agreements, except as otherwise specified herein, and to make such delegations of authority as he deems necessary to carry out this title."

Need and Use of the Information: Information collections are submitted by applicants to the local agency office serving the country in which their business is headquartered. The information is necessary to thoroughly evaluate an applicant's request to purchase inventory property and is used by the agency to determine an applicant's eligibility to lease or purchase inventory property and to ensure payment of the lease or purchase amount.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 280.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Annually; Other (upon request).

Total Burden Hours: 432.

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