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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 9, 2003

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirements(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Title: CSREES Proposal Review Process.

OMB Control Number: 0524-NEW.

Summary of Collection: This information collection is authorized under 7 CFR Section 3015.158, which governs competition in the awarding of discretionary grants and cooperative agreements. These regulations set forward the standard that proposals are to be evaluated objectively by independent reviewers in accordance with written criteria set forth by the awarding agency. The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) will collect information using the "Proposal Review Sheet" or the "Reviewer Worksheet".

Need and Use of the Information: CSREES will collect information to ensure that proposals are of high quality and are consistent with the goals and requirements of the funding program. CSREES uses the results of the proposal evaluation to determine whether a proposal should be declined or recommended for award. If the information is not collected, it would be difficult for a review panel and CSREES staff to determine which projects warrant funding.

Description of Respondent: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 4,520.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 113,000.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Vegetable Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0037.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official state and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Vegetable estimates are an integral part of this function. The vegetable program is complex in that some crops are processing only, some are fresh market only, and others are dual crops (both processing and fresh market). Vegetable processors are

surveyed the first week of April for their intended acreage of vegetables for processing and the first week of July for acreage contracted. The fresh market vegetable program consists of weekly estimates during the growing season for tomatoes in Florida. NASS will collect information using surveys.

Need and Use of the Information:

NASS will collect information to estimate acreage planted and harvested, production, price, and utilization for the various crops. The estimates provided vital statistics for growers, processors, and marketers to use in making production and marketing decisions.

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

Number of Respondents: 31,391.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually; Other (seasonally).

Total Burden Hours: 5,021.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program and the Market Access Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0026.

Summary of Collection: The authority for the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program and the Market Access Program (MAP) is contained in Title VII and section 203 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, U.S.C. 5721, *et. seq.* The primary objective of the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program and the Market Access Program is to encourage and aid in the creation, maintenance and expansion of commercial export markets for U.S. agricultural products through cost-share assistance to eligible trade organizations. Personnel of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) administer the programs. Prior to initiating program activities, each Cooperator or MAP participant must submit a detailed application to FAS.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for government resources. Without the submission of information, the programs could not be implemented.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 71.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 91,070.