

credit report. The form provides RHS with relevant information about the applicant's creditworthiness and is used to make better 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: 10,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,000.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: 9 CFR 160–162, Veterinary Accreditation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0032.

Summary of Collection: Title 21, U.S.C. authorizes sections 111, 114, 114a, 114–1, 115, 120, 121, 125, 126, 134a, 134c, 134f, and 134g. These authorities permit the Secretary to prevent, control and eliminate domestic diseases such as brucellosis and tuberculosis, as well as to take action to prevent and to manage exotic diseases such as foot-and-mouth and rinderpest. Diseases prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) ability to complete in exporting animals and animal products. Because APHIS does not have sufficient numbers of Federal personnel to perform all of the disease prevention work that must be done, APHIS relies heavily on assistance from veterinarians in the private sector. Regulations governing the Veterinary Accreditation Program are found in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 160, 161, and 162. Operating this important program requires APHIS to engage in a number of information collection activities in the form of applications for veterinary accreditation, veterinary accreditation orientation and training, paperwork associated with tasks performed by our accredited veterinarians (such as completing certificates, applying and removing official seals, and completing test reports); reviewing applications for veterinary accreditation and re-accreditation, recordkeeping, and updating information on accredited veterinarians. APHIS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to determine that a veterinarian has met the requirements for being accredited, or

for obtaining re-accreditation. APHIS will also collect information to ensure that accredited veterinarians are knowledgeable of current Federal and State animal health regulations, objectives and programs and are competent in their application. If information is not collected it would significantly destroy APHIS' ability to operate the Veterinary Accreditation Program.

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

Number of Respondents: 88,244.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 63,031.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Fruit and Vegetable Market News Reports.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0006.

Summary of Collection: Section 203(g) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621) directs and authorizes the collection of information and disseminating of marketing information including adequate outlook information on a market-area basis for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements, aiding in the maintenance of farm income and bring about balance between production and utilization of agriculture products. Market News provides all interested segments of the market chain with market information tends to equalize the competitive position of all market participants. The fruit and vegetable industries, through their organizations, or government agencies present formal requests that the Department of Agriculture issue daily, weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly market news reports on various aspects of the industry.

Needs and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information for the production of Market News reports that are then available to the industry and other interested parties in various formats. Information is provided on a voluntary basis and is gathered through confidential telephone and face-to-face interviews by market reporters.

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

Number of Respondents: 18,347.

Frequency of Response: Reporting: Weekly; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 120,964.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Food Stamp Employment and Training (E & T) Program Activity Report.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0339.

Summary of Collection: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–33), enacted on August 5, 1997, modified the Employment and Training (E&T) Program so that States' efforts are now focused on a particular segment of the food stamp population—able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs). Section 6(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and 7 CFR 273.7 require as a condition of eligibility each food stamp household members not exempt shall be registered for employment by the State agency at the time of application and once every twelve months thereafter. This requirement pertains to non-exempt food stamp household member age 16 to 60. Each State agency must screen each work registrant to determine whether to refer the individual to its E&T Program. States' E&T Programs are federally funded through an annual E&T grant. Both the Food Stamp Act and regulations require States to file quarterly reports about their E&T Programs so that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) can monitor their performance.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect quarterly reports about their E&T programs so that the Department can monitor State performance to ensure that the program is being efficiently and economically operated. Without the information FNS would be unable to make adjustments or allocate exemptions in accordance with the statute.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Response: Reporting: Quarterly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 29,455.

Forest Service

Title: Baseline and Trend Information on Wilderness Use and Users.

OMB Control Number: 0596–0108.

Summary of Collection: The Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 88–577) directs that wilderness be managed to preserve natural conditions and to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. To meet these management goals, managers must adapt their programs to changes in the amount and type of use and resultant conditions. It is also important for managers to be aware of likely visitor response to proposed management actions and their preferences for resource conditions. Very little is known about trends in the characteristics, activities and preferences of visitors to wilderness and other wildlands. The Forest Service (FS) will collect information using mail back survey forms, face-to-face and on-site