

verify that a meat or poultry product intended for import has been prepared in a plant certified to prepare product for export to the U.S. FSIS will use the information from the forms in its annual Report to Congress.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 5,533.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 127,838.

#### **Food and Nutrition Service**

*Title:* 7 CFR Part 245 Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals.

*OMB Control Number:* 0584-0026.

*Summary of Collection:* Under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), each school year food authorities distribute applications for free and reduce price meals benefits to households of enrolled children. Households who want to receive free and reduced price meal benefits for their children complete the information required on the application and return the application to the school food authority. As specified in 7 CFR 245.6a, school food authorities must verify the eligibility information on a sample of the free and reduced price meal applications approved in any given school year. Several data sources including the eligibility verification performed by school districts indicate that a significant and increasing number of ineligible children are being certified for free and reduced price meals benefits. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) amended the reporting and recordkeeping requirements relating to the verification of applications for free and reduced price meal benefits. School food authorities will be required to report verification activity and results to their respective State agencies. The State agencies will summarize and report school food authority level data to FNS.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FNS will collect information using various forms to evaluate the results in the context of State and nationwide data. The data collection will result in improvement of FNS understanding of the operations of the eligibility determination and verification process in the targeting of monitoring and technical assistance efforts and resources on areas of households with the likelihood of problems. Without the information NSLP integrity is compromised, Federal and State education funds are being mistreated, and FNS Audit/Financial Statements are jeopardized.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,260,544.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Biennially; Annually; Other (triennially).

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,048,769.

#### **Food and Nutrition Service**

*Title:* Report of School Program Operations.

*OMB Control Number:* 0584-0280.

*Summary of Collection:* The National School Lunch Act, as amended, authorizes the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for Children, which is administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). The purpose of the SFSP is to provide nutrition meals to children from low-income areas during periods when schools are not in session. Information is gathered from state agencies and other organizations wishing to participate in the program to determine eligibility. If selected, additional reporting requirements apply to determine the amount of meals served and other program volume information. FNS uses a variety of forms to collect information.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FNS uses the information collected to determine an organization's eligibility, to monitor program performance for compliance and reimbursement purposes.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 76,737.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly.

*Total Burden Hours:* 328,068.

#### **National Agricultural Statistics Service**

*Title:* Floriculture Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0093.

*Summary of Collection:* The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics (NASS) is to prepare current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Since 1985 Congress has provided funds to conduct an annual Commercial Floriculture Survey that provides basic data on this important and growing industry. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies that "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which can be obtained by the collection of statistics \* \* \* and shall distribute them among agriculturists".

The floriculture industry accounts for about 7 percent of agricultural cash receipts at the U.S. level. A survey is conducted in 36 states, which ensures 97 percent coverage of the U.S. value of production.

*Need and Use of the Information:* NASS will collect information to assess alternative agriculture opportunities. Data from the survey will provide statistics for Federal and State agencies to monitor the use of agricultural chemicals. If the information is not collected, data users could not keep abreast of changes.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 13,700.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 6,587.

#### **Rural Utilities Service**

*Title:* Request for Approval to Sell Capital Assets.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0020.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, and water and waste facilities in rural areas. In addition to providing loans and loan guarantees, one of RUS' main objectives is to safeguard loan security until the loan is repaid. RUS manages loan programs in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et. seq.*, as amended, (RE ACT) and as prescribed by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivables, which states that agencies must, based on a review of a loan application, determine that an applicant complies with statutory, regulatory, and administrative eligibility requirements for loan assistance.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RUS borrower will use form 369, Request for Approval to sell capital assets, to seek agency permission to sell some of its assets. The form is used to collect detailed information regarding the proposed sale of a portion of the borrower's systems. RUS will collect information to determine whether or not the agency should approve a sale and to keep track of what property exists to secure the loan. If the information in Form 369 is not collected when capital assets are sold, the capital assets securing the Government's loans could be liquidated and the Government's security either eliminated entirely or diluted to an undesirable level.