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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 3, 2003.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(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 Office for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *Pamela_Beverly_OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 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) 720-8681.

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

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Agricultural Research Service

Title: Suggestions for changes to NAL Agricultural Thesaurus Form.

OMB Control Number: 0518—New.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Thesaurus is a publication of the National Agricultural Library (NAL). The proposed "Proposal Form" is an instrument by which NAL thesaurus staff may receive feedback from online users of the thesaurus. Users may suggest additions or other changes to the thesaurus. The thesaurus staff will review each suggestion via a Proposal Review Board and provide feedback to the user.

Need and Use of the Information: Information to be submitted includes, user contact information (name, affiliation, email, phone), the proposed changes to the thesaurus, the field of study or subject area of the term being proposed, justification for the change, and any reference material which the user would like to provide as background information. The information collected will help NAL thesaurus staff to make improvements to the content and organization of the thesaurus. Failure of the NAL thesaurus staff to collect this information would significantly inhibit public relations with their users.

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

Number of Respondents: 250.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 42.

Agricultural Research Service

Title: Electronic Mailing List Subscription Form— Nutrition and Food Safety.

OMB Control Number: 0518—New.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Library's Food Information Team (FIT) currently maintains several on-line discussion groups. The proposed "Electronic Mailing List Subscription Form" would give individuals working in the area of nutrition and food safety an opportunity to participate in these groups. Data collected using this form will help FIT determine a person's eligibility to participate in these discussion groups.

The authority for the National Agricultural Library (NAL) to collect this information is contained in the CFR, Title 7, Volume 1, Part 2, and Subpart K, Sec. 2.65 (92).

Need and Use of the Information: NAL will collect the name, email address, job title, job location, mailing address and telephone number in order to approve subscription for nutrition and food safety on-line discussion groups. Failure to collect this information would inhibit NAL's ability to provide subscription services to these discussion groups.

Description of Respondents: State, Local and Tribal Government; Individuals or households; Federal Government.

Number of Responses: 1,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting : Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 17.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Payment Eligibility/Limitation Determinations Under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0096.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers certain farm programs in which the payments are subject and not subject to the established payment limitations. The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 amended the provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide for a \$40,000 limitation per crop year on the direct payments; \$65,000 per crop year on counter-cyclical payments, \$75,000 per crop year on the amount of marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments a person may receive; and apply the payment eligibility provisions of the 1985 Act to payments made under the direct and counter-cyclical payment program contract, marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments. All program participants must provide certain information concerning their farming operations for FSA to determine both the eligibility for payment and the number of "persons" for the application of the payment limitation required for the respective program. Information is captured on different forms depending upon the nature and the type of program participant's farming operation.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to determine the eligibility for payment and the number of "persons" for the application