information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response.

Respondents: Respondents are eligible certified organic handlers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 210.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 210.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 52.5 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) was 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.


Bruce Summers,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


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 are required regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by April 20, 2020 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+).

OMB Control Number: 0560–0294.

Summary of Collection: The Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (Disaster Relief Act; Pub. L. 116–20) authorized $3 billion in assistance for losses to crops, trees, bushes, and vines due to 2018 and 2019 hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms, and wildfires. The Disaster Relief Act requires all participants who receive WHIP+ payments to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage for the applicable crop years for which they are requesting assistance.

Need and Use of the Information: The information submitted by respondents on the various forms will be used by FSA to determine eligibility and distribute payments to eligible producers under WHIP+. Failure to solicit application will result in failure to provide payments to eligible producers as intended by the Disaster Relief Act.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 26,592.

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

Total Burden Hours: 18,405.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2019–0008]

Expansion of Use of the Term “Healthy”

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that it will allow establishments to use the implied nutrient content claim “healthy” on their labels which: (1) Are not low in total fat, but have a fat profile makeup of predominantly mono and polyunsaturated fats; or (2) contain at least ten percent of the Daily Value (DV) per reference amount customarily consumed (RACC) of potassium or vitamin D. FSIS is making this announcement to maintain consistent requirements for food labels by allowing the same uses of the claim “healthy” for meat and poultry products as are currently allowed for food products under the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) jurisdiction.

DATES: This notice is applicable March 19, 2020. Submit comments on or before May 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

Mail, including CD–ROMs, etc.: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

Hand- or Courier-Delivered Items: Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS–2019–0008. Written comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to http://www.regulations.gov.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call
tier sodium standards (71 FR 1683).

Consequently, FSIS continues to apply the original (first-tier) levels of sodium established in the 1994 regulation when approving labels for “healthy.”

Recent Changes to Regulations and Policy

In December 2015, USDA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published the 2015–2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. 1 The Dietary Guidelines were designed for professionals to help all individuals consume a healthy and nutritionally adequate diet. Specific recommendations in the Dietary Guidelines have evolved over time, as nutrition science has advanced. For example, scientific understanding and nutrition guidance has shifted from recommending diets low in total fat to recommending keeping overall fat intake within the age-appropriate acceptable macronutrient distribution ranges (AMDR), and instead prioritizing replacing saturated fats with polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats and keeping trans fat intake as low as possible.

On May 27, 2016, FDA issued two final rules updating the Nutrition Facts label and serving size information for packaged foods (81 FR 33742 and 81 FR 34000). The above-mentioned 2015–2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans served as the scientific basis for these two FDA final rules that included changes in the individual nutrients that must be declared on the Nutrition Facts label and changes to the DV of other nutrients. The changes reflected the most recent nutrition and public health research and recent dietary recommendations from expert groups. These rules also improved the presentation of nutrition information on the Nutrition Facts label to help consumers make more informed choices and maintain healthy dietary practices. Consistent with FDA’s final rules, FSIS has proposed to change its nutrition labeling regulations to be consistent with current Federal dietary guidance. Specifically, FDA’s notice stated that the agency intends to exercise enforcement discretion with respect to the current requirement that any food bearing the nutrient content claim “healthy” until 21 CFR 101.65(d)(2) is amended through rulemaking.

In the Federal Register notice, FDA explained that it intended to exercise enforcement discretion with respect to the current requirement that any food bearing the nutrient content claim “healthy” meet the low-fat requirement provided that: (1) The amounts of mono- and polyunsaturated fats declared on the label; and (2) the amounts of mono- and polyunsaturated fats declared constitute most of the fat content.

FDA also stated, in the notice, that it intends to exercise enforcement discretion with respect to the current requirement that any food bearing the nutrient content claim “healthy” contain at least ten percent of the DV per RACC of vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, iron, protein, or fiber; if the food instead contains at least ten percent of the DV per RACC of potassium or vitamin D. FDA’s guidance document is available at https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/UCM521692.pdf.

FSIS’s Policy

To maintain consistent requirements for food labels, FSIS has used its enforcement discretion to allow the same uses of the claim “healthy” for meat and poultry products as are

allowed for food products under FDA jurisdiction under FDA’s 2016 guidance. There are few labels that qualify for the “healthy” claim under the allowances in this notice that wouldn’t qualify otherwise. According to FSIS’s Label Submission and Approval System (LSAS) data, the types of products utilizing FDA’s guidance for the claim “healthy” are mostly products that meet the definition of meal-type in 317.313(l)/381.413(l). Egg product labels are not affected by this policy because FSIS inspected egg products are required by regulation to use the FDA nutrition requirements in 21 CFR part 101 in compliance with 9 CFR 590.411(e)—as such, egg product labeling follows the FDA nutrition panel and the FDA enforcement discretion even though FSIS’s Labeling and Program Delivery Staff (LPDS) reviews and approves FSIS inspected egg product label applications. Because FSIS has received multiple questions from industry about our policy, FSIS is announcing in this Federal Register notice that it will continue to recognize FDA’s 2016 guidance to alleviate consumer confusion and promote uniformity in the marketplace.

Specifically, FSIS has allowed and will continue to allow the implied nutrient content claim “healthy” on foods that have a fat profile of predominantly mono and polyunsaturated fats (i.e. sum of monounsaturated fats and polyunsaturated fats are greater than the total saturated fat content of food), but do not meet the regulatory definition of “low fat,” as specified in 9 CFR 317.363(b)(1) and 381.463(b)(1) or that contain at least ten percent of the DV per RACC of potassium or vitamin D as one of the options in 9 CFR 317.363(b)(4) and 381.463(b)(4). However, the remaining criteria for healthy in 9 CFR 317.363 and 381.463 have been met until FSIS’s “healthy” regulations (9 CFR 317.363(b) and 381.463(b)) are amended through rulemaking. FSIS will continue to coordinate with FDA on any changes to these regulations.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this Federal Register publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register. FSIS will also announce and provide a link to it through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, Federal Register notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The Constituent Update is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act at 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq., the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has determined that this notice is not a “major rule,” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

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Done at Washington, DC.

Paul Kiecker, Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Housing Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) for the Strategic Economic and Community Development Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020; Amendment


ACTION: Notice of Solicitation of Applications; Amendment.

2 FSIS’s Label Submission and Approval System (LSAS) is a web-based software application that integrates and implements an electronic label application process for establishments to submit label applications to FSIS.