persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: National Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0093.

Summary of Collection: The U.S. Department of Agriculture has the responsibility for implementing and overseeing programs for a variety of commodities including beef, blueberries, cotton, dairy, eggs, fluid milk, Hass avocados, honey, lamb, mangos, mushrooms, paper and paper-based packaging, peanuts, popcorn, pork, potatoes, softwood lumber, sorghum, soybeans, and watermelons. Various Acts authorize these programs to carry out projects relating to research, consumer information, advertising, sales promotion, producer information, market development and product research to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, and utilization of their respective commodities. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has the responsibility to appoint board members and approve the boards’ budgets, plans, and projects and for foreign projects, the Foreign Agricultural Service. AMS’ objective in carrying out this responsibility is to assure the following: (1) Collection of funds are properly accounted for; (2) expenditures of all funds are for the purposes authorized by enabling legislation; and (3) the board’s administration of the programs conforms to USDA policy.

Need and Use of the Information: The boards administer the various programs using a variety of forms to carry out their responsibilities. Only authorized employees of the various boards and USDA employees will use the information collected. Wore the data collected less frequently, (1) it would hinder data needed to collect and refund assessments in a timely manner and result in delayed or even lost revenue; (2) boards would be unable to carry out the responsibilities of their respective Acts; and (3) requiring reports less frequently than monthly would impose additional record keeping requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit, Farms.

Number of Respondents: 161,820.


Total Burden Hours: 147,939.

Ruth Brown, Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[DOCKET NO. FSIS–2020–0025]

Salmonella—State of the Science

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notification of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is hosting a virtual public meeting with participation from the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). FSIS will discuss the Agency’s commitment to reducing Salmonella contamination associated with FSIS-regulated products and thus saving lives, by leading with science, building relationships, and influencing behavior change. Industry, interested individuals, organizations, and other stakeholders are invited to participate in the meeting and to comment on the data and science that drive FSIS Salmonella reduction efforts.

DATES: The virtual public meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. EST. Submit comments on or before September 25, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is virtual and will be viewed via the web-ex link provided by email when you register for the meeting. Attendees must be pre-registered for the meeting. See the pre-registration instructions under “Registration and Meeting Materials.” Comments on this notice may be submitted by one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to 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 submittals: Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Email Congressional and Public Affairs at FRN@usda.gov. Attendees requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Evelyn Arce by calling 202–418–8903 or emailing Evelyn.Arce@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The daily work of implementing the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) is carried out by FSIS inspectors in over 6,500 establishments across the country. Although not always apparent to the public, there are many other components of the Agency that support the work of the field personnel in addressing foodborne pathogens. While the scope of FSIS authority to enforce FMIA, PPIA, and EPIA is centered on the meat, poultry, and egg products industries, the activities of the Agency drive change along the entire farm-to-fork continuum to protect our food supply. Food safety is a shared responsibility, and FSIS, in partnership with the greater food safety community ensures that safe and wholesome foods are on our dinner table and in our restaurants, schools, and institutions every day.

FSIS aggressively targets all foodborne pathogens of importance within their regulatory authority, including Salmonella. As food safety challenges evolve, FSIS will use the latest science and data to modernize inspection systems, laboratory and sampling methods, and communications to protect public health and meet consumers’ needs. FSIS is focused on improving the Agency’s ability to predict, detect, and reduce pathogens while encouraging industry to adopt the latest technology and innovations to produce a safer product. At the same time, FSIS is working to ensure that
consumers are empowered with information on how to safely handle, cook, and store food.

Salmonella is a leading cause of foodborne illness, and outbreaks of Salmonella illness have been linked to poultry, pork, and beef products. Using outbreak data through 2017, the Interagency Food Safety Analytics Collaboration estimates that approximately 38 percent of foodborne salmonellosis in the United States can be attributed to meat and poultry products. These data highlight that FSIS plays an important role in helping achieve national public health goals aimed at reducing foodborne illness caused by Salmonella. Although findings from a recent analysis of FSIS data show that there has been an overall reduction in the occurrence of Salmonella on meat and poultry products over the past 20 years, there is still more work to be done. The food safety community did not meet the 2020 national public health goal for reduction of Salmonella illnesses, and FSIS remains committed to working toward achieving the Healthy People target set for 2030.

Public Meeting

FSIS is announcing that it will hold a virtual public meeting on September 22, 2020, to discuss issues related to the foodborne pathogen Salmonella. At this meeting, FSIS will present its Roadmap to Reducing Salmonella, which describes how FSIS advances programs and policies that are science-based, data-driven, and promote innovation to reduce Salmonella and other pathogens in meat, poultry, and egg products. The roadmap describes current FSIS programs and future activities to drive progress toward meeting the Healthy People 2030 public health goals. FSIS, with speakers from ARS, FDA, and CDC, will highlight some of these efforts and describe the science and data that supports them. An agenda will be published online before the public meeting. FSIS will finalize the agenda on or before the meeting dates and post it on the FSIS website at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/meetings. Topics will include:

- Salmonella presence in FSIS regulated products;
- Modernization of inspection systems;
- The role of FSIS Laboratories and sampling methods to reduce Salmonella in FSIS regulated products;
- Salmonella performance standards;
- Consumer research and education; and
- Future scientific strategies for controlling Salmonella.

Registration and Meeting Materials

There is no fee to register for the public meeting, but pre-registration is mandatory for participants attending. All attendees must register online at https://ems8.intellor.com/?p=831058&do=register&t=6, after which they will receive an email acknowledging their registration. Stakeholders who wish to speak at the meeting must notify FSIS during registration.

Public Comments and Participation in Meetings

Public Comments: Oral Comments

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide oral comments during the public meeting. As mentioned above, stakeholders must notify FSIS during registration of their wish to speak at the meeting. Stakeholders who do not notify FSIS during registration of their wish to speak will not have the opportunity to comment on the day of the public meeting. Due to the anticipated high level of interest in the opportunity to make public comments and the limited time available to do so, FSIS will do its best to accommodate all persons who registered and requested to provide oral comments, and will limit all speakers to three minutes. FSIS encourages persons and groups who have similar interests to consolidate their information for presentation by a single representative.

Public Questions

During the meeting, FSIS will host a roundtable discussion with subject matter experts. Questions for the roundtable discussion panel should be submitted in advance, to FRN@usda.gov by September 10, 2020.

Transcripts

As soon as the meeting transcripts are available, they will be accessible on the FSIS website at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings. The transcripts may also be viewed at the FSIS Docket Room at the addressed listed above.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this Federal Register publication online through the FSIS web page located at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register. FSIS also will make copies of this publication available 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 can provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email 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.

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Fax: (202) 690–7442.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Recordkeeping for Employment and Training Program Activity Report and Requests for Additional 100 Percent Funding

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection for the extension, without change, of a currently approved collection for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) Program Activity Report (form FNS–583) and State requests for additional funding only. Requests and recordkeeping for these activities are currently approved under OMB No. 0584–0339, expiration date 07/31/2023. The burden hours and total annual responses remains unchanged. FNS is not seeking public comments on the reporting burden for the FNS–583 because that is under FNS’ web-based Food Program Reporting System, OMB Control No: 0584–0594, expiration date 07/31/2023.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 13, 2020.

ADDRESS: Comments may be sent to: Moira Johnston, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be submitted via email to moira.johnston@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to http://www.regulations.gov, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Moira Johnston at 703–305–2515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: Employment and Training Program Activity Report and Requests for Additional 100 percent Funding.

Form Number: FNS–583 (Recordkeeping burden only).

OMB Number: 0584–0339.

Expiration Date: 01/31/2021.

Type of Request: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: 7 CFR 273.7(c)(9) requires State agencies to maintain quarterly E&T Program Activity Reports containing monthly figures for participation in the program. FNS uses Form FNS–583 to provide the format for this data. State agencies report this data using the online Food Program Reporting System (FPRS, OMB Control No: 0584–0594 expiration date 7/31/2023). State agencies must maintain records in order to support data reported in FPRS.

The information collected on the FNS–583 report includes:

• On the first quarter report, the number of work registrants receiving SNAP as of October 1 of the new fiscal year;

• On each quarterly report, by month, the number of new work registrants; the number of able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) applicants and recipients participating in qualifying components; the number of all other applicants and recipients (including ABAWDs involved in non-qualifying activities) participating in components; and the number of ABAWDs exempt under the State agency’s 15 percent exemption allowance;

• On the fourth quarter report, the total number of individuals who participated in each component, which is also sorted by ABAWD and non-ABAWD participants and the number of individuals who participated in the E&T Program during the fiscal year.

7 CFR 273.7(d)(1)(i)(D) provides that if a State agency will not expend all of the funds allocated to it for a fiscal year, FNS will reallocate unexpended funds to other State agencies during the fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year as FNS considers appropriate and equitable. After FNS makes initial E&T allocations, State agencies may request more funds as needed. Typically FNS receives eighteen such requests per year.

The time it takes to prepare these requests is included in the burden. After receiving the State requests, FNS will reallocate unexpended funds as provided above. The following is the estimated burden for E&T reporting including the burden for State agencies to request additional funds.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Government. Respondent groups identified include State agencies administering the SNAP E&T program in 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents annually for the recordkeeping burden of the FNS–583 is 53 State agencies, including the agencies responsible for SNAP administration in 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The estimated number of respondents for requesting additional funds and maintaining records to support these requests is 18 per year.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: The 53 States agencies are required to submit data on the FNS–583 quarterly. State agencies will be required to maintain data to support 4 reports per year.

The State agencies requesting additional funds typically do so once per year.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 248.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated time of response varies from 8 to 60 minutes depending on respondent group, as shown in the table below, with an average estimated time of .199 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,971 minutes (49.51 hours rounded to 50 burden hours). See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.