

## Appendix B-5. NASS Review Comments

**Review of OMB Part B  
FNS Feasibility of Estimating Meal Claim Errors  
for Family Day Care Homes in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**

**Conclusion:** The statistical methods and approach applied by FNS (via MSG) are satisfactory and approved by USDA-NASS representative. The purpose is well defined. The sample among the different stratum are effective to obtaining the desired metrics. The sample size well covers the desired power. The non-response methods are defined for different scenarios.

**B1 Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods**

- i) Define population and purpose: well defined.
- ii) Population estimator: Error rate of all MSRS & CARS submissions
- iii) Purpose: Ability to calculate claim error rate.
- iv) 4 Main respondent types.
- v) Select 20 providers, separate 10 to survey and 10 to control.
- vi) Exclude providers' own children to avoid bias.

**B2 Procedures for the Collection of Information**

- i) Power analysis, need 230 providers. Cover easily.
- ii) Why only 4 states?
  - (1) 1 of which is either CA or MN. Ok.
  - (2) If programs are administered differently among states, will the measured meal claim errors represent all states? I assume that this error rate will vary significantly between states, but I'm not knowledgeable about between state variation. This may not be of concern, but thought I'd bring up the subject.
- iii) Random sample of admin data. Good

**B3 Methods to Maximize the Response Rates and to Deal with Nonresponse**

- i) Adjust for non-response: Good, well defined.
  - (1) Imputation, Random Replacement
  - (2) Exclude row
  - (3) Recontact (admin data)

**B4 Test of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken**

- i) Good

**B5 Individuals Consulted on Statistical Aspects & Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data**

- i) Good

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