

Attachment P.2
NASS Comments with Responses

NASS Review of OMB Documentation for FNS Assessment of States' Use of Computer Matching Protocol in SNAP

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Part A

A.16 (Table A.16): Is this included in respondent burden? How many regional directors are there?

Yes, the introductory letters to regional directors are included in respondent burden. There are seven regional directors (Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Mountain Plains, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, and Western).

Questionnaires

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County Module of the State-Level Survey:

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