Justification of Change Worksheet

Pecans Grown in AL, AR, AZ, CA, FL, GA, KS, LA, MO, MS, NC, NM, OK, SC and TX

OMB No. 0581-0291

Marketing Order No. 986

April 2018

On February 2, 2018, OMB issued its approval to AMS on two new forms related to the Federal marketing order for pecans: Intern-Handler Transfer (Form 4) and Year-End Inventory Report (Form 7); and assigned them OMB No. 0581-0303. This Justification for Change Worksheet requests OMB’s approval to merge recently approved Form 4 and Form 7 into OMB No. 0581-0291. As indicated in the Supporting Statement to OMB No. 0581-0303, AMS now seeks to merge Form 4 and Form 7 into the parent OMB No. 0581-0291, so all forms pertaining to the marketing order are contained in one forms collection and so AMS can prevent duplicity of burden hours.

OMB No. 0581-0303 should be discontinued after both new forms are merged into OMB No 0581-0291. Once OMB approves this merge request, AMS will submit a discontinuation request in ROCIS to delete OMB No. 0581-0303 collection to keep all forms in one parent collection.

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|  | Total Annual Responses | Total Hours |
| Current 0581-0291 | 6,954 | 2,179 |
| Current 0581-0303 | 610 | 185 |
| **New Combined** 0581-0291 | 7,564 | 2,364 |

In addition to adding two forms into OMB 0581-0291 and increasing its annual responses and total hours as a result, this Justification of Change Worksheet requests OMB’s approval to change all “FV” identifiers in the form numbers listed below to “SC” due to the agency’s renaming of “Fruit and Vegetable Program” to “Specialty Crops Program” within AMS.

OMB No. 0581-0291 contains forms already approved last year by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the Agricultural Marketing Service’s (AMS) creation of the Federal marketing order for pecans. Those forms include:

Ballot for Grower Nominees (FV-307);

Ballot for Sheller Nominees (FV-308);

Grower Nomination Form (FV-309);

Sheller Nomination Form (FV-310);

Grower/Sheller Questionnaire and Acceptance Statement (FV-311);

Public Member Questionnaire and Acceptance Statement (FV-312);

Grower Referendum Ballot (FV-313);

Marketing Agreement (FV-242);

Certification of Resolution (FV-242A).

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