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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 14, 2019.

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 requested 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 June 17, 2019 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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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.

Natural Resources and Conservation Service

Title: Volunteer Program—Earth Team.

OMB Control Number: 0578–0024.

Summary of Collection: Volunteers have been a valuable human resource to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) since 1985. NRCS is authorized by the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM) Supplement 296–33, Subchapter 33, to recruit, train and accept, with regard to Civil Service classification law, rules, or regulations, the service of individuals to serve without compensation. Volunteers may assist in any agency program/project and may perform any activities which agency employees are allowed to do. Volunteers must be 14 years of age. NRCS will collect information using NRCS forms NRCS–Per–002 and NRCS–PER–004.

Need and Use of the Information: NRCS will collect information on the type of skills and type of work the volunteers are interested in doing. The collected information will be used by supervisors of volunteers and the International Program Division to evaluate potential international volunteers and evaluate the effectiveness of the volunteer program. Without the information, NRCS would not know which individuals are interested in volunteering.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 8,220.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Semi-annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,011.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by June 17, 2019. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Hawaii Crop or Livestock Loss Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0264.

Summary of Collection: The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow-on surveys. NASS will conduct a survey of agricultural operations in Hawaii. Each selected farmer or rancher will be asked to provide data on (1) the area (acres or square feet) affected by natural disasters or weather conditions in 2018, (2) the area (acres or square feet) affected by natural disasters or weather conditions in 2018 that was replanted, and (3) the number of head of livestock affected by natural disasters or weather conditions in 2018. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S.C. Title 7, Section 2204.

Need and Use of the Information: The year 2018 saw multiple disaster events in Hawaii. Disasters ranged from volcano eruption over the east side of the Big Island to several flooding rains across the Big Island, Maui, Oahu, and Kauai. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) has entered into a cooperative agreement with NASS to conduct a Crop or Livestock Loss Survey. The purpose of this survey is to ascertain the extent of damage from natural occurrences on an acreage/livestock basis during crop year 2018.

Description of Respondents: Farmers.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once a year.

Total Burden Hours: 213.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service****Request for Information: The Serious Deficiency Process in the Child and Adult Care Food Program**

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a request for information to gather detailed comments from stakeholders about the

serious deficiency process in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The serious deficiency process provides a systematic way to correct serious management problems and, when that effort fails, protect the program through due process.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 15, 2019.

ADDRESSES: USDA invites the submission of the requested information through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal (preferred method):* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send written comments to Autumn McCain, Program Monitoring Branch, Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

All comments submitted in response to this request for information will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure. USDA will make the comments publicly available via <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Autumn McCain, Program Monitoring Branch, Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 703-605-3223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Integrity is essential to achieving the mission of all FNS nutrition assistance programs. FNS works in close collaboration with State and local partners to facilitate the promotion, practice, and improvement of integrity-focused efforts while ensuring the delivery of excellent customer service. To that end, State agencies are responsible for monitoring CACFP institutions— independent child and adult care centers and sponsoring organizations of family day care homes and centers—to ensure compliance with program requirements.

Serious deficiencies, as provided for in Sec. 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1766), and the serious deficiency process, as codified in 7 CFR part 226, offer a means to address severe and pervasive issues of program non-compliance, with a structured set of steps that provide all institutions and day care home providers the opportunity for corrective action and due process. The intent of the serious deficiency process is to correct non-

compliance issues in a timely fashion. As such, the process incorporates critical deadlines for the completion of corrective actions, and milestones for monitoring progress towards meeting those deadlines.

The serious deficiency process starts when the State agency or sponsoring organization identifies one or more serious non-compliance issues and concludes when all such issues are resolved, through either corrective action or termination and disqualification of the institution or day care home. The process includes required procedures that are designed to help the State agency and sponsoring organization document actions taken to correct serious deficiencies or to terminate and remove from CACFP those non-performing institutions or day care homes that are unwilling to, or incapable of, resolving their serious deficiencies.

On March 29, 2016, FNS published a proposed rule, *Child Nutrition Program Integrity*, 81 FR 17563, available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/03/29/2016-06801/child-nutrition-program-integrity>, concerning several provisions of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296, affecting integrity in CACFP and in the National School Lunch Program, Special Milk Program for Children, School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and State Administrative Expense Funds. Among other things, the rule proposed serious deficiency and termination procedures in SFSP, serious deficiency and termination procedures for unaffiliated sponsored centers in CACFP, and procedures to prohibit the participation of entities or individuals terminated from any of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Comments on the proposed rule suggested that prior to making the operations of any other Child Nutrition Program subject to the serious deficiency process, FNS should further investigate and attempt to address potential inconsistencies in the implementation of that process across States. Consequently, this notice requests information to help FNS understand firsthand the experiences stakeholders have had with the serious deficiency process in CACFP. We are asking for public comments to gather feedback about the successes, challenges, potential benefits, and negative impacts associated with the application of the serious deficiency process. Your responses to this request for information will assist FNS in its efforts to ensure consistent and effective application of the serious deficiency