

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Agricultural Marketing Service****[Docket No. LS-05-04]****Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of the currently approved information collection used to compile and generate the Federally Inspected Estimated Daily Slaughter Report for the Livestock and Grain Market News Branch.

**DATES:** Comments received by June 20, 2005, will be considered.

*Additional Information or Comments:* Contact Jimmy A. Beard; Assistant to the Chief; Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1400 Independence Avenue SW.; STOP 0252; Room 2619-S; Washington, DC 20250-0252; Phone (202) 720-8054; Fax (202) 690-3732; or e-mailed to [marketnewscomments@usda.gov](mailto:marketnewscomments@usda.gov). All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on the Internet at [www.ams.usda.gov/lsmnpubs](http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmnpubs).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Plan for Estimating Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection.

*OMB Number:* 0581-0050.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 09-30-2005.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621, et seq), section 203(g) directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements, aiding in the maintenance of farm income, and to bring about a balance between production and utilization.

Under this market news program, USDA issues a market news report estimating daily livestock slaughter

under Federal inspection. This report is compiled by AMS on a voluntary basis in cooperation with the livestock and meat industry. Market news reporting must be timely, accurate, and continuous if it is to be useful to producers, processors, and the trade in general. The daily livestock slaughter estimates are provided at the request of industry and are used to make production and marketing decisions.

The Daily Estimated Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection Report is used by a wide range of industry contacts, including packers, processors, producers, brokers and retailers of meat and meat products. The livestock and meat industry requested that USDA issue slaughter estimates (daily and weekly), by species, for cattle, calves, hogs and sheep in order to assist them in making immediate production and marketing decisions and as a guide to the volume of meat in the marketing channel. The information requested from respondents includes their estimation of the current day's slaughter at their plant(s) and the actual slaughter for the previous day. Also, the Government is a large purchaser of meat and related products and this report assists other Government agencies in providing timely information on the quantity of meat entering the processing channels.

The information must be collected, compiled, and disseminated by an impartial third-party, in a manner which protects the confidentiality of the reporting entity. AMS is in the best position to provide this service.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0333 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities, individuals or households, farms, and the Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 72.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 18,720.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 260.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 624 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Contact Jimmy A. Beard; Assistant to the Chief; Livestock and Grain Market News Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1400 Independence Ave; STOP 0252; Room 2619-S; Washington, DC 20250-0252; Phone (202) 720-8054; Fax (202) 690-3732; or e-mailed to [marketnewscomments@usda.gov](mailto:marketnewscomments@usda.gov). All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address and on the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmnpubs>.

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

Dated: April 14, 2005.

**Kenneth C. Clayton,**

*Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Agricultural Marketing Service****[No. TM-05-04]****Nominations for Members of the National Organic Standards Board****AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) of 1990, as amended, requires the establishment of a National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The NOSB is a 15-member board that is responsible for developing and recommending to the Secretary a proposed National List of Approved and Prohibited Substances. The NOSB also advises the Secretary on other aspects of the National Organic Program. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is requesting nominations to fill six (6) upcoming vacancies on the NOSB. The positions to be filled are: organic producer (2 positions), consumer/public interest (3 positions), and USDA accredited certifying agent (1 position). The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint a person to each position to serve a 5-year term of office that will commence on January 24, 2006, and run until January 24, 2011. USDA

encourages eligible minorities, women, and persons with disabilities to apply for membership on the NOSB.

**DATES:** Written nominations, with résumés, must be post-marked on or before July 15, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Ms. Katherine E. Benham, Advisory Board Specialist, USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Katherine E. Benham, (202) 205-7806; E-mail: [katherine.benham@usda.gov](mailto:katherine.benham@usda.gov); Fax: (202) 205-7808.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OFPA of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*), requires the Secretary to establish an organic certification program for producers and handlers of agricultural products that have been produced using organic methods. In developing this program, the Secretary is required to establish a NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to assist in the development of a proposed National List of Approved and Prohibited Substances and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the National Organic Program.

The NOSB made recommendations to the Secretary regarding the establishment of the initial organic program. It is anticipated that the NOSB will continue to make recommendations on various matters, including recommendations on substances it believes should be allowed or prohibited for use in organic production and handling.

The NOSB is composed of 15 members; 4 organic producers, 2 organic handlers, a retailer, 3 environmentalists, 3 public/consumer representatives, a scientist, and a certifying agent. Nominations are being sought to fill the following six (6) upcoming NOSB vacancies: organic producer (2 positions), consumer/public interest (3 positions), and USDA accredited certifying agent (1 position). Individuals desiring to be appointed to the NOSB at this time must be either an owner or operator of an organic production operation, an individual who represents public interest or consumer interest groups, or an individual who is a USDA accredited organic certifying agent. Selection criteria will include such factors as: demonstrated experience and interest in organic production, organic certification, and support of consumer and public interest organizations; demonstrated experience with respect to agricultural products produced and handled on certified organic farms; and such other factors as may be appropriate for specific positions.

Nominees will be supplied with a biographical information form that must be completed and returned to USDA within 10 working days of its receipt. Completed biographical information forms are required for a nominee to receive consideration for appointment by the Secretary.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the NOSB in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the members of the NOSB take into account the needs of the diverse groups that are served by the Department, membership on the NOSB will include, to the extent practicable, individuals who demonstrate the ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The information collection requirements concerning the nomination process have been previously cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0505-0001.

Dated: April 14, 2005.

**Kenneth C. Clayton,**

*Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 05-014-1]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations to prevent the interstate spread of plant pests from Hawaii and U.S. territories.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 20, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

**EDOCKET:** Go to <http://www.epa.gov/feddoctet> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents

in the public docket that are available electronically. Once you have entered EDOCKET, click on the "View Open APHIS Dockets" link to locate this document.

**Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. 05-014-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 05-014-1.

**Reading Room:** You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

**Other Information:** You may view APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register** and related information on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding the movement of fruits and vegetables from Hawaii and U.S. territories, contact Ms. Susan Dublinski, Import Specialist, Phytosanitary Issues Management, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 140, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-6799. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Hawaiian and Territorial Quarantine Notices.

**OMB Number:** 0579-0198.

**Type of Request:** Extension of approval of an information collection.

**Abstract:** As authorized by the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772) (PPA), the Secretary of Agriculture may prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, exportation, or movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant product, biological control organism, noxious weed, means of conveyance, or other article if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent a plant pest or noxious weed from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States. This authority has been delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which administers regulations to