participant files of the other two states to detect persons who have crossed state lines to obtain duplicate food stamp benefits.

The matches will be made under written agreements between USDA and each of the source agencies involved. Set forth below is the information required by paragraph 5ffl) of the Revised Supplemental Guidance for Conducting Computerized Matching Programs issued by the Office of Management and Budget, 47 FR 21656 (May 19, 1982). A copy of this notice has been provided to both Houses of Congress and the Office of Management and Budget.


Report of Matching Programs: Cross-State Wage, Unemployment Compensation, and Food Stamp Recipient Match of Food Stamp Program Participants in Oregon, Washington and Idaho


b. Program Description and Purpose: One of the responsibilities of OIG under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-452) is to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in USDA programs. As part of the effort to meet this responsibility, OIG plans to match lists of food stamp participants in each of the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho against files of wage earners and unemployment compensation recipients in the other two states to detect underreporting of income by persons crossing state lines in order to obtain food stamp benefits without entitlement. In addition, the lists of food stamp participants in each of the three states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, will be compared to the lists of food stamp participants in the other two States to detect persons that cross state lines to obtain duplicate food stamp benefits. The matches will be conducted on an on-time basis.

All matches will be accomplished through the use of computer files and will identify common elements of State food stamp program files and respective State wage earner and unemployment compensation data files by comparing social security numbers (SSN) or some combination of SSN with name and/or date of birth. OIG will followup on these matches of common elements or "hits" through review of State food stamp program records and matching source records, and interviews of the "matching" individuals as necessary. Instances where this followup work identifies fraud or abuse may be referred to the State program agency for corrective action or to the proper authorities for prosecution, as appropriate.

c. Files to be used in this matching program are: (1) U.S. Department of Agriculture—State agency food stamp master files for selected States.

(2) Oregon Department of Human Resources, Employment Division, Wage Data File.


(4) Idaho Department of Employment Wage Data File.

d. Projected starting and ending dates: This matching is scheduled to begin in fiscal year 1986 and end in fiscal year 1987. Other States may be selected for similar matches in fiscal years 1986 and 1987.

e. Security safeguards: Computer files used in the matching program will be stored in secure libraries and access will be restricted to only those individuals who have a legitimate need to handle the material in order to accomplish the matches. The personal privacy of individuals identified on the files will be protected by strict compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974. Information concerning "non-matching" individuals will not be extracted for any purpose and source files will not be used for any matches without specific written agreement between USDA and the respective source agency.

f. Disposition of source records and "hits": All files received will be destroyed or returned to their source at the completion of the matches. Resulting "hit" information may be retained in the workpapers of the respective case agents.

Dated: September 8, 1986.


packers and stockyards administration

certification of central filing system

the Statewide central filing system of Montana is hereby certified, pursuant to section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985, on the basis of information submitted by Jim Wattermire, Secretary of State, for all farm products produced in that State.

This issued pursuant to authority delegated by the Secretary of Agriculture.