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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 6, 1996.

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 regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs 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.

- Agricultural Marketing Service.

Title: Avocados Grown in South Florida, Marketing Order No. 915.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0078.

Summary: Information is needed to nominate committee members, issue exemptions certificates, determine handler compliance, levy assessments, and to prepare periodic reports.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to regulate the provisions of Marketing Order No. 915.

Description of Respondents: Business; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 208.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Annually; Daily.

Total Burden Hours: 101.

- Foreign Agricultural Service.

Title: Declaration of Sale.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0009.

Summary: Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, provides for U.S. Government financing of sales of agricultural commodities to friendly foreign countries. Information must be supplied to inform USDA of the pending agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: USDA reviews this information to insure that the price falls within the prevailing range of export market prices and that the sale complies with all regulations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 17.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 29.

- National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Title: Milk and Milk Products.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0020.

Summary: This information collection provides data to estimate total milk production, number of cows, amounts and value of feed fed to milk cows, and production of manufactured dairy products.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection produces statistics that are used to establish monthly estimates of stocks, shipments, and selling prices. The information is used in price support programs for milk and to appraise supplies, prices, and trends in the dairy industry.

Description of Respondents: Farms, Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 44,618.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly; Quarterly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 20,086.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by December 31, 1996.

- Rural Development.

Title: 7 CFR 1951-E "Service of Community and Insured Business Programs Loans and Grants."

OMB Control Number: 0575-0066.

Summary: The regulation prescribes policies and responsibilities for servicing actions necessary in connection with community facilities loans and grants, water and waste loans and grants, and insured business and industry loans.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to provide servicing actions necessary in connection with loans and grants under 7 CFR 1951-E.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 110.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 120.

Donald Hulcher,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to request an extension and revision to a currently approved information collection relating to the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program regulations issued under authority of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act). Other administrative decisions make obsolete several forms and result in a decrease in the number of burden hours for information collection under the

Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 10, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janise Zygmunt, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Stop 0515, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415 or call (202) 720-8841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cotton, 7 CFR Part 1427.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0136.

Expiration Date: April 30, 1997.

Type of Request: Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0136, as identified above, is needed to enable the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to effectively administer the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program.

In order to participate in the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program, U.S. exporters and domestic mills must sign an Upland Cotton Domestic User/Exporter Agreement (CCC-1045). CCC-1045 contains the terms and conditions for receiving payments and outlines the responsibilities of the participant. Two changes to form CCC-1045 were made in response to the passage of the 1996 Act. First, the 1996 Act extended the authority to conduct the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program through July 31, 2003. Previous legislation had authorized the program only through July 31, 1998. Second, the 1996 Act limits the total amount of payments that can be made under the program to no more than \$701 million during fiscal years 1996 through 2002. CCC-1045 has been revised to reflect the new date and the restriction on payments. Neither change results in a change in the annual reporting and recordkeeping burden.

CCC determined that exporters will no longer be required to report their shipments each week. Instead, only for weeks in which a payment rate is in effect will exporters be required to report to CCC the amount of cotton that has been exported. This reporting will be done on CCC 1045-2 or a report generated by the exporters containing the same information. This results in a 1,950-hour reduction in the annual reporting burden for exporters. Domestic users must continue to report to CCC on a weekly basis in a somewhat revised format. Instead of two reports (Domestic User Application for Payment and Weekly Inventory Summary

Report), the information collection has been combined into one report called "Weekly Consumption Report/ Application For Payment." The annual reporting burden increase of 25 hours connected with this report is due not to a change in the burden, but to rounding the Average Time to Respond associated with the Weekly Consumption Report/ Application for Payment report to 13 minutes. The net reduction in the burden is 1,925 hours.

Respondents: U.S. cotton exporters and domestic mills.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Average Time to Respond: 14 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 11,700.

Estimated Number of Reports Filed per Person: 39.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,750.

Topics for comments include but are not limited to the following: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) 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 should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Janise Zygmunt, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Stop 0515, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415; telephone (202) 720-8841. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Janise Zygmunt at the above address.

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

Signed at Washington, D.C., on November 20, 1996.

Grant Buntrock,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Comments on Approved Information Collection Packages

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), this notice announces the intention of the Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request a revision to and extension for information collection currently approved in support of the Direct Farm Ownership Loan Program Regulations under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 0560-0157; the Farm Credit Account Servicing Regulations under OMB control number 0560-0161; the Liquidation of Loans Secured by Real Estate and Acquisition of Real and Chattel Property Regulations under OMB control number 0575-0109; the Management of Property Regulations under OMB control number 0575-0110; the Debt Settlement, Farmer Programs and Housing Regulation under OMB control number 0575-0118; and a reinstatement with change, for information collection in support of the Application for Direct Loan Assistance under OMB control number 0560-0167. These regulations are published under the authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended.

Revisions are necessary as a result of program changes mandated by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act). The provisions of the 1996 Act became effective either upon enactment of the legislation on April 4, 1996, or 90 days thereafter. Therefore, emergency clearance for the information collection was requested and approved under OMB control numbers 0560-0172 and 0560-0173.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 10, 1997 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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