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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 20, 2007.

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), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental 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) 720-8681.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Poultry Market News Report.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0033.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, legislates that USDA shall "collect and disseminate marketing information * * *" and " * * * collect, tabulate, and disseminate statistics on marketing agricultural products, including, but not restricted to statistics on marketing supplies, storage, stocks, quantity, quality, and condition of such products in various positions in the marketing channel, use of such products, and shipments and unloads thereof." The mission of Market News is to provide current unbiased, factual information to all members of the Nation's agricultural industry, from farm to retailer.

Need and Use of the Information: Information is used by the private sector to make economic decisions to establish market values for application in contracts or settlement value, and to address specific concerns or issues related to trade agreements and disputes as well as being used by educational institutions, specifically, agricultural colleges and universities. Government agencies such as the Foreign Agricultural Service, Economic Research Service and the National Agricultural Statistics Service use market news data in the performance of their missions. Also, the poultry and egg industry uses the data to help determine future production and marketing projections. The absence of these data would deny primary and secondary users information that otherwise would be available to aid them in their production and marketing decisions, analyses, research and knowledge of current market conditions. The omission of these data could adversely affect prices, supply, and demand.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 1,785.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly; monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 18,422.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations for Voluntary Grading of Poultry Products and Rabbit Products, 7 CFR part 70.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0127.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1087-1091, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) (AMA) directs and authorizes the Department to develop standards of quality, grades, grading programs, and services to enable a more orderly marketing of agricultural products so trading may be facilitated and so consumers may be able to obtain products graded and identified under USDA programs. Regulations in 7 CFR part 70 provide for a voluntary program for grading poultry and rabbits on the basis of U.S. classes, standards and grades. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) carries out the regulations, which provide a voluntary program for grading poultry and rabbit products.

Need and Use of the Information: This is a voluntary program on a fee for service basis. Respondents need to request or apply for the specific service they want and in doing so they provide information. The information is needed to administer the program, assess the cost of providing service, and to assure graded poultry and rabbits are properly labeled. Without this information the agency could not ensure properly labeled poultry and rabbit products and the integrity of the USDA grade mark if each new label was not submitted for approval.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 359.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; semi-annually; monthly; annually; Other: Daily.

Total Burden Hours: 1,813.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Export Fruit Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0143.

Summary of Collection: Fresh apples and grapes grown in the United States shipped to any foreign destination must meet minimum quality and other requirements established by regulations issued under the Export Apple Act (7 CFR part 33) and the Export Grape and Plum Act (7 CFR part 35). These Acts were designed to promote the foreign trade of the United States in apples and grapes; to protect the reputation of these American-grown commodities; and to prevent deception or misrepresentation of the quality of such products moving in foreign commerce. Currently, plum and pear provisions are not covered under the Export Grape and Plum Act.

The regulation issued under the Export Grape and Plum Act (7 CFR part 35) covers fresh grapes grown in the United States and shipped to foreign destinations, except Canada and Mexico.

Need and Use of the Information:

Persons who ship fresh apples and grapes grown in the U.S. to foreign destinations must have such shipment inspected and certified by Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service (FSIS) inspectors. Agriculture Marketing Service administers the FSIS. Official FSIS inspection certificates and phytosanitary certificates issued by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service provide the needed information for USDA. Export carriers are required to keep on file for three years copies of inspection certificates for apples and grapes.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting; on occasion, monthly, annually.

Total Burden Hours: 25.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0175.

Summary of Collection: The Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 7333 and implemented under regulations issued at 7 CFR Part 1437. The collection of crop planting and production data is necessary for the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to calculate the producer's approved yield on the basis of actual production history. Information collection relative to the occurrence of crop damage or loss production and application for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is necessary for CCC to accept and consider a request for assistance under NAP and to facilitate eligibility determinations. NAP provides eligible producers of eligible crops with protection to the catastrophic risk protection plan of crop insurance. It helps reduce production risks faced by producers of crops for which Federal crop insurance is not available. It also reduces financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect the producer's name, address identification number, farm and tract, acreage, ownership, location, crop history, planted acreage, production, yield, share, etc. The information will be used to identify eligible NAP participants, acreage and location, crop and commodities. If information is not collected FSA will not be able to identify and determine eligible participants and crops being planted or

produced, or provide assistance to agricultural producers who as a result of natural disaster have suffered catastrophic losses of agricultural crops or commodities.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or household.

Number of Respondents: 291,500.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; monthly; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,143,562.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0076]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a Biological Control Agent for Old World Climbing Fern

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the release of a nonindigenous gall mite, *Floracarus perrepae*, for the biological control of Old World climbing fern, *Lygodium microphyllum*, in the continental United States. Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert V. Flanders, Chief, Pest Permit Evaluation Branch, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1228; (301) 734-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Old World climbing fern, *Lygodium microphyllum*, is a climbing fern that has a large native range that extends through much of the Old World tropics. It has become established in central and southern peninsular Florida, where it grows in a number of wetland and mesic (having a moderate supply of moisture) habitats including hammocks, cypress swamps, flatwoods, bayheads, and disturbed sites.