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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 3, 2013.

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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by January 8, 2014 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 20503. 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) 720–8681.

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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

National Agriculture Statistics Service

Title: Cotton Ginning Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0220.

Summary of Collection: Primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices as well as specialty agricultural and environmental statistics. The Cotton Ginning Survey provides statistics concerning cotton ginning for specific dates and geographic regions and aids in forecasting cotton production, which is required under U.S.C. Title 13, Section 42(a).

Need and Use of the Information: The ginning data collected provides (1) all segments of the cotton industry—buyers, brokers, crushers, shippers, textile firms, and researches with exact quantities of cotton available at specific geographic locations within the U.S. on a regular basis; (2) precise statistics, especially when at least 50 percent of the forecasted cotton production has been ginned in a state; and (3) final season ginning data is used to establish final production. If the information were collected less frequent, the cotton industry would be without county level quantities ginned that could seriously affect transportation costs and marketing strategies.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 675.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly, Semi-annually, Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,104.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Interstate Shipment of Meat and Poultry.

OMB Control Number: 0583–0143.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome,

not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. Section 11015 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act, enacted on June 18, 2008, and amended the FMIA and PPIA to provide for cooperative programs whereby meat and poultry state-inspected establishments will be eligible to ship meat and poultry products in interstate commerce.

Need and Use of the Information: States that are interested in participating in the cooperative interstate shipment program must submit a request for an agreement to establish such a program through the appropriate FSIS District Office. In their requests, States must agree to comply with certain conditions in order to qualify for the interstate shipment program. In their request, States must also: (1) Identify establishments in the State that the State recommends for initial selection into the program and (2) include documentation to demonstrate that the State is able to provide necessary inspections services to selected establishments in the State and conduct any related activities that would be required under a cooperative interstate shipment program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 80.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,500.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FFP) Program Cooperative Agreements and Inventory

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the revision of the currently approved information collection, Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FFP) program Cooperative Agreements and Inventory.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 7, 2014 to be assured of consideration. Comments

received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: USDA, Forest Service, Fire and Aviation Management (F&AM), Attn: Melissa Frey, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mailstop 1107, Washington, DC 20250. Comments also may be submitted via email to: mfrey@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, F&AM, 1621 N. Kent Street, 9th Floor, Rosslyn, VA during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-206-1483 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Frey, Fire and Aviation Management, 202-205-1090. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FFP) Program Cooperative Agreements and Inventory.

OMB Number: 0596-0223.

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

Abstract: Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FFP) Program Cooperative Agreements are available to State forestry agencies. The program provides State agency participants with surplus Department of Defense, and other Federal agency, equipment and supplies to be used in firefighting and emergency services. The FEPP program loans property to the State, who in turn sub-loans the equipment and supplies to fire departments. The FFP program transfers ownership of the equipment to either the State agency or the individual fire department.

A cooperative agreement collects information from State agency participants and outlines the requirements and rules for the cooperation. Each State forestry agency shall provide an Accountable Officer who will be responsible for the integrity of the program within their respective State. For this reason, FEPP and FFP collect the State forestry agency contact information, the information of the Accountable Officer, and the requirements for participation in the FEPP and FFP programs.

A cooperative agreement will be prepared by each State forestry agency that desires to participate in, one or both

of, the programs. State agencies must submit separate agreements if they desire to be participants in both programs. Agreements will be processed and maintained by the Partnerships and Cooperative Programs branch of Fire and Aviation Management in each Forest Service Regional Office.

Since the property belongs to the Forest Service, the inventory system facilitates reports by State agency participants to the Forest Service on the status and location of the property. State agencies use the electronic database Federal Excess Property Management Information System (FEPMIS) to submit information regarding the property make, model, serial number, acquisition value, location, and acquisition date when an item is acquired or no longer need. Forest Service Property Management Technicians collect the information from FEPMIS and enter it into the National Finance Center database, as required by Federal Property Management Regulations. Forest Service Property Management Officers analyze the data collected to ensure that the property accountability is accurate and to confirm the property is being used as required.

The authority to provide surplus supplies to State agencies comes from Federal Property and Administration Services Act of 1949, 40 U.S.C., Sec 202. Authority to loan excess supplies comes from 10 U.S.C., Subtitle A, Part IV, Chapter 153, 2576b, which grants the authority for the FFP program.

With this submission, Forest Service proposes to combine the burden of two separate OMB approved Information Collections 0596-0223 *Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FFP) Cooperative Agreements*, and 0596-0218 *Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPMIS Database)* into one request with the OMB control number of 0596-0223 entitled *Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and Firefighter Property (FFP) Program Cooperative Agreements and Inventory*. Upon approval of this request, the Agency will then submit a discontinue request for the OMB control number 0596-0218 entitled *Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPMIS Database)*.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 1 hour and 2 minutes.

Type of Respondents: State Foresters and State Agency FEPP Property Managers.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 65.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 302.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 570 hours.

Comment is Invited: