

appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. 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, DC, July 1, 2015.

Greg Pompelli,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection; Measurement Service (MS) Records

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with the MS Records.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by September 15, 2015.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume and page number, the OMB Control Number, and the title of the information collection of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Clay Lagasse, Common Provisions Section, Production Emergencies and Compliance Division, USDA, FSA, Farm Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mail Stop 0517, Washington, DC 20250-0517.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Clay Lagasse at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clay Lagasse, (202) 205-9893.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Measurement Service (MS) Records.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0260.

Expiration Date: 12/31/2015.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: When a producer requests a measurement of acreage or production from FSA, the producer uses the form FSA-409 (Measurement Service (MS) Record) to make the request, which requires a measurement fee to be paid to FSA.

The form is manual. The types of MS being performed are currently at the Land (Office or Field) and Commodity Bin. Using the FSA-409 to make a request, the producer provides FSA: the farm serial number, program year, farm location, contact person, and type of service request (acreage or production). The MS procedure is done in accordance with 7 CFR part 718. FSA is using the collected information to fulfill producers' measurement request and to ensure that measurements are accurate.

A producer will use the FSA-409 to request and receive certain MS information from FSA and provide it to FSA at the time of applying for certain program benefits. The MS information includes, but is not limited to, measuring land and crop areas, quantities of farm-stored commodities, and appraising the yields of crops in the field.

The formula used to calculate the total burden hours is "the estimated average time per response (including travel time)" times "the total estimated annual response."

Estimate of Annual Burden: Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response. The travel time, which is included in the total annual burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

Respondents: Producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 135,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual of Responses: 135,000.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 1.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 168,750 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Evaluate the quality, utility, and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who respond through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses where provided, will be made a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

Val Dolcini,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs, National Average Payments/Maximum Reimbursement Rates

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the annual adjustments to the "national average payments," the amount of money the Federal Government provides States for lunches, afterschool snacks and breakfasts served to children participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs; to the "maximum reimbursement rates," the maximum per lunch rate from Federal funds that a State can provide a school food authority for lunches served to children participating in the National School Lunch Program; and to the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to non-needy children in a school or institution which participates in the Special Milk Program for Children. The payments and rates are prescribed on an annual basis each July. The annual payments and rates adjustments for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs reflect changes in the Food Away From Home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The annual rate adjustment for the Special Milk Program reflects changes in the

Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products.

DATES: These rates are effective from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Hortin, Branch Chief, Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, VA 22302; or phone (703) 305-4375.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Special Milk Program for Children—Pursuant to section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1772), the Department announces the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to non-needy children in a school or institution that participates in the Special Milk Program for Children. This rate is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

For the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to a non-needy child in a school or institution which participates in the Special Milk Program is 20.00 cents. This reflects a decrease of 3 cents from the School Year (SY) 2014–15 level, based on the 12.89 percent decrease in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products from May 2014 to May 2015 (from a level of 251.4 in May, as previously published in the *Federal Register* to 219.0 in May 2015).

As a reminder, schools or institutions with pricing programs that elect to serve milk free to eligible children continue to receive the average cost of a half-pint of milk (the total cost of all milk purchased during the claim period divided by the total number of purchased half-pints) for each half-pint served to an eligible child.

National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs—Pursuant to sections 11 and 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, (42 U.S.C. 1759a and 1766a), and section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773), the Department annually announces the adjustments to the National Average Payment Factors and to the maximum Federal reimbursement rates for lunches and afterschool snacks served to children participating in the National School Lunch Program and breakfasts served to children participating in the School Breakfast Program. Adjustments are prescribed each July 1, based on changes in the Food Away From Home series of the

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The changes in the national average payment rates for schools and residential child care institutions for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 reflect a 2.97 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers during the 12-month period May 2014 to May 2015 (from a level of 247.952 in May 2014, as previously published in the *Federal Register* to 255.322 in May 2015). Adjustments to the national average payment rates for all lunches served under the National School Lunch Program, breakfasts served under the School Breakfast Program, and afterschool snacks served under the National School Lunch Program are rounded down to the nearest whole cent.

Lunch Payment Levels—Section 4 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1753) provides general cash for food assistance payments to States to assist schools in purchasing food. The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act provides two different section 4 payment levels for lunches served under the National School Lunch Program. The lower payment level applies to lunches served by school food authorities in which less than 60 percent of the lunches served in the school lunch program during the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price. The higher payment level applies to lunches served by school food authorities in which 60 percent or more of the lunches served during the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price.

To supplement these section 4 payments, section 11 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759 (a)) provides special cash assistance payments to aid schools in providing free and reduced price lunches. The section 11 National Average Payment Factor for each reduced price lunch served is set at 40 cents less than the factor for each free lunch.

As authorized under sections 8 and 11 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1757 and 1759a), maximum reimbursement rates for each type of lunch are prescribed by the Department in this Notice. These maximum rates are to ensure equitable disbursement of Federal funds to school food authorities.

Section 201 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010—Section 201 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 made significant changes to the Richard B. Russell National School

Lunch Act. On January 3, 2014, the final rule entitled, “Certification of Compliance With Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program Under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010” (79 FR 325), was published and provides eligible school food authorities with performance-based cash reimbursement in addition to the general and special cash assistance described above. The final rule requires that school food authorities be certified by the State agency as being in compliance with the updated meal pattern and nutrition standard requirements set forth in amendments to 7 CFR parts 210 and 220 on January 26, 2012, in the final rule entitled “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs” (77 FR 4088). Certified school food authorities are eligible to receive performance-based cash assistance for each reimbursable lunch served (an additional six cents per lunch available beginning October 1, 2012, and adjusted annually thereafter).

Afterschool Snack Payments in Afterschool Care Programs—Section 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766a) establishes National Average Payments for free, reduced price and paid afterschool snacks as part of the National School Lunch Program.

Breakfast Payment Factors—Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) establishes National Average Payment Factors for free, reduced price and paid breakfasts served under the School Breakfast Program and additional payments for free and reduced price breakfasts served in schools determined to be in “severe need” because they serve a high percentage of needy children.

Revised Payments

The following specific section 4, section 11 and section 17A National Average Payment Factors and maximum reimbursement rates for lunch, the afterschool snack rates, and the breakfast rates are in effect from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Due to a higher cost of living, the average payments and maximum reimbursements for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than those for all other States. The District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam use the figures specified for the contiguous States.

National School Lunch Program Payments

Section 4 National Average Payment Factors—In school food authorities which served less than 60 percent free and reduced price lunches in School

Year (SY) 2013–14, the payments for meals served are: *Contiguous States*—paid rate—29 cents (1 cent increase from the SY 2014–15 level), free and reduced price rate—29 cents (1 cent increase), maximum rate—37 cents (1 cent increase); *Alaska*—paid rate—48 cents (2 cents increase), free and reduced price rate—48 cents (2 cents increase), maximum rate—58 cents (1 cent increase); *Hawaii*—paid rate—34 cents (1 cent increase), free and reduced price rate—34 cents (1 cent increase), maximum rate—42 cents (1 cent increase).

In school food authorities which served 60 percent or more free and reduced price lunches in School Year 2013–14, payments are: *Contiguous States*—paid rate—31 cents (1 cent increase from the SY 2014–15 level), free and reduced price rate—31 cents (1 cent increase), maximum rate—37 cents (1 cent increase); *Alaska*—paid rate—50 cents (2 cents increase), free and reduced price rate—50 cents (2 cents increase), maximum rate—58 cents (1 cent increase); *Hawaii*—paid rate—36 cents (1 cent increase), free and reduced price rate—36 cents (1 cent increase), maximum rate—42 cents (1 cent increase).

School food authorities certified to receive the performance-based cash assistance will receive an additional 6 cents (adjusted annually) added to the above amounts as part of their section 4 payments.

Section 11 National Average Payment Factors—Contiguous States—free lunch—278 cents (8 cents increase from the SY 2014–15 level), reduced price lunch—238 cents (8 cents increase); *Alaska*—free lunch—451 cents (13 cents increase), reduced price lunch—411 cents (13 cents increase); *Hawaii*—free lunch—326 cents (10 cents increase), reduced price lunch—286 cents (10 cents increase).

Afterschool Snacks in Afterschool Care Programs—The payments are: *Contiguous States*—free snack—84 cents (2 cents increase from the SY 2014–15 level), reduced price snack—42 cents (1 cent increase), paid snack—07 cents (no change); *Alaska*—free snack—137 cents (4 cents increase), reduced price snack—68 cents (2 cents increase), paid snack—12 cents (no change); *Hawaii*—free snack—99 cents (3 cents increase), reduced price snack—49 cents (1 cent increase), paid snack—09 cents (1 cent increase).

School Breakfast Program Payments

For schools “not in severe need” the payments are: *Contiguous States*—free breakfast—166 cents (4 cents increase from the SY 2014–15 level), reduced price breakfast—136 cents (4 cents increase), paid breakfast—29 cents (1 cent increase); *Alaska*—free breakfast—266 cents (7 cents increase), reduced price breakfast—236 cents (7 cents increase), paid breakfast—43 cents (1 cent increase); *Hawaii*—free breakfast—

194 cents (6 cents increase), reduced price breakfast—164 cents (6 cents increase), paid breakfast—33 cents (1 cent increase).

For schools in “severe need” the payments are: *Contiguous States*—free breakfast—199 cents (6 cents increase from the SY 2014–15 level), reduced price breakfast—169 cents (6 cents increase), paid breakfast—29 cents (1 cent increase); *Alaska*—free breakfast—319 cents (9 cents increase), reduced price breakfast—289 cents (9 cents increase), paid breakfast—43 cents (1 cent increase); *Hawaii*—free breakfast—232 cents (7 cents increase), reduced price breakfast—202 cents (7 cents increase), paid breakfast—33 cents (1 cent increase).

Payment Chart

The following chart illustrates the lunch National Average Payment Factors with the sections 4 and 11 already combined to indicate the per lunch amount; the maximum lunch reimbursement rates; the reimbursement rates for afterschool snacks served in afterschool care programs; the breakfast National Average Payment Factors including “severe need” schools; and the milk reimbursement rate. All amounts are expressed in dollars or fractions thereof. The payment factors and reimbursement rates used for the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam are those specified for the contiguous States.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS—MEAL, SNACK AND MILK PAYMENTS TO STATES AND SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES

[Expressed in dollars or fractions thereof]

[Effective from: July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016]

National school lunch program ¹	Less than 60%	Less than 60% + 6 cents ²	60% or more	60% or more + 6 cents ²	Maximum rate	Maximum rate + 6 cents ²
Contiguous States:						
Paid	0.29	0.35	0.31	0.37	0.37	0.43
Reduced price	2.67	2.73	2.69	2.75	2.84	2.90
Free	3.07	3.13	3.09	3.15	3.24	3.30
Alaska:						
Paid	0.48	0.54	0.50	0.56	0.58	0.64
Reduced price	4.59	4.65	4.61	4.67	4.83	4.89
Free	4.99	5.05	5.01	5.07	5.23	5.29
Hawaii:						
Paid	0.34	0.40	0.36	0.42	0.42	0.48
Reduced price	3.20	3.26	3.22	3.28	3.38	3.44
Free	3.60	3.66	3.62	3.68	3.78	3.84
School breakfast program					Non-severe need	Severe need
CONTIGUOUS STATES:						
Paid					0.29	0.29
Reduced price					1.36	1.69
Free					1.66	1.99
ALASKA:						
Paid					0.43	0.43
Reduced price					2.36	2.89
Free					2.66	3.19
HAWAII:						
Paid					0.33	0.33

School breakfast program		Non-severe need	Severe need
Reduced price		1.64	2.02
Free		1.94	2.32
Special milk Program		All milk	Paid milk
Pricing programs without free option	0.20	N/A	N/A.
Pricing programs with free option	N/A	0.20	Average Cost Per ½ Pint of Milk.
Nonpricing programs	0.20	N/A	N/A.

Afterschool Snacks Served in Afterschool Care Programs

CONTIGUOUS STATES:		
Paid		0.07
Reduced price		0.42
Free		0.84
ALASKA:		
Paid		0.12
Reduced price		0.68
Free		1.37
HAWAII:		
Paid		0.09
Reduced price		0.49
Free		0.99

¹ Payment listed for Free and Reduced Price Lunches include both section 4 and section 11 funds.

² Performance-based cash reimbursement (adjusted annually for inflation).

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice has been determined to be not significant and was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in conformance with Executive Order 12866.

National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.555, No. 10.553 and No. 10.556, respectively, and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 2 CFR 415.3–415.6).

Authority: Sections 4, 8, 11 and 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1753, 1757, 1759a, 1766a) and sections 3 and 4(b) of the Child Nutrition Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1772 and 42 U.S.C. 1773(b)).

Dated: July 12, 2015.

Audrey Rowe,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Food Distribution Program: Value of Donated Foods From July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2016

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the national average value of donated foods or, where applicable, cash in lieu of donated foods, to be provided in school year 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) for each lunch served by schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), and for each lunch and supper served by institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

DATES: Effective date: July 1, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Smalkowski, Program Analyst, Policy Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302–1594; or telephone (703) 305–2680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Nos. 10.555 and 10.558 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart

V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

This notice imposes no new reporting or recordkeeping provisions that are subject to Office of Management and Budget review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507). This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. This notice was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

National Average Minimum Value of Donated Foods for the Period July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2016

This notice implements mandatory provisions of sections 6(c) and 17(h)(1)(B) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1755(c) and 1766(h)(1)(B)). Section 6(c)(1)(A) of the Act establishes the national average value of donated food assistance to be given to States for each lunch served in the NSLP at 11.00 cents per meal. Pursuant to section 6(c)(1)(B), this amount is subject to annual adjustments on July 1 of each year to reflect changes in a three-month average value of the Producer Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions for March, April, and May each year (Price Index). Section 17(h)(1)(B) of the Act provides that the same value of donated foods (or cash in lieu of donated foods) for school lunches shall also be established for