

confidentiality of the reporting entities is preserved. AMS is in the best position to provide this service.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection, including the additional form, and the three revised forms, is estimated to average 0.175 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, individuals or households, farms, and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 560 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses: 137,592 responses.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 246 responses.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 24,006 hours.

The following is a new form to be added to this information collection: Form LS-133, Lamb Pelts Weekly Report.

Title: Lamb Pelts Weekly Report (LS-133)

The new lamb reporting requirements under § 59.302 would require lamb packers to report weekly on the price, volume, and classification descriptors for all lamb pelts from lambs purchased on a negotiated purchase, formula marketing arrangement, or forward contract basis. Form LS-133 is completed by lamb packers. The data collected with this form is necessary to facilitate the reporting of information on lamb pelts, which provides lamb producers more accurate information on the total value of lambs marketed for slaughter.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collection of information is estimated to be 0.25 hours per electronically submitted response.

Respondents: Packer processing plants required to report information on live lamb purchases to the Secretary.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6 plants.

Estimated Number of Responses: 312 responses.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 78 hours.

The following are three forms to be revised in this information collection: Form LS-123, Live Lamb Weekly Report; Form LS-118, Swine Prior Day Report; and Form LS-119, Swine Daily Report.

Title: Live Lamb Weekly Report (Form LS-123)

Form LS-123 is revised to include the volume and delivery period information for reporting lambs committed for

delivery. Form LS-123 is completed by lamb packers. The information collected on this revised form will provide industry supply and demand information to market participants; improving transparency in the marketplace and enabling them to be more informed on specific types of lamb market data not available through other USDA agencies.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collection of information is estimated to be 0.25 hours per electronically submitted response.

Respondents: Packer processing plants required to report information on live lamb purchases to the Secretary.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7 plants.

Estimated Number of Responses: 364 responses.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 52.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 91 hours.

Title: Swine Prior Day Report (Form LS-118)

Form LS-118 is revised to include an additional purchase type for negotiated formula purchases of swine. Form LS-118 is completed by swine packers. The information collected on this revised form will provide market participants with more specific information about the various purchase methods used in the daily marketing of swine and with a better understanding of the marketplace concerning formulated prices and spot negotiated prices.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collection of information is estimated to be 0.25 hours per electronically submitted response.

Respondents: Packer processing plants required to report information on live swine purchases to the Secretary.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 47 plants.

Estimated Number of Responses: 12,220 responses.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 260.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,055 hours.

Title: Swine Daily Report (Form LS-119)

Form LS-119 is revised to include an additional purchase type for negotiated formula purchases of swine. Form LS-119 is completed by swine packers. The information collected on this revised form will provide market participants with more specific information about the various purchase methods used in the daily marketing of swine and a better understanding of the marketplace concerning formulated prices and spot negotiated prices.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collection of information is estimated to be 0.17 hours per electronically submitted response.

Respondents: Packer processing plants required to report information on live swine purchases to the Secretary.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 39 plants.

Estimated Number of Responses: 20,280 responses.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 520.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,447 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this document will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 22, 2016.

Elanor Starmer,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2016-0014]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Horse Protection Regulations

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with the Horse Protection Program.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2016-0014>.

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2016-0014, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2016-0014> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 7797039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on regulations for the Horse Protection Program, contact Dr. Rachel Cezar, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3746. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Horse Protection Regulations.
OMB Control Number: 0579-0056.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: In 1970, Congress passed the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1821 *et seq.*), referred to below as the Act, that prohibits the showing, sale, auction, exhibition, or transport of horses subjected to a cruel and inhumane practice referred to as "soring." This practice causes a horse to suffer pain in any of its limbs for the purpose of affecting the horse's performance in competition. All breeds of horses are covered under the Act, although enforcement emphasis has historically been placed on Tennessee Walking horses and other gaited breeds due to the prevalence of soring documented in that industry.

To carry out the Act, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers and enforces regulations at 9 CFR part 11. The regulations prohibit devices and methods that might sore horses. They

also contain provisions under which show management may, to avoid liability for any sore horses that are shown, hire private individuals trained to conduct preshow inspections. These individuals are referred to as designated qualified persons (DQPs). DQPs must be trained and licensed under USDA-certified and monitored programs that are sponsored by horse industry organizations (HIOs).

Enforcement of the Act and its regulations relies on horse inspections conducted by APHIS veterinarians and by DQPs. To ensure that DQP enforcement and USDA-certified DQP programs are effective, APHIS requires DQPs, HIOs, and horse show management to maintain or submit to APHIS records related to these inspections, their DQP programs, and the horse events. No official government form is necessary for the reporting and recordkeeping required.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.6282 hours per response.

Respondents: DQPs, HIOs, horse industry organizations, and horse show management.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 1,510.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 2.39.

Estimated annual number of responses: 3,610.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 2,268 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours

may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of February 2016.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 23, 2016.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 March 30, 2016 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), 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) 720-8958.

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