

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

March 21, 2019.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC; 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.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by April 26, 2019. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Feral Swine Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0256.

Summary of Collection: Authority to collect these data is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable

data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276. On February 3, 1999, Executive Order 13112 was signed by President Clinton establishing the National Invasive Species Council. The Executive Order requires that a Council of Departments dealing with invasive species be created. Currently there are 13 Departments and Agencies on the Council. A benchmark survey was conducted in 2015 in 11 States (Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, and Texas). Target population within these states consisted of farm operations who have historically produced one or more of the following crops: Corn, soybeans, wheat, rice, peanuts or sorghum (Texas only).

The focus for the 2019 survey will involve 12 states (Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas). The target population will be producers of hay, tree nuts (pecans), melons (cantaloupe, honeydew, or watermelon), sugarcane, sweet potatoes, or cotton, and in CA the focus will be on producers of hay, tree nuts (almonds), grapes, sod, carrots, lettuce, or strawberries.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of the proposed survey is to develop national and State estimates of the damage feral swine cause to agricultural operations, as well as costs of controls and benefits from feral swine hunting. These estimates will be used by APHIS to determine which areas have the greatest amount of damage and where to focus efforts at dealing with the feral swine problem.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 27,900.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 8,887.

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Clearance Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**U.S. Codex Office****Codex Alimentarius Commission:
Meeting of the Codex Committee on
Food Labelling**

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on April 9, 2019. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 45th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Ottawa, Canada, May 13–17, 2019. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 45th Session of the CCFL and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019, from 1–5 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place in Meeting Room 107A of the Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 45th Session of the CCFL will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codex-alimentarius/%E2%80%8Bmeetings-reports/%E2%80%8B8Ben>.

Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to the 45th Session of the CCFL, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov.

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 45th Session of the CCFL by conference call, please use the call-in-number: 888–844–9904 and participant code 5126092.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing uscodex@osec.usda.gov by April 3, 2019. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone, as discussed above.

For Further Information about the 45th Session of the CCFL, contact U.S. Delegate, Douglas Balentine, Director, Office of Nutrition and Food Labelling, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Drive (HFS–830), College Park, MD 20740. Telephone: (240) 402–2373, Email: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov.

For Further Information About the Public Meeting Contact: U.S. Codex

Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone 202-720-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: uscodex@osec.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) are:

- (a) To draft provisions on labelling applicable to all foods;
- (b) to consider, amend if necessary, and endorse draft specific provisions on labelling prepared by other Codex Committees drafting standards, codes of practice and guidelines;
- (c) to study specific labelling problems assigned to it by the Commission; and,
- (d) to study problems associated with the advertisement of food with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions.

The CCFL is hosted by Canada. The United States attends CCFL as a member country of Codex.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 45th Session of the CCFL will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee by the CAC and Codex subsidiary bodies
- Matters of interest from FAO and WHO
- Consideration of labelling provisions in draft Codex standards
- Proposed draft Guidance for the Labelling of Non-Retail Containers
- Proposed draft Guidelines of Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labelling
- internet sales/e-commerce
- Innovation—use of technology in food labelling
- Labelling of alcoholic beverages
- Criteria for the definition of “high in” nutritional descriptors for fats, sugars, and sodium
- Labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats
- Future work and direction of CCFL
- Other Business

Public Meeting

At the April 9, 2019, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate for the 45th Session of the CCFL (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 45th Session of the CCFL.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, the U.S. Codex Office will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the USDA web page located at: <http://www.usda.gov/codex/>, a link that also offers an email subscription service providing access to information related to Codex. Customers can add or delete their subscription themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Done at Washington, DC, on March 21, 2019.

Mary Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eligibility Criteria for Tribal and Alaska Native Biomass Demonstration Projects Under the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Eligibility Criteria for Biomass Demonstration Projects.

SUMMARY: The Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017 amends the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA), to enter into contracts or agreements with Indian tribes, and, in Alaska, tribal organizations to carry out demonstration projects to promote biomass energy production on Indian forest land and in nearby communities by providing reliable supplies of woody biomass from federal lands.

The Act contains Eligibility Criteria required to be addressed by an Indian tribe or tribal organization in their application to the Secretary, in order to enter into Biomass Demonstration Projects. The Eligibility Criteria are required to be made publically available not later than 120 days after the date of the Act's enactment. The Act also contains Selection Criteria, which will be used, without modification, by the Secretary to evaluate applications submitted. The Act's Eligibility and Selection Criteria will be used, without modification, to select biomass demonstration projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture.

DATES: This Notice is applicable upon the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Documents may be viewed on the World-Wide internet at <https://www.fs.fed.us/spf/tribalrelations/authorities.shtml>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Church, Assistant Director, Forest Products, 202-205-1732, during normal business hours, or send an email to wospecialproducts@fs.fed.us. Additional information about this notice may be obtained on the World-Wide