

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to request a renewal to an approved information collection for race, ethnicity, and gender along with comments.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 13, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

*Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.:* Send to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 9407, Washington, DC 20250.

*Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 355 E Street SW, Room 7-205, Washington, DC 20024.

*Instructions:* All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to background documents or comments received, go to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, 507-A, Washington, DC 20250 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise A. Banks, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 401-7654 and fax number (202) 690-1782.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to request

approval for an existing collection in use with an OMB control number.

*Title:* Race, Ethnicity and Gender Data Collection.

*OMB Number:* OMB No. 0503-0019.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* October 31, 2020.

*Type of Request:* Extension and renewal of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* This data collection is necessary to implement Sections 14006 and 14007 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 8701 (hereafter referred to as the 2008 Farm Bill). Section 14006 of the 2008 Farm Bill establishes a requirement for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to annually compile application and participation rate data regarding socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers by computing for each program of the USDA that serves agriculture producers and landowners (a) raw numbers of applicants and participants by race, ethnicity, and gender subject to appropriate privacy protections, as determined by the Secretary; and (b) the application and participation rate, by race, ethnicity and gender, as a percentage of the total participation rate of all agricultural producers and landowners for each county and State in the United States. Pursuant to the authority in section 14006, the agencies of USDA are to collect the data and transmit it to the Secretary of Agriculture. Section 14007 requires USDA to use the data collected in the conduct of oversight and evaluation of civil rights compliance.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Producers, applicants.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,913,798.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 63,793.

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 comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**Devon Westhill,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 11, 2020.

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: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by September 14, 2020. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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 the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* National Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Programs.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581-0093.

*Summary of Collection:* The U.S. Department of Agriculture has the responsibility for implementing and overseeing programs for a variety of commodities including beef, blueberries, cotton, dairy, eggs, fluid milk, Hass avocados, honey, lamb, mangos, mushrooms, paper and paper-based packaging, peanuts, popcorn, pork, potatoes, softwood lumber, sorghum, soybeans, and watermelons. Various Acts authorize these programs to carry out projects relating to research, consumer information, advertising, sales promotion, producer information, market development and product research to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, and utilization of their respective commodities. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has the responsibility to appoint board members and approve the boards' budgets, plans, and projects and for foreign projects, the Foreign Agricultural Service. AMS' objective in carrying out this responsibility is to assure the following: (1) Collection of funds are properly accounted for; (2) expenditures of all funds are for the purposes authorized by enabling legislation; and (3) the board's administration of the programs conforms to USDA policy.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The boards administer the various programs using a variety of forms to carry out their responsibilities. Only authorized employees of the various boards and USDA employees will use the information collected. Were the data collected less frequently, (1) it would hinder data needed to collect and refund assessments in a timely manner and result in delayed or even lost revenue; (2) boards would be unable to carry out the responsibilities of their respective Acts; and (3) requiring reports less frequently than monthly would impose additional record keeping requirements.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for profit, Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 161,820.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion, Weekly, Monthly, Semi-annually, Annually; Recordkeeping.

*Total Burden Hours:* 147,939.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Food Safety and Inspection Service

**[Docket No. FSIS-2020-0025]**

##### Salmonella—State of the Science

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notification of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is hosting a virtual public meeting with participation from the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). FSIS will discuss the Agency's commitment to reducing *Salmonella* contamination associated with FSIS-regulated products and thus saving lives, by leading with science, building relationships, and influencing behavior change. Industry, interested individuals, organizations, and other stakeholders are invited to participate in the meeting and to comment on the data and science that drive FSIS *Salmonella* reduction efforts.

**DATES:** The virtual public meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. EST. Submit comments on or before September 25, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting is virtual and will be viewed via the web-ex link provided by email when you register for the meeting. Attendees must be pre-registered for the meeting. See the pre-registration instructions under "Registration and Meeting Materials."

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*Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue

SW, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Instructions:* All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2020-0025. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to background documents or comments received, email [docketclerk@usda.gov](mailto:docketclerk@usda.gov) or call 202-692-4235 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Email Congressional and Public Affairs at [FRN@usda.gov](mailto:FRN@usda.gov). Attendees requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Evelyn Arce by calling 202-418-8903 or emailing [Evelyn.Arce@usda.gov](mailto:Evelyn.Arce@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The daily work of implementing the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) is carried out by FSIS inspectors in over 6,500 establishments across the country. Although not always apparent to the public, there are many other components of the Agency that support the work of the field personnel in addressing foodborne pathogens. While the scope of FSIS authority to enforce FMIA, PPIA, and EPIA is centered on the meat, poultry, and egg products industries, the activities of the Agency drive change along the entire farm-to-fork continuum to protect our food supply. Food safety is a shared responsibility, and FSIS, in partnership with the greater food safety community ensures that safe and wholesome foods are on our dinner table and in our restaurants, schools, and institutions every day.

FSIS aggressively targets all foodborne pathogens of importance within their regulatory authority, including *Salmonella*. As food safety challenges evolve, FSIS will use the latest science and data to modernize inspection systems, laboratory and sampling methods, and communications to protect public health and meet consumers' needs. FSIS is focused on improving the Agency's ability to predict, detect, and reduce pathogens while encouraging industry to adopt the latest technology and innovations to produce a safer product. At the same time, FSIS is working to ensure that