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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Agricultural Marketing Service

TITLE: Plan for Estimating Daily Livestock Slaughter under Federal Inspection

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0581-0050

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) Section 203(g), directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization. Livestock, Poultry, and Grain market news provides a timely exchange of accurate and unbiased information on current marketing conditions (supply, demand, prices, trends, movement, and other information) affecting trade in livestock, poultry, meats, eggs, grain, hay and wool. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural marketing Service (AMS), this nationwide market news program is conducted in cooperation with approximately 28 State departments of agriculture.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: AMS will collect information on estimation of the current day's slaughter at their plant(s) and the actual slaughter of the previous day. The report is used to make market outlook projections and maintain statistical data. The up-to-the-minute reports collected and disseminated by professional market reporters are intended to provide both buyers and sellers with the information necessary for making intelligent, informed marketing decisions, thus putting everyone in the marketing system in an equal bargaining position. Since the government is a large purchaser of meat, a system to monitor the collection and reporting of data is needed. Collecting this information less frequently would hinder the timely use of this data.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Farms

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 61

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting; Weekly; Other: Daily

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 528

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