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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed collection; Comment Request –

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

This collection is a revision of a currently approved collection for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Written comments may be sent to: Kurtria Watson, Chief, Policy Branch, Supplemental Food

Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 528, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, contact Kurtria Watson, Chief, Policy Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Dr., Room 528, Alexandria, VA 22302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Form Number: FNS 683A

OMB Number: 0584-0541

Expiration Date: May 31, 2016

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 4203 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79, also known as the Farm Bill) reauthorized the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) through fiscal year 2018; a prior law (the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-171)) gave the Department of Agriculture the authority to promulgate regulations for the operation and administration of the SFMNP. These regulations are published at 7 CFR part 249. The purposes of the SFMNP are to provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture (CSA) programs to low income seniors; to increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs; and to develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs.

USDA published a final rulemaking on the SFMNP on December 6, 2006 (71 FR 74618), that contained an estimated information collection burden based on the rule's requirements for program operation and administration. SFMNP financial and program information is collected on the FNS Form 683A and is submitted annually to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) by participating SFMNP State agencies. This information is used to reconcile and close out grants in

accordance with the requirements of 7 CFR 3016.23(b) and 7 CFR 3016.41(a)(1). Program information is also used by FNS for program planning purposes, and for reporting to Congress as needed. The previous SFMNP information collection burden was approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for 3 years, effective May 2013, under OMB # 0584-0541. The Department is now soliciting comments on the accuracy and reasonableness of the renewal of this estimated burden.

The estimated total annual Reporting and Recordkeeping burden for SFMNP information collection is 422,023 hours. This estimated total burden is 52,250 hours lower than the previously approved collection burden. While the number of State agencies has increased slightly, several SFMNP State agencies report a decrease in the number of participants served and number of authorized farmers' markets. In addition, several calculation errors were corrected in this revision, further reducing the estimate. See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

Affected Public: Respondents include State agencies, local agencies, individuals/households (participants), and authorized SFMNP farms (farmers, farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs).

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents is 804,714. This includes: State agencies, local agencies, individuals/households (participants), and authorized SFMNP farms (farmers, farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: The estimated number of responses per respondent across the entire collection is 3. For the reporting burden it is 2, while recordkeeping is 15,390.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 2,408,711. The total reporting responses are 1,608,451, while the total recordkeeping responses are 800,260.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated time of response averages 0.18 hours for all participants. For the reporting burden, the estimated time of response varies from approximately 1 minute to 160 hours, while the estimated time of response for the recordkeeping burden varies from 15 minutes to 40 hours, depending on the respondent group.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 422,023 hours. The reporting and recordkeeping burden is 219,579 and 202,444 hours, respectively. See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Burden Collection Chart

Regulation Section	Title	Estimated No. of Respondents	Reports Filed Annually	Total Annual Response	Estimated Hrs/Response	Annual Burden Hrs
Affected Public: STATE & LOCAL AGENCIES (Including Indian Tribal Organizations and US Territories)						
Reporting						
249.3(d)	Local Agency Applications	1040	.5	520	2	1,040
249.4	State Plan	52	1	52	40	2,080
249.6(a)(3)	Certification data for seniors	52	15,385	800,000	.25	200,000
249.10(b)	Review of vendor applications	52	70	3622	1	3622
249.10(e)	Monitoring/review of outlets	52	7.0	362	1.5	543
249.10(f)	Coupon/CSA management system	52	1	52	5	260
249.10(h)	Coupon reconciliation	52	1	52	3	156
249.11	Financial management system	52	1	52	10	520
249.12	Prior Approval for costs per 2 CFR 200	5	1	5	160	800
249.17(b)(2)	State agency corrective action plans	7	1	7	10	70
249.18(b)	Audit responses	1	1	1	15	15
249.23(b)	Financial/recipient reports	52	1	52	40	2,080
249.23(b)	Annual Financial and Program Data Report (FNS 683A)	52	1	52	2	104
Subtotal	(Reporting Requirements)	1,092	737.022	804,829	0.26252	211,290
Affected Public: INDIVIDUALS/HOUSEHOLDS (Applicants for Program Benefits)						
Reporting						
249.6	Certification data for seniors	800,000	1	800,000	0.01	8,000
Subtotal	(Reporting Requirements)	800,000		800,000		8,000
Affected Public: Farms (Farmers/Markets/Roadside stands/CSA's)						
Reporting						
249.10(b)	Farmer agreements	3,622	1	3,622	0.08	290
Subtotal	(Reporting Requirements)	3,622		3,622		290
SUBTOTAL REPORTING		804,714	2	1,608,451	0.14	219,579
Affected Public: STATE & LOCAL AGENCIES (Including Indian Tribal Organizations and US Territories)						
Recordkeeping						
249.9	Nutrition education	52	15,385	800,000	0.25	200,000
249.10(b)	Authorized outlet agreements	52	1	52	2	104
249.10(e)	Summary of authorized outlet monitoring	52	1	52	2	104
249.11	Record of financial expenditures	52	1	52	2	104
249.16(a)	Fair hearings	52	1	52	1	52
249.23(a)	Record of program operations	52	1	52	40	2,080

Subtotal	(Recordkeeping Requirements)	52	15,390	800,260	0.25	202,444
TOTAL BURDEN	(Reporting & Recordkeeping)	804,714	3	2,408,711	0.18	422,023

Dated: February 22, 2016.

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Food and Nutrition Service.

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