



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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; 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 this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered.

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. 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.

Food and Nutrition Service

TITLE: 7 CFR Part 215 – Special Milk Program for Children

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0584-0005

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: Section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act (CNA) (P.L. 89-642, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1772) authorizes the Special Milk Program (SMP) for Children. It provides for appropriation of such sums as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of Agriculture, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary may deem in the public interest, to encourage consumption of fluid milk by children in the United States in (1) nonprofit schools of high school grade and under, and (2) nonprofit nursery schools, child care centers, settlement houses, summer camps, and similar nonprofit institutions devoted to the care and training of children, which do not participate in a food service program authorized under the CAN. Section 10 of the CNA (42 U.S.C. 1779) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to “prescribe such regulations as the Secretary may deem necessary to carry out this Act” and pursuant to that provision, the Secretary has issued 7 CFR Part 215 which contains the policies and procedures for the administration and operation of the SMP. For this revision, FNS estimates that the burden for the collection will decrease due to fewer State agencies, such as School Food Authorities (SFA), and Non-Profit Child Care Institutions (CCI) participating in the program.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: This is a revision of the currently approved information collection. This is an ongoing collection that contains both mandatory and required to obtain or retain benefit requirements. The SMP is administered at the State, SFA, and CCI levels. In accordance with the regulations, State and local operators are required to collect information concerning the operation of the program including the submission of applications and agreements, submission and payment of claims, and the maintenance of records. Without this information FNS would not be able to reimburse schools and institutions in a timely manner to allow them to properly administer the program. In addition, data reporting would be delayed, and the timely monitoring of program funding and program trends would be affected. If the recordkeeping activities were not conducted, FNS would be unable to provide adequate oversight of the SMP operators and State agencies. State and local operators are required to meet Federal reporting and accountability requirements.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: State, Local, and Tribal Government and Non-Profit Institutions.

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 1,547.

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On Occasion, Monthly, and Annually.

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 5,119.

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