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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—WIC Federal and State Agreements (Form FNS-339)

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 proposed information collections. The proposed information collection is a request for a revision of a currently approved collection of information relating to the reporting burden associated with completing and submitting form FNS-339, the Federal and State Agreement for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP); and/or the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP).

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before September 21, 2015.

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.

Comments may be sent to: Julie Brewer, Chief, Policy Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520, 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 written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Julie Brewer at 703-305-2746.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: WIC Federal and State Agreements.

Form Number: FNS-339.

OMB Number: 0584-0332.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2015.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Federal-State Special Supplemental Nutrition Program Agreement (Form FNS-339) collects information that is used by the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). At the Federal level, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), administers the WIC Program and the FMNP under Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act (CNA) of 1966, as amended, and the SFMNP under 7 U.S.C. 3007. The Federal-State Agreement is the annual contract between USDA and each State agency seeking to operate one or more of the following programs: (1) WIC, (2) FMNP, and (3) SFMNP.

The agreement requires the signature of the Chief State agency official and

includes a certification/assurance regarding drug free workplace, a certification regarding lobbying, and a disclosure of lobbying activities. The signed agreement is the contract between USDA and each State agency that administers WIC, FMNP and/or SFMNP, thereby authorizing USDA to release funds to the State agencies for the administration of the Program(s) in the jurisdiction of the State in accordance with the provisions of 7 CFR parts 246, 248, and/or 249. The State agency agrees to accept Federal funds for expenditure in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations and to comply with all provisions of such statutes and regulations.

The number of respondents (agencies administering WIC, FMNP and SFMNP) has decreased from 142 to 124, decreasing the total annual burden from 35.5 to 31 hours.

Affected Public: State, Territorial and Tribal Agencies.

Respondent Type: The Chief Health Officer of the WIC State agency, or the Chief Agency Official of the FMNP or SFMNP State agency (e.g., a State Commissioner of Agriculture or Agency on Aging), if not administered by the WIC State agency in that State.

Estimated Number of Respondents: There will be an estimated 124 respondents. This includes an unduplicated count of respondents that are responsible for the operation of 90 WIC Programs, 48 FMNPs and 51 SFMNPs.

Estimated Frequency of Responses per Respondent: 1. There is one response per agency for the Program(s) for which they are involved.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 124 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated time of each response is 15 minutes (.25 hours).

It takes respondents approximately 7.5 minutes (.125 hours) to read and sign the required form. Additionally, respondents spend another 7.5 minutes (.125 hours) making photocopies and filing each year. Therefore, the number of hours spent per each of the 124 reports per year is 0.25 hours totaling the requested 31 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The total estimated annual burden is 31 hours.

Affected public	Form	Estimated number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated total hours per response	Estimated total burden hours
State, Territorial, and Tribal Governments	FNS-339	124	1	124	.25	31
Total Burden	124	1	124	.25	31

Dated: July 16, 2015.
Audrey Rowe,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Intent To Renew a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR 1320) that implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s (NIFA) intention to request approval for the renewal of a currently approved information collection for Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR).

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by September 21, 2015 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this notice and requests for copies of the information collection may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: *rmartin@nifa.usda.gov*; Fax: 202-720-0857; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Martin, eGovernment Program Leader; Email: *rmartin@nifa.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Year End Report.

OMB Number: 0524-0043.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: January 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Intent to seek renewal of a currently approved information collection for three years.

Abstract: Funding for the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) community project grants is authorized under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 341 *et seq.*), as amended, and other relevant authorizing legislation, which provides jurisdictional basis for the establishment and operation of Extension educational work for the benefit of youth and families in communities. The CYFAR funding program supports community-based programs serving children, youth, and families in at-risk environments. CYFAR funds are intended to support the development of high quality, effective programs based on research and to document the impact of these programs on intended audiences. The CYFAR Year End Report collects demographic and impact data from each community site to conduct impact evaluations of the programs on its intended audience.

The collection of information serves several purposes. It allows NIFA staff to gauge if the program is reaching the target audience and make programmatic improvements. This collection also allows program staff to demonstrate the impacts and capacity that is developed in the locales where federal assistance is provided.

The evaluation processes of CYFAR are consistent with the requirements of Congressional legislation and OMB. The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62), the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act (FAIR) (Pub. L. 105-207), and the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act (AREERA) of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-185), together with OMB requirements, support the reporting requirements requested in this information collection. One of the five Presidential Management Agenda initiatives, Budget and Performance Integration, builds on GPRA and earlier efforts to identify program goals and performance measures, and link them to the budget process. The FAIR Act requires the development and implementation of a system to monitor and evaluate agricultural research and extension activities in order to measure the impact and effectiveness of research, extension, and education programs. AREERA requires a performance

evaluation to be conducted to determine whether federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education programs result in public goods that have national or multi-state significance.

The immediate need of this information collection is to provide a means for satisfying accountability requirements. The long term objective is to provide a means to enable the evaluation and assessment of the effectiveness of programs receiving federal funds and to fully satisfy requirements of performance and accountability legislation in GPRA, the FAIR Act, and AREERA.

Estimate of Burden: There are currently CYFAR projects in 40 states. Each state and territory is required to submit an annual year end report which includes demographic and impact data on each of the community projects. NIFA estimates the burden of this collection to be 322 hours per response. There are currently 51 respondents, thus making the total annual burden of this collection an estimated 12,880 hours.

Comments: 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 will have practical utility;
 (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
 (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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Done in Washington, DC, this 15 day of July, 2015.

Ann Bartuska,
Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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