

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service****Agency Information Collection****Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request—Child and Adult
Care Food Program (CACFP) Family
Day Care Home Meal Claim Feasibility
Study**

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 new collection for estimating erroneous payments due to meals claimed improperly by family day care home providers participating in the CACFP.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 9, 2016.

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: Veronica Uzoobo, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Veronica Uzoobo at 703-305-2576 or via email to Veronica.Uzoobo@fns.usda.gov. 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: Requests for additional information

should be directed to Veronica Uzoobo at 703-305-2105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Family Day Care Homes Meal Claim Feasibility Study

Form Number: N/A

OMB Number: Not Yet Assigned.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Determined.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: The objective of this feasibility study is to design and test a data collection method that enables FNS to estimate erroneous payments due to meals claimed improperly by family day care home providers participating in the CACFP. Specifically, the study focuses on accurately estimating meals that are claimed but not served.

The study relies on data from four sources: (1) State agencies that administer the program for FNS, (2) sponsors who manage CACFP on behalf of State agencies, (3) providers that operate family day care homes, and (4) parents with children enrolled in a participating provider's facility. State agencies will provide lists of sponsors including administrative information about them. Sponsors will prepare extant administrative records of participating providers. Providers and parents will provide primary data on meal services and child attendance. Providers will report meal service information via a smart phone application (app) or a reporting Web site; parents will report child attendance via text messaging or a reporting Web site. These data, in combination with extant administrative records collected from sponsors, will be used to estimate improper payments.

The study activities subject to this notice include collecting administrative records and meal serving information from 300 providers associated with 15 sponsors in two States.

For a period of one month, providers selected and assigned to the study group will report meal serving times in addition to their regular meal claims for reimbursement purposes; parents whose children are attending these providers' facilities will report the drop-off and pick-up times of their children on a daily basis. Providers selected and assigned to the control group will take part under the business-as-usual condition and will have no direct involvement in the study as their meal claims will be obtained directly from the sponsors.

Providers and parents in the study group will receive study materials with full details of what they will be asked to do. They will also receive contact information to contact the study team for additional questions.

Affected Public: This study includes three respondent groups: State and local government (state agencies), for-profit or non-profit businesses (CACFP sponsors and family day care home providers), and individuals/households (parents of children enrolled in selected family day care homes).

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated respondents is 917 (2 State agencies, 15 sponsors, 150 family day care providers, and 750 parents).

Selected States agencies, sponsors and providers are required to support this federally funded study. Upon FNS's approval of the two States selected for this study, a purposive sample of 15 sponsors will be selected to represent sponsors of varying sizes in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

With each selected sponsor, 20 providers will be randomly selected and evenly assigned to a study or control group, *i.e.*, 10 providers to the study group and the other 10 to the control group. Therefore, there will be a total of 300 providers in the study, *i.e.*, 20 providers per sponsor \times 15 sponsors. Since the providers assigned to the control group will not be contacted for this study, the respondents will only include the 150 providers in the study group.

Parents can voluntarily participate in the study if their children attend participating providers' day care homes. Assuming an average of five families per provider, the study group will include an initial sample of 750 parents, *i.e.*, 5 families \times 10 providers in the study group \times 15 sponsors. Assuming that 20% of these parents refuse to participate in the study or fail to report attendance data on the daily basis during the study month, the final analytic sample include approximately 600 parents, *i.e.*, 750 parents \times 20%.

Estimated Frequency of Responses per Respondent: FNS estimates that the frequency of responses per respondent will average an estimated 24 responses per respondent across the entire collection. Each State agency will provide two responses for the study: (1) Attend an orientation conference call, including reading an advance letter and study materials in preparation for the call and any follow-up communication with the study team after the call; and (2) provide requested information about sponsors, including communication regarding the data request and transfer.

Each sponsor will provide four types of responses: (1) Attend a study orientation conference call including reading an advance letter and study materials before the call and any follow-up communication with the study team

after the call; (2) provide monthly meal claim data for November 2016, January 2017, and March 2017 (3 times), including communication about the data transfer; (3) provide administrative records for CACFP day care providers including communication about the data transfer; and (4) facilitate study recruitment as needed.

Each day care home provider selected for the study will provide three types of responses: (1) Review an advance letter and study materials to provide requested child enrollment information, including communication about the study and the requested enrollment

information; (2) report meal service information via the smart phone app or the reporting Web site (22 times); and (3) facilitate parent recruitment as needed.

Participating parents will provide two types of responses: (1) Review an advanced letter and study materials to decide whether to participate in the study, including communication with the study team about the study; and (2) if they agree to participate, report child attendance via text messages on their personal mobile phone or a reporting Web site (22 times).

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 17,644 (see table below)

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated time of response varies from three minutes to two hours depending on respondent group, as shown in the table below, with an average estimated time of 0.11 hours for respondents and 0.05 hours for non-respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The total public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 1,875.50 hours. The estimated burden for each type of participant is detailed in the table below.

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Estimated Burden of the CACFP Family Day Care Homes Meal Claim Feasibility Study

			RESPONDENTS						NON-RESPONDENTS					Grand Total Burden Estimate (Hours)
Affected public	Respondents Type	Instrument	Sample Size	Estimated Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Total Responses	Average Time Per Response (Hours)	Total Estimated Annual Burden (Hours)	Estimated Number of Non-Respondents	Frequency of Response	Total Responses	Average Time Per Response (Hours)	Total Estimated Annual Burden (Hours)	
State, local, and Tribal government														
State Government	State Agency (a)	Review Study Materials and Participate in the Orientation and Follow-Up Calls	2	2	1	2	2.00	4.00	-	-	-	-	-	4.00
		Provide Sponsor Data	2		1	2	2.00	4.00	-	-	-	-	-	4.00
Subtotal of State, Local, and Tribal Government			2	2	4	2.00	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Business for-not-for profit														
For-Profit/ Non-Profit Business	Sponsor (a)	Review Study Materials and Participate in Orientation and Follow-Up Calls Regarding Data Request	15	15	1	15	1.00	15.00	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
		Provide Provider Data and Respond to Follow-Up Calls	15		1	15	1.00	15.00	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
		Provide Meal Claim Data and Respond to Follow-Up Calls	15		3	45	1.00	45.00	-	-	-	-	-	45.00
		Facilitate the Recruitment of Providers	15		1	15	1.00	15.00	-	-	-	-	-	15.00

For-Profit/ Non-Profit Business	Provider (a)	Review Study Materials, Provide Enrollment Data, and Answer Follow-Up Calls	150	150	1	150	0.50	75.00	-	-	-	-	-	75.00
		Report Meal Service During the Study Month, Including Reviewing User Guide, Contacting Helpdesk and Answering Following-Up Calls	150		22	3,300	0.08	264.00	-	-	-	-	-	264.00
		Facilitate the Recruitment of Parents	150		1	150	0.50	75.00	-	-	-	-	-	75.00
Subtotal of For-Profit/Non-Profit Business Sector			165		22	3,690	0.14	504	-	-	-	-	-	504.00
Individual/Households														
Households	Parent	Review Study Materials and Decide to Participate in the Study (b)	750	600	1	600	0.50	300.00	150	1	150	0.05	7.5	307.50
		Report Child Attendance Time During the Study Month, Including Reviewing User Guide, Contacting Help Desk and Answering Following-Up Calls (c)	600		22	13,200	0.08	1,056.00	0	0	0	0.08	0.00	1,056.00
Subtotal of Individual/Households			600		23	13,800	0.10	1,356.00	150	-	150	-	7.50	1,363.50
Grand total			767		23	17,494	0.11	1,868.00	150	1.00	150	0.05	7.50	1,875.50

Total # of respondents (including participants and non-respondents)	917
Total # of annual responses (including participants and non-respondents)	17,644
Total annual burden estimates (including participants and non-respondents)	1,875.5

Notes:

- (a) State agencies, sponsors and day care home providers receive federal funding and, therefore, are required to support this study per *Section 305 of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010*.
- (b) Based on our experience with similar populations and the results from the pilot test, we assume 83% of parents will agree to participate in the study.
- (c) We assume 96% of participants will remain eligible and enrolled at the same providers' day care homes at the time of the study.

Dated: December 3, 2015.

Audrey Rowe,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 7, 2015.

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 regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

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: Annual State Report on Verification of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation.

OMB Control Number: 0584—NEW.

Summary of Collection: The purpose of the Annual State Report of Verification of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participants is to ensure that no person who is deceased, or has been permanently disqualified from SNAP, improperly received SNAP benefits. Section 4032 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 mandates that States will “submit to the Secretary a report containing sufficient information for the Secretary to determine whether the State agency has, for the most recently concluded fiscal year preceding that annual date, verified that the State agency in that fiscal year—(1) did not issue benefits to a deceased individual; and (2) did not issue benefits to an individual who had been permanently disqualified from receiving benefits.”

Need and Use of the Information: To ensure that benefits are not issued to deceased individuals or those permanently disqualified from SNAP.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting and Recordkeeping: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 57.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection for the Residue and Biomass Field Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 9, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535–0251, Residue and Biomass Field Survey by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov. Include docket number and title above in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (855) 838–6382
- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Renee Picanso, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–4333. Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, at (202) 690–2388 or at ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Residue and Biomass Field Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0251.

Type of Request: Intent to Seek Approval to Revise and Extend an Information Collection for 3 years.

Abstract: The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service are to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop production, livestock production, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow-on surveys. This project is conducted as a cooperative effort with USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

The Residue and Biomass Field Survey will use as a sampling universe, fields in the South Fork watershed in central Iowa (Buckeye, IA). This study will investigate the effect crop residue removal has on soil and water quality. Measurements of crop residues will be compared with remotely sensed data to measure crop residue cover and soil tillage intensity for the entire watershed. The survey will be conducted in several phases. The farm operators will only be involved in three parts of the complete survey process. After obtaining the operators' permission, field enumerators will return several times during the growing season to measure and collect samples from the target areas. The farm operators will be contacted two other times to collect some additional data relating to cropping practices performed during the growing season.

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data