DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Information Collection for the National School Lunch Program

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 information collection. This is a revision of the FNS–640 Administrative Review Data Report associated with the currently approved information collection for the National School Lunch Program.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 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: Sarah Smith-Holmes, Division Director, Program Monitoring and Operational Support, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302–1594.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Food and Nutrition Service during public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

The FNS–640 form collects information from these administrative reviews conducted by the State agency. The FNS–640 Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) Data Report is currently approved as part of this information collection. The title of the FNS–640 form is being changed to “Administrative Review Data Report” and FNS is proposing revisions to reflect changes to the administrative review process and revisions to incorporate the form into an electronic report for the Food Program Reporting System (FPRS). Upon approval of the proposed revisions by OMB, the reporting burden for this form will be merged into the FPRS information collection, OMB control # 0584–0594, expiration date 06/30/2017. The reporting and recordkeeping burden hours associated with this revision are not changing.

This information collection is required to administer and operate this program in accordance with the NSLA. All of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements associated with the NSLP are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget and are in force. This is a revision of the currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: (1) State agencies; (2) School Food Authorities; and (3) schools.

Number of Respondents: 121,210 (56 State agencies (SAs), 19,822 school food authorities (SFAs), and 101,332 schools).

Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.14573.

Total Annual Responses: 502,504.

Reporting Time per Response: 0.7038758.

Estimated Annual Reporting Burden: 353,700.

Number of Recordkeepers: 121,210 (56 SAs, 19,822 SFAs, 101,332 schools).

Number of Records per Record Keeper: 406.294827.

Estimated Total Number of Records: 49,246,996.

Recordkeeping Time per Response: 0.19326446.

Total Estimated Recordkeeping Burden: 9,517,694.

Annual Recordkeeping and Reporting Burden: 9,871,395.

Current OMB Inventory for Part 210: 9,871,395.

Difference (change in burden with this renewal): 0.

Refer to the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.
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Agency Information Collection Activities: Study of WIC Food Package Costs and Cost Containment

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 new Information Collection for The Study of WIC Food Package Costs and Cost Containment.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before May 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: Anna Potter, Policy Analyst, Office of Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1004, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Anna Potter at 703–305–2719 or via email to anna.potter@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 or copies of this information collection should be directed to Anna Potter at 703–305–2719.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Study of WIC Food Package Costs and Cost Containment.

Form Number: N/A.

OMB Number: Not Yet Assigned.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Determined.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental foods to safeguard the health of low-income pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to 5 years of age who are at nutritional risk. In an effort to ensure the best use of available funds and to provide for participation by eligible individuals, WIC State agencies (SAs) are responsible for implementing food package and other cost containment measures. FNS has funded this study to gather information on the types of cost-containment practices used by the 90 WIC SAs, the effectiveness of various practices, and identify those practices that constrain the cost of WIC foods with minimal increases to administrative costs and no adverse effects on WIC program outcomes such as participant satisfaction, retention, and consumption of WIC foods. The findings will be used by FNS to share with WIC SAs food item cost containment practices that are effective at reducing WIC food costs.

The information collection subject to this notice includes the following:

1. Telephone interviews with WIC directors in all 90 WIC SAs: Needed to obtain information on cost containment measures, reasons for implementing certain cost containment strategies and not others, opinions on effects on program outcomes, and challenges of implementing and maintaining measures.

2. Collection of administrative costs of practices, administrative WIC data, and electronic benefit transfer (EBT) data in 12 WIC SAs: Administrative data are needed to assess administrative costs and examine participant characteristics, food package prescriptions, indicators of health, and income; EBT data are