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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0010.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 3301—et seq.) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, either independently or in cooperation with States, to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests and noxious weeds. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), along with the States and other agencies, collects and manages data on plant pests, woods, and biological control agents through the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS). The program allows the States and PPQ to conduct surveys to detect and measure the presence of exotic plant pests and weeds and to input surveillance data into a national computer-based system known as the National Agricultural Plant Information System (NAPIS).

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS collects information using cooperative agreements, pest detection surveys, and a Specimens for Determination form (PPQ Form 391), to predict potential plant pest and noxious weed situations and to promptly detect and respond to the occurrence of new pests and to record the location of those pest incursions that could directly hinder the export of U.S. farm commodities. If the information were not collected, it would seriously impact APHIS’ ability to timely assist State personnel, and others involved in agriculture and protection of the environment in order to plan pest control measures, detect new outbreaks, and to determine the threat posed by migratory pests.

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

Number of Respondents: 54.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 3,573.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Title: Federal Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0365.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701–7772), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), has established the following procedures for States (through the National Plant Board (NPB)) to petition the Agency to recognize State-level plant pest regulations and associated action taken as meeting the international criteria for official control and accepted measures to protect areas that would be economically or environmentally endangered by the introduction of a pest. The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) defines “official control” as the active enforcement of mandatory phytosanitary regulations and the application of mandatory phytosanitary procedures with the objective of eradication or containment of quarantine pests or for the management of regulated non-quarantine pests.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS/PPQ and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), take action on imported products when quarantine pests are found upon inspection. Quarantine pests include those that pose a risk to agriculture or the environment but: (1) Do not exist in the United States, (2) exist in the United States but are under Federal domestic quarantine under 7 CFR 301 or by Federal Order, (3) exist in the United States but were recently detected and whose regulatory status is under consideration, or (4) exist in the United States but are under State-level quarantine that has been approved by APHIS as providing a level of protection equivalent to a Federal domestic quarantine. APHIS has taken action on pests that meet the fourth criteria for years based on informal requests by States in the interest of supporting our State cooperators and industries within those States and this program/
information collection aims to standardize this process. Without this information, APHIS would be less effective in establishing procedures that are used to contain regulated plant pests within the United States.

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

**Number of Respondents:** 1.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 243.

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**Farm Service Agency**

**Title:** Power of Attorney.

**OMB Control Number:** 0560–0190.

**Summary of Collection:** Individuals or authorized representatives of entities wanting to appoint another to act as their attorney-in-fact in connection with certain Farm Service Agency (FSA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), and Risk Management Agency (RMA) programs, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and related actions must complete a Power of Attorney form and Extension Sheet to accommodate additional signatures (FSA–211/211A). The FSA–211/211A serves as evidence that the grantor has appointed another to act on their behalf for certain FSA, CCC, FCIC, RMA, and NRCS programs and related actions giving the appointee legal authority to enter into binding agreements on the grantor’s behalf.

**Need and Use of the Information:** FSA will collect information to verify an individual’s authority to sign and act for another in the event of errors or fraud that requires legal remedies. The information collected on the FSA–211/211A is limited to the grantor’s name, signature, and identification number, the grantee’s name, address, and the applicable FSA, CCC, FCIC, NRCS, and RMA programs or transactions.

**Description of Respondents:** Individuals or households.

**Number of Respondents:** 51,585.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: Other (once).

**Total Burden Hours:** 64,256.


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**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

**Title:** Importation of Unshu Oranges.

**OMB Control Number:** 0579–0173.

**Summary of Collection:** The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701–7772) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction or dissemination of plant pests into the United States. The regulations in “Subpart-Citrus Fruit” (7 CFR 319.28) allow the importation of Unshu oranges from certain parts of Japan into the United States under certain conditions. A foreign phytosanitary certificate must accompany the unshu oranges from the Japanese Government’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries