(b) The following descriptions provide a guide to the characteristics of barrow and gilt carcasses in each grade.

(1) USDA Prime—Barrow and gilt carcasses in this grade have at least a slightly firm lean, a color score of 4 or 5, and a marbling score of 4 or greater.

(2) USDA Choice—Barrow and gilt carcasses in this grade have at least a slightly firm lean, a color score of 3, and a marbling score of 2 or greater.

(3) USDA Select—Barrow and gilt carcasses in this grade have at least a slightly firm lean, a color score of 2, and a marbling score of 2 or greater.

Request for Comments

AMS is soliciting comments from stakeholders about potential changes to the U.S. Standards for Grades of Pork Carcasses. This could also include any current and/or on-going research or industry practice that has relevance to this standard. AMS also invites comments about how those changes would be implemented in a voluntary pork grading system.

Dated: October 18, 2017.

Bruce Summers,
Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

For Further Information Contact:

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity:

Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 22, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas P. Dickson, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 1522, Room 5164—South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522.

Table 1—Pork Carcass Quality Grade Based on Lean Color and Marbling

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USDA FNS under the authority of Section 7(a) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. The Act sets forth the total amount of funds available for SAE and a formula for allocating the majority of the funds to States—commonly referred to as the “nondiscretionary” allocation. It also provides USDA with authority to decide how to allocate remaining funds, i.e., the “discretionary” allocation. FNS is conducting the study to assess the effectiveness of the current formula used for SAE allocations.

Need and Use of the Information: The data will be used to assess the effectiveness of the current SAE allocation formula, identify and examine factors that influence State spending, and develop and test a range of possible alternatives to improve the SAE allocation formula.

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

Number of Respondents: 88.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One-time.

Total Burden Hours: 228.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Utilities Service

Announcement of Grant Application Deadlines and Funding Levels for the Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA); correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) published a document in the Federal Register on October 12, 2017 announcing the availability of up to $10 million in fiscal year 2017 (FY17) and application deadlines for competitive grants to assist communities with extremely high energy costs. The current version of one of the required forms to be included with the Application was not correctly identified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Meigel, USDA—Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 1568, Washington, DC 20250–1568, telephone (202) 720–9452 or email to robin.meigel@wdc.usda.gov.

Correction

In the Federal Register of October 12, 2017, in FR Doc. 2017–22042, on page 47453, in “TABLE 2—REQUIRED CONTENT AND FORM OF APPLICATION PACKAGE, PART D. Additional Required Forms and Certifications,” the form identified as Rural Utilities Service ‘Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions’ is incorrect. The correct form title should read as follows: “Form AD 1047 ‘Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions’.”

Also, in the same FR Doc. 2017–22042, on page 47457, in the first column, under the heading “d. Application Part D—Additional Required Forms and Certifications,” fourth bullet from the top, the reference to the Rural Utilities Service ‘Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions’ is incorrect. The correct form title should read as follows: Form AD 1047 ‘Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions’.”