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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS–SC–26–0694]

Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas; Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for, and revision to, a currently approved information collection for Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas, Marketing Order No. 986.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 11, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments can be sent to the Docket Clerk, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237. Comments can also be submitted to the Docket Clerk electronically by email: *MarketingOrderComment@usda.gov* or via the internet at: *https://www.regulations.gov.* Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Comments submitted in reponse to this notice will be included in the record, will be made available to the public, and may be viewed at: *https://www.regulations.gov.* Please be advised that comments are posted to *regulations.gov* without change.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Taylor Johnson, Marketing Specialist, or Matthew Pavone, Chief, Rulemaking Services Branch, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; Telephone: (202) 720–8085, or Email: *Taylor.Johnson3@usda.gov* or *Matthew.Pavone@usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama et al., Marketing Order No. 986.

OMB Number: 0581–0291.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2026.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674) (the Act), to provide respondents the type of service they request and to administer Marketing Order No. 986 (7 CFR part 986, the Order), which regulates the handling of pecans grown in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas.

The Order and its rules and regulations authorize the American Pecan Council (Council), the organization responsible for local administration of the marketing order, to require handlers and other certain entities to submit information.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comments on the 14 forms included in this OMB package. These forms include a grower referendum ballot (SC–313), two ballots for Council nominations (SC–307 and SC–308), two nomination forms for growers and shellers (SC–309 and SC–310), and two background and acceptance statements forms for growers, shellers, and public members (SC–8 and SC–9). Two marketing agreement forms (SC–242 and SC–242A) are also included. In addition, this package includes five reporting forms the Council uses to track shipments and inventory: APC–1, ''Summary Report/U.S. Pecans Received For Your Account;'' APC–2, ''Pecans Purchased Outside of the United States;'' APC–3 ''Exports by Country of Destination;'' APC–4 ''Annual Agreement of Inter-Handler Transfer;'' and APC–5, ''Year-End Inventory Report.''

The information collected is used only by authorized representatives of USDA, including the AMS Specialty Crops Program's regional and headquarters' staff, and authorized employees and agents of the Council. Authorized Council employees, agents, and the industry are the primary users of the information, and AMS is the secondary user.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.31 hours (rounded) per response.

Respondents: Pecan producers, handlers, shellers and public members.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,503.

Estimated Total Annual of Responses: 4,538.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.01 (rounded).

Estimated Number of Recordkeeping hours: 0 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,404.94 hours (rounded).

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who 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 for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Erin Morris,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–26–0430]

Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas; Continuance Referendum

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Referendum order.

SUMMARY: This document directs that a referendum be conducted among eligible pecan growers to determine whether they favor continuance of the marketing order regulating the handling of pecans grown in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas.

DATES: The referendum will be conducted from July 6 through August 3, 2026. Only current pecan growers within the production area who have produced a minimum average of 50,000 pounds of inshell pecans over the four years from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2025, or who own a minimum of 30 pecan acres, are eligible to vote in this referendum. Ballots delivered to AMS via U.S. mail or electronic ballot must show proof of delivery by no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 3, 2026, to be included in the vote tabulation.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the marketing order may be obtained from the office of the referendum agents at U.S. Department of Agriculture Southeast Marketing Field Office, 1124 1st Street South, Winter Haven, FL 33880; telephone: (863) 324–3375; or from the Docket Clerk, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; telephone (202) 720–8085; or on the internet: *https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-IX/part-986.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennie M. Varela, Marketing Specialist, or Christian D. Nissen, Branch Chief, Southeast Region Branch, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1124 1st Street South, Winter Haven, FL 33880; telephone: (863) 324–3375; or email: *Jennie.Varela@usda.gov* or *Christian.Nissen@usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Marketing Order No. 986, as amended (7 CFR part 986; the Order), and the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674) (the Act), it is hereby directed that a referendum be conducted to ascertain whether continuance of the Order is favored by pecan growers in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas. The referendum will be conducted from July 6 through August 3, 2026, among pecan growers in the production area. Only current pecan growers within the production area that produced a minimum average of 50,000 pounds of inshell pecans over the four years from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2025, or that own a minimum of 30 pecan acres, are eligible to vote in this referendum.

USDA has determined that continuance referenda are an effective means for determining whether growers favor the continuation of marketing order programs. Under § 986.94(d), USDA must conduct a referendum every five years to ascertain whether continuance of the provisions of this part applicable to pecans are favored by two-thirds by number or volume of growers voting in the referendum. USDA will consider termination of the Order if less than two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum, and less than two-thirds of the pecan volume represented in the referendum, vote in favor of continuance. In evaluating the merits of continuance versus termination, USDA will not exclusively consider the results of the continuance referendum. USDA will also consider all other relevant information concerning the operation of the Order and relative benefits and costs to growers, handlers, and consumers to determine whether continued operation of the Order would tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the ballot materials used in the referendum have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and have been assigned OMB No. 0581–0291, Federal Marketing Order for Pecans. It has been estimated it will take an average of 20 minutes for each of the approximately 4,500 pecan growers to cast a ballot. Participation is voluntary. Ballots postmarked after August 3, 2026, will not be included in the vote tabulation.

Delaney Fuhrmeister, Rebecca Geller, Steven Kauffman, Christian Nissen, and Jennie Varela of the Southeast Region Branch, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, are hereby designated as the referendum agents of the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct this referendum. The procedure applicable to the referendum shall be the ''Procedure for the Conduct of Referenda in Connection with Marketing Orders for Fruits, Vegetables, and Nuts Pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as Amended'' (7 CFR part 900.400 *et seq.*).

Ballots and voting instructions will be sent by U.S. mail, or through electronic mail, to all pecan growers of record and may also be obtained from the referendum agents or their appointees.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

Erin Morris,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 are requested regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by July 13, 2026 will be considered. Written comments and