

short and long-term market projections. Also, the Government is a large purchaser of livestock related products. Therefore, a system to monitor the collection and reporting of data is needed.

In order to comply with the 1999 Act's goal of encouraging competition in the marketplace for livestock and livestock products, section 251 of the Act directs USDA to make available to the public information and statistics obtained from, or submitted by, respondents covered by the Act in a manner that ensures that the confidentiality of the reporting entities is preserved. AMS is in the best position to provide this service.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 0.16 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, individuals or households, farms, and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 118 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses: 149,084 responses.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1,263 responses (rounded).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 23,712 hours (rounded).

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this document will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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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 September 25, 2026 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. 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.

Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Spongey Moth Identification Worksheet.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0104.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture either independently or in cooperation with the States, is authorized to carry out operations or measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pest new to the United States or not widely distributed throughout the United States. The Plant Protection and

Quarantine (PPQ), a program within the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for implementing the intent of this Act, and does so through the enforcement of its Domestic Quarantine Regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 301. The European spongy moth is one of the most destructive pests of fruit and ornamental trees as well as hardwood forests. The Asian spongy moth is an exotic strain of spongy moth that is closely related to the European variety already established in the United States. Due to significant behavioral differences, this strain is considered to pose an even greater threat to trees and forested areas. In order to determine the presence and extent of a European spongy moth or an Asian spongy moth infestation, APHIS sets traps in high-risk areas to collect specimens.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information from the Specimens for Determination, PPQ Form 391, to identify and track specific specimens that are sent to the Otis Development Center for identification tests based on DNA analysis. This information collected is vital to APHIS' ability to monitor, detect, and eradicate spongy moth infestations and the worksheet is completed only when traps are found to contain specimens. Information on the worksheet includes the name of the submitter, the submitter's agency, the date collected, the trap number, the trap's location (including the nearest port of entry), the number of specimens in the trap, and the date the specimen was sent to the laboratory.

APHIS will also use the spongy Moth Checklist and Record Your Self-Inspection, PPQ Form 377 or PPQ Form 377A to collect information on required inspection of outdoor household articles that are to be moved from a spongy moth quarantined area to a non-quarantined area to ensure that they are free of all life stages of gypsy moth.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government; and Businesses.

Number of Respondents: 2,500,100.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,711,543.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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