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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-LP-25-0485]

United States Standards for Grades of Carcass Beef

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period for request for comments on beef grade standards.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is extending the public comment period by 90 days on its Request for Information (RFI) concerning revisions to the United States Standards for Grades of Carcass Beef. Stakeholders requested additional time to allow for the completion of research on dentition given that AMS is seeking comments on eliminating the skeletal maturity requirement for carcasses determined by dentition, or documents verifying age, to be under 30 months of age.

DATES: The comment period for the document originally published on July 8, 2026, (91 FR 42172) is extended 90 days. Comments must be submitted on or before December 7, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>, or to Chad Nelson, 451 East Deere Street, West Point, NE 68788. All comments should reference docket number AMS-LP-25-0485, the date of submission, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, please contact Chad Nelson, National Meat Supervisor, Livestock and Poultry Program, phone

(402) 281-8704; or email at chad.nelson2@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An RFI published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 2026 (91 FR 42172), seeks public feedback on revisions to grade standards for beef including whether the skeletal maturity requirement should be eliminated for carcasses determined by dentition, or documents verifying age, to be under 30 months of age.

The RFI established a 60-day comment period, ending September 8, 2026. During the initial comment period, AMS received requests from stakeholders for an extension of 90 days. Additional time would allow for the completion of ongoing dentition research and for the review of resulting data and scientific information to inform comments.

AMS is extending the comment period for the RFI by an additional 90 days. Comments must be submitted on or before December 7, 2026.

Melissa Bailey,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2026-0167]

Notice of Request To Renew an Approved Information Collection: Mechanically Tenderized Beef Products

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, FSIS is announcing its intention to request renewal of the approved information collection regarding the labeling requirements for mechanically tenderized beef products. There are no changes to the information collection. The current approval will expire on June 30, 2027.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or Courier-Delivered Submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350-E, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2026-0167. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 286-2255 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; 202-720-5046.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mechanically Tenderized Beef Products.

OMB Number: 0583-0160.

Type of Request: Renewal of an approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*). This statute mandates that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled.

FSIS is requesting renewal of the approved information collection