*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 52.5 hours.

*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–26–1255]**

### Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Pummelos Grown in Florida; Continuance Referendum; Extension of Voting Period

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Referendum order; amendment to referendum order.

**SUMMARY:** This document extends the voting period for the referendum being conducted among eligible Florida citrus producers to determine whether they favor continuance of the marketing order regulating the handling of oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, and pummelos produced in Florida. The voting period was originally set to close November 9, 2026, and is now being extended through December 1, 2026.

**DATES:** The voting period for the referendum will be extended from November 9 through December 1, 2026. Only current Florida citrus producers within the production area that produced oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, or pummelos for the fresh market during the period of August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, 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 December 1, 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 the Southeast Region Branch, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 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-905.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Geller, 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: *Rebecca.Geller@usda.gov* or *Christian.Nissen@usda.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Marketing Order No. 905, as amended (7 CFR part 905; 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 fresh citrus producers. The referendum voting period started October 19 and will run through December 1, 2026, among Florida fresh citrus producers in the Order's production area. Only current Florida citrus producers engaged in the production of oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, or pummelos for the fresh market during the period of August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, may participate in the continuance referendum.

A referendum order was published in the **Federal Register** on September 18, 2026 (91 FR 59101). The referendum order specified that the voting period would be from October 19 through November 9, 2026. USDA has received requests from industry organizations to extend the voting period for the referendum, citing the significant production, recovery, and business challenges currently facing Florida citrus producers and the need for additional time to ensure informed participation in the referendum process. To facilitate full producer participation in the referendum, USDA is extending the voting period from November 9 through December 1, 2026. During this time, USDA will continue to mail ballots to eligible voters who request a ballot. All ballots received from October 19 through December 1, 2026, will be accepted. Voters who have already submitted a ballot do not need to take further action.

USDA has determined that continuance referenda are an effective means for determining whether producers favor the continuation of marketing order programs. In accordance with § 905.83(c), USDA must conduct a referendum every six years. USDA would consider termination of the Order if less than two-thirds of the producers voting in the referendum, and less than two-thirds of the citrus 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 producers, 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. 0581–0189, Fruit Crops. It has been estimated it will take an average of 20 minutes for each of the approximately 200 citrus producers to cast a ballot. Participation is voluntary. 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 December 1, 2026, to be included in the vote tabulation.

Delaney Fuhrmeister, Rebecca Geller, Steven Kauffman, Christian Nissen, and Jennie Varela of the Southeast Region Branch, Market Development Division, 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 Florida citrus producers 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 approval 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 December 4, 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.

**Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

*Title:* Loan Modernization Initiative.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570–NEW.

*Summary of Collection:* Rural Development is launching the transformation of its loan and grant systems that support farmers, ranchers, and rural communities into one modern platform built for the 21st century. With a single customer file, step-by-step intake and eligibility tools, and online payments, this modern platform will manage all current active files in one place, enabling employees to deliver faster service to customers and lending partners.

To further improve customer experience and service delivery for applicants, RD is developing an Online Loan Application for the applicants to submit requests for Direct Loan assistance electronically. Future releases and iterations of the online application software will include expansion of functionality for direct loans, guarantees, and grant making and provide the ability for primary loan servicing application submission.

The use of hard copy applications will continue to be covered in the individual program information collections. However, RD will expect to further decrease the burden hours under individual OMB Control numbers as the functionality and use of the online application software expands, and more applicants shift away from using the hard copy application format.

Initial release of the online application system will be available for RBCS Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program and then RHS Community Facilities programs and RUS Water and Environmental Programs.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The purpose of the requirements accounted for in this information collection are to ensure that the Agency has the necessary data to make sound financial decisions in regards to its programs. This data also ensures that program funds go only to eligible applicants and projects and allows the Agency to track that recipients stay eligible in accordance with program regulations.

Additionally, to abide by 2 CFR 180.405 & 2 CFR 180.425(b), the Principal of every application will need to supply their SSN to ensure Do Not Pay can be complied with. If the specified principal is not present in the organization's structure, select the highest-ranking executive responsible for the organization's financial operations, fiscal health, and long term financial strategy. Failure to collect this information would not allow the Agency to act in its best interests.

*Description of Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profits; Farms; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 485,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,287,280.

**Levi S. Harrell,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

### Notice of Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Foreign Agricultural Service to request an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of a currently approved information collection for the Emerging Markets Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 4, 2027 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, identified by the OMB Control number 0551–0048, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* This portal enables respondents to enter short comments or attach a file containing lengthier comments.
- *Email: PODadmin@usda.gov.* Include OMB Control number 0551–0048 in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail, Courier, or Hand Delivery:* Curt Alt, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6512, Washington, DC 20250.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number for this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Curt Alt, (202) 690–4784, *PODAdmin@usda.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Emerging Markets Program.

*OMB Number:* 0551–0048.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 2025.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the USDA Emerging Markets Program, information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the program to