

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. FSIS-2022-0002]

**Notice of Request for a New Information Collection: *Poultry  
Finished Product Standards***

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, 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, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to request a new information collection for poultry Finished Product Standards (FPS). This is a new information collection because the existing forms for FPS are in use without approval. There is an estimated annual burden of 68,899 hours.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**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 on-line 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, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Instructions:* All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2022-0002. 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)205-0495 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) 720-5627.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Poultry Finished Product Standards

**OMB Number:** 0583-NEW.

**Type of Request:** Request for a new 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 Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*). This statute mandates that FSIS protect the public by verifying that poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

Since 1987, FSIS regulations have required that processed birds meet FPS before and after chilling to ensure that the product being produced is consistently wholesome and unadulterated. By design, FPS provides a clear picture of the effectiveness of the dressing and evisceration process and alerts FSIS and the establishment to a need for adjustments before unacceptable product is produced. Poultry slaughter establishments that operate under the Streamlined Inspection System (SIS) or the New Line Speed Inspection System (NELS) or the New Turkey Inspection (NTI) system are required to comply with the Poultry FPS regulatory requirements (9 CFR 381.76(b)). These regulations require establishments to perform and record the results of FPS tests throughout each shift. The forms used to document FPS tests include the defects that must be counted, as well as a method to calculate the results.

Establishments use FSIS Form 6500-1, *Poultry QC Finished Product Standards*, to record poultry pre-chill processing nonconformance results; FSIS Form 6500-2, *Poultry QC Finished Product Standards*, to record poultry pre-chill trim nonconformance results, and FSIS Form 6500-3, *Poultry Finished*

*Product Standards*, to record poultry post-chill processing nonconformance results. FSIS inspection program personnel also review all three forms to verify compliance with 9 CFR 381.76(b).

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

*Estimate of burden:* FSIS estimates that it takes each respondent an average of 861.23 hours per year to complete FSIS Forms 6500-1, 6500-2, and 6500-3.

*Estimated total number of respondents:* 80 Poultry Slaughter establishments that operate under the SIS, NELS or NTIS inspection systems

*Estimated number of responses per respondent:* 9,085

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 726,800

*Estimated annual burden on respondents:* 68,899 hours.

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. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from 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) 720-5627.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of

FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

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