



Food and
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Service

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Re: Response to FR Docket ID FNS-2021-0044

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Alexandria,
VA
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Thank you for your response to the Federal Register Notice requesting comments on the proposed information collection for the 2023 Farm to School Census, published December 2, 2021. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is committed to generating national and state-level data reflecting the scope and details of U.S. school food authority participation in farm to school activities, and we appreciate your comments. We will evaluate all comments as required by 5 CFR 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public. Comments germane to the information collection will be addressed in the Information Collection Request submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Submission of the Information Collection Request to OMB will be announced via the Federal Register.

Your comment highlights the potential problems associated with administering surveys by telephone and email and the role of cell phones in addressing some of these concerns. We will take this information into consideration as we determine the details of survey administration. As in 2019, we will distribute the Census survey to school food authorities by email, as this is the most direct method we have to contact potential respondents. The 2023 Census will be available online, and we anticipate 99% of respondents will use this method to respond. In addition, we plan to make the online survey mobile-friendly.

Thank you again for your comments and your support of USDA school meals programs.

Sincerely,

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