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

Dear Kevin Dawson:

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.

The process to design the Farm to School Census instrument requires balancing many considerations, such as the most important areas to investigate, comparability with previous iterations of the Census, the information SFA respondents will have access to, and the burden on respondents in answering questions. State agencies are welcome to share their feedback and suggestions for the 2023 Census by submitting a comment to the 60 Day Federal Register Notice. You can do this online, or by emailing comments to me at the email address below. You may also share your feedback with your Farm to School Regional Lead for their awareness.

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.

Thank you again for your comments and your support of USDA school meals programs. We appreciate your time and attention in providing feedback to make the 2023 Census more successful.

Sincerely,

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