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

Dear Beth Wallace and Patricia Montague:

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.

January 31, 2022

We appreciate your recognition of the value of farm to school programs and of studying trends in national farm to school activities. As you note, we aim to provide SFAs with as much advance notice of the survey as possible as well as to streamline data collection to minimize burden on them. We plan to highlight in our communications why the study is relevant and how the data collection will benefit respondents.

Thank you 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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