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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION (www.regulations.gov)

Michael Watson
Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

RE: Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI); Additional Testing and Reporting of HPAI in Livestock and Milk [Doc. No. APHIS-2024-0069]; 90 Fed. Reg. (33): 9960 (February 20, 2025)

Dear Dr. Watson:

Tyson Foods, Inc. (Tyson Foods) is an American food manufacturing company based in Springdale, Arkansas, that produces chicken, turkey, beef, pork, and prepared foods for consumer products, as well as protein-based ingredients used in pet food, animal and aquaculture feed, pharmaceuticals, biofuels, fertilizer, and many other products.

The highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) animal health crisis has been devastating to growers, ranchers, and farmers and significantly impacted food companies delivering food to Americans over the last few years. Unfortunately, this animal health crisis is far from over. Tyson Foods appreciates APHIS' ongoing leadership to protect animal health, including deploying staff to respond to the outbreak and initiating studies to better understand risk factors in poultry and in dairy cattle.

Tyson Foods supports the continuation of APHIS' study of HPAI in livestock and milk. This work remains critical as this animal health crisis continues. Having up-to-date information on risk factors for infection will help producers and food companies protect animal health more effectively. We believe this type of work is core to APHIS' mission.

Tyson Foods depends on our producers; their success is our success. We continue to support activities grounded in science that are designed to help producers protect animal health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Masters".

Barb Masters, DVM