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Re: Response to FNS-2024-0041 (Federal Register Number 2024-31264)

Dear Texas Department of Agriculture,

Thank you for your response to the Federal Register Notice for Agency Information Collection Activities: Waivers and State Plans (WiSP). The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is committed to collecting and implementing relevant data and feedback on policy, administrative, and operational issues to ensure appropriate and efficient management of the WiSP application.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) recommended that USDA develop a system to communicate status updates to track timelines upon waiver submissions. FNS will consider this for a future enhancement in WiSP. FNS strives to provide State agencies with timely responses to any inquiry, including waiver requests. Additionally, TDA suggested USDA provide State agencies with documented rationale when a waiver is denied. Currently, State agencies receive formal communication from FNS on any waiver decisions. Once a State agency is notified of the final decision, the waiver record will be updated within WiSP. In the future, FNS may consider enhancing the application to include this suggestion.

FNS appreciates your support and acknowledgement of the WiSP Information Collection Activities as both essential and necessary to functionality and efficiency of FMNP and SFMNP. We hope this information is useful to you.

Sincerely,

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