

Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, and prices. Services such as statistical consultation, data collection, summary tabulation, and analysis are performed for other Federal and State agencies on a reimbursable basis as the need arises. Equine surveys have previously been conducted in fifteen States where equine is a significant portion of their agriculture. The results are used to provide an assessment of the equine industry's contribution to the State's economy in terms of infrastructure and value.

**Need and Use of the Information:** NASS will collect information on equine inventories, by category; equine revenue, by activity; and equine related expenditures, by purpose. In addition, these surveys will provide NASS with names and addresses of equine operations that can be used for Census of Agriculture enumeration and for the NASS program that seeks to cover 99 percent of U.S. agricultural cash receipts.

**Description of Respondents:** Farms.

**Number of Respondents:** 91,000.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: One-time.

**Total Burden Hours:** 14,537.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 26, 2014.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection

techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by April 3, 2014. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Rural Business Service

**Title:** 7 CFR 4284-G, Rural Business Opportunity Grants.

**OMB Control Number:** 0570-0024.

**Summary of Collection:** The Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program was authorized by section 741 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, Public Law 104-127. 7 CFR 4284-G provides the detailed program regulations, as well as, including application procedures and reporting requirements for grant recipients. The objective of the RBOG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural areas. This purpose is achieved through grants made by the Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS) to public and private non-profit organizations and cooperatives to pay costs of economic development planning and technical assistance for rural businesses.

**Need and Use of the Information:** The information is collected by Rural Development State and Area office staff from grant applicants and grant recipients. Grantees are required to submit financial status and performance reports and should keep complete and accurate accounting records as evidence that the grant funds were used properly. The information is necessary for RBS to process applications in a responsible manner, make prudent program decisions, and effectively monitor the grantees' activities to ensure that funds

obtained from the Government are used appropriately.

**Description of Respondents:** Not for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Number of Respondents:** 267.

**Frequency of Responses:** Recordkeeping: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly.

**Total Burden Hours:** 18,109.

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

**Title:** Advanced Biofuel Payment Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 0570-0063.

**Summary of Collection:** Section 9005 of Title IX of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) authorizes Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) to enter into contracts to make payments to eligible entities to support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels. To receive payments under the Program, eligible entities are producers of advanced biofuels that meet all of the requirements of the Program. Eligible entities can be an individual or legal entity, including a corporation, company, foundation, association, labor organization, firm, partnership, society, joint stock company, group of organizations, or non-profit that produces an advanced biofuel and that sells the advanced biofuel on the commercial market.

**Need and Use of the Information:** To participate in the program, advanced biofuel producers must enroll by submitting an application (Form RD-4288-1) which includes specific information about the producer and the producer's advanced biofuel biorefineries. This information will be used to determine applicant eligibility and if the advanced biofuel being produced is eligible for payments under the Program. Once the producer is approved for participation in the Program, the producer and Agency will enter into a contract (Form RD 4288-2). After the contract is signed the producer will submit payment requests using (Form RD 4288-3) preferably on a quarterly basis.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit; Individuals.

**Number of Respondents:** 275.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: Quarterly, Annually.

**Total Burden Hours:** 1,579.

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