

measures to detect, eradicate, suppress, control, prevent, or retard the spread of plant pests, such as plum pox virus (PPV), that are new, not widely distributed, or not known to occur within the United States.

Plum pox is an extremely serious viral disease of plants that can affect many *Prunus* (stone fruit) species, including plum, peach, apricot, almond, nectarine, and sweet and tart cherry. A number of wild and ornamental *Prunus* species may also be susceptible to this disease. Infection eventually results in severely reduced fruit production, and the fruit that is produced is often misshapen and blemished. PPV is transmitted under natural conditions by several species of aphids. The long distance spread of PPV occurs by budding and grafting with infected plant material and by farm tools/equipment, and through movement of infected budwood, nursery stock, and other plant parts. There are no known effective methods for treating trees or other plant material infected with PPV, nor are there any known effective preventive treatments. Without effective treatments, the only option for preventing the spread of the disease is the destruction of infected and exposed trees and other infected plant material.

The regulations in “Subpart L—Plum Pox” (7 CFR 301.74–301.74–5), among other things, quarantine areas of the United States where PPV has been detected, restrict the interstate movement of host material from quarantined areas, and when the Secretary of Agriculture declares an extraordinary emergency, provides for compensation to owners of commercial stone fruit orchards and fruit tree nurseries whose trees or nursery stock were destroyed to eradicate PPV. Eligible applicants must submit an application for compensation with a supplemental indemnity claim statement. This may include providing direct deposit information for claim payment and applying for a data universal numbering system number, if needed. Applicants must also maintain or provide records verifying losses and destruction of stocks, and respond to an emergency action notification if issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Owners and affiliates of stone fruit orchards and fruit tree nurseries and State plant health officials.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 2.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 3.

Estimated annual number of responses: 5.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 5 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of July 2022.

Anthony Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2022–0043]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Approval of Laboratories To Conduct Official Testing

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the approval of laboratories to conduct official disease testing.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before September 26, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2022–0043 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2022–0043, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations for the approval of laboratories to conduct official testing, contact Dr. Suelee Robbe-Austerman, Director, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, Diagnostics and Biologics, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 1920 Dayton Avenue, Ames, IA 50010; (515) 337–7301; Suelee.Robbe-Austerman@usda.gov. For information on the information collection reporting process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS’ Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483; joseph.moxey@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Approval of Laboratories to Conduct Official Testing.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0472.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (the Act, 7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized, among other things, to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. To carry out this mission, APHIS regulates

approval or certification for laboratories conducting tests for disease management as well as live animal interstate movement, import and export.

In the 9 CFR, § 71.22 provides the requirements for APHIS approval or certification of laboratories to conduct official testing for disease management as well as live animal interstate movement, import, and export. APHIS approval is required for State, university, and private laboratories conducting official testing for certain regulated diseases.

APHIS approval or certification requires various information collection activities. The regulations facilitate the approval of additional laboratories in emergency situations and serve to simplify regulatory oversight and compliance by providing defined application and inspection procedures using a checklist and approval agreement. The regulations also set requirements for testing procedures and methods, biosecurity measures, the use of quality systems and controls with documented guidelines and verification forms, details regarding training and reporting, recordkeeping, and program standards. In addition, laboratories must conduct testing using APHIS-approved assay methods and reporting, request test exemptions if the minimum number of tests are not performed during two consecutive reporting periods, and submit sample copies of diagnostic reports. The approved laboratories must maintain approval status and provide proof of accreditation status and set forth general terms for probation status, suspension or rescission of approval, and appeals. Laboratories may also request removal of their approved status.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7.1 hours per response.

Respondents: State animal health officials and laboratory directors.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 402.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 13.

Estimated annual number of responses: 5,306.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 37,697 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Anthony Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS–22–TELECOM–0045]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program; OMB Control No.: 0572–0096

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service announces its intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 26, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and, in the “Search Field” box, labeled “Search for Rules, Proposed Rules, Notices or Supporting Documents,” enter the

following docket number: (RUS–22–TELECOM–0045). To submit or view public comments, click the “Search” button, select the “Documents” tab, then select the following document title: (60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants Program; OMB Control No.: 0572–0096) from the “Search Results” and select the “Comment” button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the “Commenter’s Checklist” (optional). Insert your comments under the “Comment” title, click “Browse” to attach files (if available). Input your email address and select “Submit Comment.”

Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site’s “FAQ” link.

Other Information: Additional information about Rural Development and its programs is available on the internet at <https://www.rd.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin M. Jones, Management Analyst, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 772–1172. Email: robin.m.jones@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) regulation implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities. This notice identifies the following information collection that Rural Utilities Service is submitting to OMB as extension to an existing collection with Agency adjustment.

Title: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0096.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2022.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.45 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for profit, not-for-profit institutions, and State.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.