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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by October 19, 2023. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Iowa Commercial Horticulture Food Crop Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0264.

Summary of Collection: The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow-on surveys. This project will target Iowa's edible horticulture crop producers using a sample of all Iowa operations on the NASS list frame known to produce edible horticulture crops.

General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S.C. Title 7, Section 2204. This survey will be conducted on a full cost recovery basis with the Iowa State University Extension & Outreach (ISU) in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS).

Need and Use of the Information: For this survey period, NASS will collect data on how the COVID–19 pandemic disrupted many things, including food supply chains. The Iowa Horticulture industry would like to understand how the COVID–19 pandemic affected the long-term viability of farms that produce specialty crops. Anecdotally, it is understood that at the beginning of the pandemic specialty crop producers who delivered products direct to consumers benefited, as did pick-your-own operations. Some who sold to farmers markets benefit while others lost sales, depending on whether and how their market chose to open in the 2020 season. Repeating the survey for the 2023 growing season with additional questions regarding the impact of the pandemic will help them understand the state of specialty crop production in Iowa as the pandemic shifts into a new phase.

Description of Respondents: The Iowa Commercial Horticulture Food Crop Survey will be a census of all Iowa operations known to produce edible horticulture crops that include fruits, nuts, vegetables, berries, herbs, honey, maple syrup, and mushrooms.

Number of Respondents: 3,200.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One a year.
Total Burden Hours: 1,093.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Specialty Crops Market News Reports.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0006.

Summary of Collection: Section 203(g) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621) directs and authorizes the collection of information and disseminating of market information including adequate outlook information on a market-area basis for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements, aiding in the maintenance of farm income and bringing about balance between production and utilization of agriculture products.

Market News provides all interested segments of the market chain with timely, accurate information from an unbiased third party. Equal access to timely and reliable market information tends to equalize the competitive position of all market participants. In the absence of Market News information and reports, small and medium sized market participants with limited resources for developing and collecting information are at a competitive disadvantage to larger participants who might be able to afford very sophisticated information systems.

Need and Use of the Information:

AMS will collect market information on some 411 specialty crops for prices and supply. The Specialty Crops Market News Division reports are used by academia and various government agencies for regulatory and other purposes, but are primarily used by the specialty crops trade, which includes packers, processors, brokers, retailers, producers, and associated industries. Members of the specialty crops industry regularly make it clear that they need and expect AMS to issue price and supply market reports for commodities of regional, national, and international significance in order to assist in making immediate production and marketing decisions and as a guide to the amount of product in the supply channel.

In addition, AMS buys hundreds of millions of dollars of specialty crops products each year for domestic feeding programs, and Specialty Crops Market News Division data is a critical component of the decision-making process. The absence of these data would deny primary and secondary users information that otherwise would be available to aid them in their production, marketing decisions, analyses, research and knowledge of current market conditions. The

omission of these data could adversely affect prices, supply, and demand.

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

Number of Respondents: 2,761.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 50,071.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA-2023-0018]

Information Collection Requests; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Customer Feedback on the Service Delivery (0560-0286)

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), the Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Customer Feedback on the Service Delivery (0560-0286). The Farm Service Agency (FSA) initially received the PRA approval for this information collection request and has expanded it to cover all four of the agencies in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) mission area. FPAC uses the approval to cover the surveys, window pop-up surveys, focus groups, beta testing new or revised electronic systems, comment cards, and other information collection instruments or methods, which are designed to get customer feedback on service delivery for various programs administered by any of the FPAC agencies. This request for approval broadly addresses the need for information about what our customers think of our services so that we can improve service delivery; specific information collection activities will be incorporated into the approval as the need for the information is identified. For example, when we implement a new program and provide information about the services for the program on our website, we may provide a voluntary customer service questionnaire about how well the program is working for our customers,

specifically within the area of customer service.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by November 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal by going to <http://www.regulations.gov> and searching for Docket ID FSA-2023-0018.

Comments will be available on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Customer Feedback on Farm Service Agency Service Delivery (FastTrack).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0286.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2024.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: FSA initially received the PRA approval for this information collection request and has expanded it to cover all of the agencies in the USDA FPAC mission area. FPAC includes the following four agencies: the FPAC Business Center, the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Risk Management Agency (RMA). The program staff have created several feedback instruments (customer surveys) and submitted them to the FPAC information collection coordinator for approval under the current approved information collection of 0560-0286, Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Customer Feedback on Service Delivery. The program staff continue to use fast track approval to submit new customer instruments to the information collection coordinator for approval, which takes less time than going through a regular Paperwork Reduction Act process.

As a result, program staff are able to quickly implement certain types of surveys and related collection of information using OMB control number of 0560-0286. For example, when we implement a new program and provide information about the programs on our website, we may provide a voluntary customer service questionnaire about how well the program is working for our