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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 clearance 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 December 30, 2021. 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.

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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: 2022 Wisconsin Groundwater 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. NASS will conduct a survey of houses or businesses that use private drinking wells near land used for agriculture in Wisconsin.

Selected houses or businesses in Wisconsin will be asked to provide data on age of the well, well specifications, water treatment from well, and drinking use. The respondent will also be asked to provide a water sample for analysis by the Wisconsin State Hygiene Lab.

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 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) providing funding under a cooperative agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wells>), "About one-quarter of Wisconsin's population drinks water drawn from over 800,000 private wells." The groundwater survey is necessary because private drinking water wells serve as the primary source of water for many rural Wisconsin residents. DATCP and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) use the data from the survey to identify the current state of pesticide and nitrate contaminants in private drinking water wells in Wisconsin. The data are used to inform discussions with US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Office of Pesticides Programs (OPP) and pesticide registrants for pesticides that are found to be of increased occurrence or concentration in private wells.

Description of Respondents: Houses or businesses that use private drinking wells near land used for agriculture in Wisconsin.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once a year.

Total Burden Hours: 159.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0004.

Summary of Collection: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to collect, prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition; as well as economic statistics, environmental statistics related to agriculture and also to conduct the Census of Agriculture.

The Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys obtain basic poultry statistics from voluntary cooperators throughout the Nation. Statistics are published on placement of pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks; hatching reports for broiler-type, egg-type, and turkey eggs; number of layers on hand; total table egg production; and production and value estimates for eggs, chickens, and turkeys. The frequencies of the surveys being conducted include weekly, monthly, and annually.

Need and Use of the Information: This information is used by producers, processors, feed dealers, and others in marketing and supply channels as a basis for production and marketing decisions. Government agencies use these estimates to evaluate poultry product supplies. The information is an important consideration in government purchases for the National School Lunch Program and in formulation of export-import policy. The current expiration date for this docket is March 31, 2022.

Description of Respondents: Farmers, ranchers, farm managers, and farm contractors.

Number of Respondents: 2,667.

Frequency of Responses: Various from weekly to annually.

Total Burden Hours: 25,401.

Dated: November 24, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID: FSA-2021-0015]

Information Collection Requests; Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP) and Pandemic Assistance for Timber and Haulers and Harvesters (PATHH)

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved information collections associated with Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP) and Pandemic Assistance for Timber and Haulers and Harvesters (PATHH) Program. FSA is making PLIP payments to livestock and poultry producers for losses of livestock or poultry depopulated before December 27, 2020, due to insufficient processing access, based on 80 percent of the fair market value of the livestock and poultry, and for the cost of depopulation (other than costs already compensated under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program). FSA is also providing assistance to timber harvesting businesses and timber hauling businesses impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 Outbreak.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by January 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID FSA-2021-0015. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail, Hand-Delivery, or Courier:* Director, Safety Net Division, FSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0510, Washington, DC 20250-0522.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the

information collection may be requested by contacting Brittany Ramsburg.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, contact Brittany Ramsburg by telephone: (202) 260-9303; or by email: brittany.ramsburg@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 or (844) 433-2774 (toll-free nationwide).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Both information collections are being extended to continue the OMB approval for any additional information that may be needed until their payment process is fully completed. The 2 information collection requests are described as follows:

Title: Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0301.

OMB Expiration Date: 01/31/2022.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: FSA is making PLIP payments to livestock and poultry producers for losses of livestock or poultry depopulated before December 27, 2020, due to insufficient processing access, based on 80 percent of the fair market value of the livestock and poultry, and for the cost of depopulation (other than costs already compensated under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program).

The annual burden hours and the numbers of respondents and responses did not change since the OMB submission.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hour is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.55 hours per response to include the time for reviewing instructions, searching information, gathering and maintaining information, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit farms.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2,546.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 2,546.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.55 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,408 hours.

Title: PATHH Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0302.

OMB Expiration Date: 01/31/2022.

Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: FSA is providing assistance to timber harvesting businesses and timber hauling businesses impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 Outbreak. PATHH eligibility for direct payments to eligible applicants who have suffered a gross revenue loss of at least 10 percent for the period from January 1 through December 1, 2020, compared to the period from January 1 through December 1, 2019. Two principal agencies will implement PATHH, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the United States Forest Service (FS). The program is under the general supervision and direction of the Administrator of FSA, and FS provides technical support.

The annual burden hours and the numbers of respondents and responses did not change since the last OMB submission.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hour is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.18 hours per response to include the time for reviewing instructions, searching information, gathering and maintaining information, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit farms.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2,396.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.8997.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 6,948.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.18 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 815 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of these information collections to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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