

# Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 85, No. 34

Thursday, February 20, 2020

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agency Information Collection Activities

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces and requests comments on the intention of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to request approval for the continuation of and changes to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Registration Form to Request Electronic Access Code information collection to allow USDA customers to securely and confidently share data and receive services electronically.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 20, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

#### ADDRESSES:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this information collection to Adam Zeimet, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building A—Suite 350, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526. Fax comments should be sent to the attention of Adam Zeimet at fax number (970) 295-5238.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adam Zeimet by telephone at (970) 295-5678, or via email at [Adam.Zeimet@usda.gov](mailto:Adam.Zeimet@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Authority for obtaining information from customers is included in the Freedom to E-File Act (7 U.S.C. 7031-7035), the

Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (E-SIGN) (15 U.S.C. 7001-7031), the E-Government Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3601-3606; 3541-3549), and the GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT (Pub. L. 106-102, 502-504). Customer information is collected through the USDA eAuthentication Service (eAuth), located at <https://www.eauth.usda.gov>. The USDA eAuth service provides both public citizens as well as federal government employees with a secure single sign-on capability for USDA applications, management of user credentials, and verification of identity, authorization, and electronic signatures. USDA's eAuth Application service obtains customer information through an electronic self-registration process provided through the eAuth website. This voluntary online self-registration process and identity proofing process (either in-person at a USDA Service Center or online with national credit bureaus) enables USDA customers to obtain accounts as authorized users that will provide single sign-on capability, self-registration, and account management to access USDA Web applications and services via the internet.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of USDA-OCIO—Customer Experience Center—Identity and Access Services Branch (Identity, Credential, and Access Management Program) to request approval for an existing collection.

*Title:* USDA Registration Form to Request Electronic Access Code.

*OMB Number:* 0503-0014.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 4/30/2020.

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

*Abstract:* The USDA OCIO developed the eAuthentication Service as a management and technical process that addresses user authentication and authorization prerequisites for providing services electronically. The process requires a one-time electronic self-registration to obtain an eAuth account for each USDA customer desiring access to on-line services or applications that require user authentication. USDA customers may self-register for an account in accordance to OMB Memorandum M-

19-17 and National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-63-3 (or superseding publications). An eAuthentication account, without identity verification, provides users with limited access to USDA website portals and applications that have minimal security requirements. A customer with an eAuthentication account, with identity verification, is permitted to conduct official electronic business transactions via the internet, enter into a contract with the USDA, and submit forms electronically via the internet to USDA agencies. Due to the increased risk associated with these types of transactions, the identity of customers must be verified through a process called "identity proofing". Identity proofing can be accomplished for USDA customers in two ways: (1) By visiting a Local Registration Authority (LRA) at a USDA Service Center; or (2) Through an integrated online identity proofing service with a National Credit Bureau. The on-line identity proofing service provides registrants with a more efficient mechanism for identity verification. On-line identity proofing requires responses to at least four randomly selected identity questions that are verified by a national credit bureau identity proofing service in an automated interface. Once the user's identity is verified, they may use the associated credential to access USDA resources that utilize eAuthentication services.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to take three (3) minutes to complete the self-registration process for an eAuthentication account, without identity verification. Customers needing a higher form of access are required to provide additional information for identity proofing purposes. The data entry for identity verification is estimated to take three (3) minutes. For identity verification through a LRA, the time is estimated to take one (1) hour to travel to a USDA Service Center to visit a Local Registration Authority (expected to be approximately 15% of the registrants), or three (3) minutes when using the on-line identity proofing service (expected to be approximately 85% of the registrants).

*Respondents:* Individual USDA Customers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents per account type:*

- *eAuthentication account, without identity proofing:* 103,704
- *eAuthentication account, with identity proofing:* 34,692
  - *In Person ID Proofing (15%):* 5,204
  - *Online/Remote ID Proofing (85%):* 29,488

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 138,396.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 17,038.3 hours.

Comments are invited on (1) Whether the proposed 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 of the proposed collection of information, 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 the information on those who respond, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological or other forms of information technology collection methods. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Mr. Zeimet by calling or emailing your request to the contact information above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 10, 2020.

**Gary Washington,**

*Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

[FR Doc. 2020-03119 Filed 2-19-20; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-KR-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA-2020-0002]

**Information Collection Requests; Farm Loan Programs: Inventory Property Management (OMB Control Number 0560-0234), Direct Loan Servicing-Regular (OMB Control Number 0560-0234), General Program Administration (OMB Control Number 0560-0238) and Guaranteed Farm Loan Program (OMB Control Number 0560-0155)**

**AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the four Farm Loan Programs' information collection requests. The four collection requests in the Farm Loan Programs are: Inventory Property Management, Direct Loan Servicing—Regular, Guaranteed Farm Loan Program and General Program Administration. In the Inventory Property Management, the collected information is used to evaluate applicant requests to purchase inventory property, determine eligibility to lease or purchase inventory property, and ensure the payment of the lease amount or purchase amount associated with the acquisition of inventory property. In the Direct Loan Servicing—Regular, the information is used to determine borrower compliance with loan agreements, assist the borrower in achieving business goals, and regular servicing of the loan account such as graduation, subordination, partial release, and use of proceeds. In the General Program Administration, the information collected is used to ensure that applicants meet statutory eligibility requirements, loan funds are used for authorized purposes, and the Government's interest in security is adequately protected. In the Guaranteed Farm Loan Program, the collected information is needed to make and service loans guaranteed by FSA to eligible farmers and ranchers by commercial lenders and nontraditional lenders.

**DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by April 20, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, please include date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by the following method: Federal eRulemaking Portal; Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID FSA-2020-0001.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of the Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC, 20503. Comments will be available for public inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to the collection activities or to obtain a copy of the information collection request: For the Inventory Property Management and Direct Loan Servicing-Regular, please contact Lee Nault, (202) 720-6834; [lee.nault@usda.gov](mailto:lee.nault@usda.gov); for the Guaranteed Farm Loan Program, please

contact Steve Ford, 202-304-7932; [stevefords2@usda.gov](mailto:stevefords2@usda.gov) and for the General Program Administration, please contact Niki Chavez, 202-690-61, [niki.chavez@usda.gov](mailto:niki.chavez@usda.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Farm Loan Programs; Inventory Management Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0234.

*Expiration Date:* April 30, 2020.

*Type of Request:* Extension with a revision.

*Abstract:* FSA's Farm Loan Programs provide supervised credit in the form of loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment and finance agricultural production. Inventory Property Management, as specified in 7 CFR part 767, provides the requirements for the management, lease, and sale of security property acquired by FSA. FSA may take title to real estate as part of dealing with a problem loan either by entering a winning bid in an attempt to protect its interest at a foreclosure sale, or by accepting a deed of conveyance in lieu of foreclosure. Information collections established in the regulation are necessary for FSA to determine an applicant's eligibility to lease or purchase inventory property and to ensure the applicant's ability to make payment on the lease or purchase amount.

The number of response and burden hours decrease in this request. While the overall number of inventory properties on hand increased 13.5 percent from the last collection, the decrease in responses and burden hours is due to reduction in the estimated number of inventory properties sold. The number projected to be sold has been revised downward to match reported sales percentages over the last several years.

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

*Estimate of Average Time to Respond:* Public reporting burden for the information collection is estimated to average 0.57 hours per response.

*Type of Respondents:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit farms.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 239.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 239.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* 0.57 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 136 hours.