

must, based on a review of a loan application, determine that an applicant complies with statutory, regulatory, and administrative eligibility requirements for loan assistance.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to streamline procedures and allow borrowers the flexibility to meet new business challenges and opportunities. The information is necessary for RUS to conduct business with successor entity while protecting the security of Government loans and avoiding defaults and to grant merger approval when required.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 12.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 170.

Rural Utility Service

Title: 7 CFR part 1755, Telecommunications Standards and Specifications.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0132.

Summary of Collection: 7 CFR part 1755 establishes Agency policy that materials and equipment purchased by telecommunications borrowers or accepted as contractor-furnished material must conform to performance specifications where they have been established and, if included in IP 344-02, "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Telecommunications Systems of RUS Borrowers", must be selected from that list or must have received technical acceptance from the Rural Utility Service (RUS). To protect the security of loans and to ensure that the telecommunications services provided to rural Americans are comparable to those offered in urban and suburban areas, RUS establishes the minimum acceptable performance criteria for materials and equipment to be employed on telecommunications system financed by the Telecommunications Program. Manufacturers, wishing to sell their products to Telecommunications borrowers, request consideration for acceptance of their products and submit data demonstrating their products' compliance with—Telecommunications performance specifications or—selected industry specifications.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will evaluate the data to determine that the quality of the products is acceptable and that their use will not jeopardize loan security. The information is closely reviewed to be certain that test data, product dimensions and product material compositions fully comply with RUS

performance specifications or that have been established for the particular product.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 47.

Frequency of Response: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,700.

Rural Utility Service

Title: Telecommunications Field Trials.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0133.

Summary of Collection: Title 7 CFR part 1755.3 prescribes the conditions and provision of a field trial. Field trials are contractual obligations that a manufacturer and Rural Utility Service (RUS) telecommunications borrower enter into. They consist of limited field installation of a qualifying product in closely monitored situations designed to determine, to RUS' satisfaction, the products' effectiveness under actual field conditions. RUS will use field trials as a means for determining the operational effectiveness of a new or revised product where such experience does not already exist. Field trial process allows: Manufacturers a means of immediate access to the RUS borrower market, RUS borrowers opportunity to immediately utilize advance products, and provides for RUS a means to safely obtain necessary information on technically advanced products which will address the products' suitability for use in the harsh environment of rural America.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will use various forms to enter into contractual obligations, to establish an agreement by RUS, the manufacturer and a borrower, or identify the product(s) that are under field trial. Telecommunication borrowers who participate in field trials do so on a voluntary basis. The information is closely reviewed to determine that the products comply with the established RUS standards and specifications and that the products are otherwise acceptable for use on rural telecommunications systems. Without this information, RUS has no means of determining the acceptability of advanced technology in a manner that is timely enough for RUS borrowers to take advantage of the improved benefits and promise that such products may provide for rural America.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondent: 14.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 378.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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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), 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 within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification, and Standards for Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and Other Products—Audit Services.

OMB Control Number: 0581-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 as amended 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.* authorizes the Secretary to inspect and certify the quality of agricultural products and collect such fees as reasonable to cover the cost of services rendered. The Fresh Products Branch provides nationwide audit and inspection services for fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products to growers, shippers, importers, processors, sellers, buyers, and other financially interested parties on a "user fee" basis. The use of these services is voluntary and is made available only upon request.

Need and Use of the Information: Information is needed to provide audit services. Agricultural Marketing Service will collect this information using forms FV-237A "Request for Audit Services", FV-651 "Agreement for Participation in Audit Verification Programs" and FV-652 "Logo Use Request for Audit Programs." This information includes: Name and location of the person or company requesting the audit, the type and location of the product to be audited, the type of audit being requested and any information that will identify the product and/or the location(s) to be covered by the audit. As part of the audit process, an auditee's documentation must be made available to the Fresh Products Branch personnel for review to show conformance to the specific audit program.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit Institutions and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 17,080.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0004.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Thousands of farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and others voluntarily respond to nationwide surveys about crops, livestock, prices, and other agricultural activities. Estimates of egg, chicken, and turkey production are in an integral part of this program. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies the "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which she can obtain * * * by the collection of statistics * * * and shall distribute them among agriculturists". Information published from the surveys in this docket is needed by USDA economists and

government policy makers to ensure the orderly marketing of broilers, turkeys and eggs.

Need and Use of the Information: Statistics on these poultry products contribute to a comprehensive program of keeping the government and poultry industry abreast of anticipated changes. All of the poultry reports are used by producers, processors, feed dealers, and others in the marketing and supply channels as a basis for their production and marketing decisions.

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

Number of Respondents: 6,753.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 5,512.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: List Sampling Frame Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0140.

Summary of Collection: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to provide data users with timely and reliable agricultural production and economic statistics, as well as environmental and specialty agricultural related statistics. To accomplish this objective, NASS relies heavily on the use of sample surveys statistically drawn from "List Sampling Frame." The List Sampling Frame is a database of names and addresses, with control data, that contains the components values from which these samples can be drawn.

Need and Use of the Information: Data from criteria surveys are used to provide control data for new records on the list sampling frame this information is utilized to define the size of operation, define sample populations and establish eligibility for the Census of Agriculture. New names and addresses of potential farms are obtained on a regular basis from growers associations, other government agencies and various outside sources. This information is used to develop efficient sample designs, which allows NASS the ability to draw reduced sample sizes from the originally large universe populations.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 500,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 96,800.

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