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Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by March 22, 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.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: National Conservation Practice Adoption Motivations Pilot 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 select agricultural operations in four States: Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Pennsylvania. Each selected farmer or rancher will be asked to provide data on practice, technical assistance, financial assistance, as well as obtain likert question data about motivations for each of the topic areas: (1) Cover crops, (2) nutrient management, (3) pest management, (4) tillage practices, (5)

drainage water management, (6) runoff management practices, (7) edge of field improvements, (8) wetland conservation practices, and (9) irrigation management and system improvements. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S.C. Title 7, Section 2204.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of the survey is to target operations who own or operate cropland, grazing land, concentrated livestock feeding operations, and forestry. NASS will collect information about these types of operations to understand conservation practices within the United States in terms of the following: (1) How often are specific conservation practices adopted without assistance, with technical assistance and/or financial assistance. (2) How does adoption evolve over time? What proportion of producers who "try" a given practice continue or expand use over time? How many discontinue the practice? (3) What motivates farmers to initially try a practice and then continue, expand, or discontinue use? The questions reflect a range of factors including conservation need, experience of neighbors, financial benefits or costs, producer time and effort, availability of technical and financial assistance, regulation or conservation compliance, and concern about the environmental quality. The United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service has entered into an interagency agreement with NASS to conduct this pilot survey. If this pilot is successful, NASS will submit a separate request to conduct the national survey.

Description of Respondents: A sample of all active operations who own or operate cropland, grazing land, concentrated livestock feeding operations, and/or forestry in Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Pennsylvania.

Number of Respondents: 1,400.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once.

Total Burden Hours: 974.

Levi S. Harrell,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 16, 2021.

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 are required regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 this information collection received by March 22, 2021 will be considered. 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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Farm Service Agency

Title: Volunteer Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0232.

Summary of Collection: Section 1526 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 2272) permits the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to use volunteers to perform a wide range of activities to carry out the programs of or supported by the Department of Agriculture (USDA). Each USDA agency is granted the authority to establish programs designed to provide educationally related work assignments for students in non-pay status. USDA, Departmental Regulation 4230–1 requires documentation of service performed without compensation by persons who do not receive Federal appointment. For this requirement, the information collection request is necessary to continue implementation of the programs, which allows the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Risk

Management Agency (RMA) to use volunteers to perform a wide range of activities to carry out the programs of or supported by the Agency.

Need and Use of the Information: Applicants who are accepted in the program will complete the "Service Agreement and Attendance Record." FSA and RMA will use the reported information to respond to request for information on volunteers from the USDA Office of Human Resources Management. FSA Human Resource is responsible for determining how to document volunteer appointments. If the information were not collected for each volunteer, FSA and RMA would be unable to document service performed without compensation by persons in the program if this information were not collected for each volunteer.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 20.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Comments regarding this information collection received by March 22, 2021 will be considered. 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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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Report of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Issuance and Report of Commodity Distribution for Disaster Relief Recordkeeping Only.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0037.

Summary of Collection: Disaster assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is authorized by sections 402 and 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*) and the temporary emergency provisions contained in Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, and in 7 CFR part 280 of the SNAP regulations. This program is initiated in a SNAP project area by FNS when all or part of the area has been affected by a disaster. Food distribution in a disaster situation is authorized under Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935. Surplus foods are made available by State distributing agencies for relief purposes to victims of natural disaster such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, etc. Distribution to these recipients is made primarily through such organizations as the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army. These organizations use surplus foods for both central feeding operations and for distribution to families in homes cut off from normal sources of food supply.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information through the use of form FNS-292-A and FNS 292-B, which is used to monitor program activity, assess coverage provided to recipients, and assure the validity of requested commodity reimbursement and to prepare budget requests. If the information were not collected, FNS would be unable to monitor the issuance of SNAP benefits and the distribution of surplus foods during disaster situations.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 108.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 14.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business—Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Comments on Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS) invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested. The intention is to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 20, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RBCS is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c)