

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Correction

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 requested 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 25, 2024 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.

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

Title: Conservation Practice Adoption Motivations Survey—Substantive Change.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0272.

Summary of Collection: The Department of Agriculture published a document in the **Federal Register** on February 6, 2024, 89 FR 8142 concerning a request for comments for the substantive change request on the Information Collection “Conservation Practice Adoption Motivations Survey” OMB control number 0535–0272. In this FRN, it was stated Comments regarding

these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by March 7, 2024. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted, identified by docket number 0535–0272, within 30 days of the publication of this notice by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov. Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.
- *E-fax:* 855–838–6382.
- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions to: Richard Hopper, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2024.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: Richard Hopper, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2024.

That statement needs to be corrected to state, “Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by March 7, 2024. 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

[Docket ID FSA–2023–0023]

Revised Loan Volume Requirements for the Preferred Lender Program and the Certified Lender Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of eligibility criteria.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces the revised loan volume eligibility criteria for existing lenders participating in the Preferred Lender Program (PLP) for FSA guaranteed loans or who have recently participated in PLP but lost that status due to loan volume requirements and

wish to reapply. Due to decreased loan demand, many former PLP lenders, who would have otherwise been expected to have renewed their PLP status, have been unable to qualify for the renewal of their status in PLP within the past 5 years due solely to loan volume requirements. This document applies lower loan volume eligibility criteria to PLP lenders who renew their PLP status and to former PLP lenders who reapply for PLP status after losing that status because they were unable to renew due solely to decreased loan volume within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of this notice. FSA also announces the revised loan volume eligibility criteria for all lenders participating in the Certified Lender Program (CLP) for FSA guaranteed loans due to the same decreased loan demand discussed previously. This document applies less restrictive loan volume eligibility criteria to all lenders currently participating in the CLP program and lenders applying to participate in the CLP program.

DATES: *Applicable date:* February 23, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FSA's PLP provides qualifying lenders additional authorities and streamlined procedures under the FSA guaranteed farm loan programs. In accordance with the criteria specified in 7 CFR 762.106(c)(3), lenders who participate in the PLP must meet minimum loan volume thresholds that are established by FSA and published in a notice in the **Federal Register**. On May 5, 1999 (64 FR 24132), FSA established the current PLP loan volume threshold of 20 FSA guaranteed loans closed in the past 5 years. Also, 7 CFR 762.106(c)(1) states that lenders who participate in the PLP must meet all requirements of CLP. The CLP loan volume threshold was established on February 12, 1999 (64 FR 7404). The notice stated that lenders participating in the CLP must have closed a total of at least 10 FSA guaranteed loans and at least 5 of those FSA guaranteed loans must have been closed in the past 2