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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 3, 1997.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1955, 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), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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) 720-6746.

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: Agricultural Surveys Program.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0213.

Summary of Collection: Information is collected on crop acreage and production, livestock inventory and stocks of grain.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used throughout Government and agriculture for policy, production, and marketing decisions.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 252,900.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly; quarterly; semi-annually; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 139,260.

- Farm Service Agency

Title: Report of Acreage (7 CFR part 718).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0004.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency requires that producers report acreage for crops that need verification of compliance, loan eligibility, or crop loans.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to verify that the producer is eligible for agricultural programs.

Description Of Respondents: Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 616,121.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 462,093.

- Human Resources Management

Title: USDA Applicant Supplemental Sheet.

OMB Control Number: 0505-0009.

Summary of Collection: Applicants are requested to provide employment, veteran, and disability status, and race/national origin.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to evaluate USDA's recruitment and hiring activities.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 4,000.

- Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1980-I, "Community Programs Guaranteed Loans".

OMB Control Number: 0575-0137.

Summary of Collection: This regulation promulgates the policies and procedures for community program loans guaranteed by the Rural Housing Service and applies to lenders, holders, borrowers and other parties involved in making, guaranteeing, holding, servicing or liquidating such loans.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan funds for authorized purposes.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 125.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 17,677.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: National Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0093.

Summary of Collection: Information is collected from producers, handlers and processors including production, disposition, qualification data, and assessment information.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to strengthen marketplace position and to maintain, develop, and expand markets for the various commodities.

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

Number of Respondents: 319,342.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting: On occasion; Weekly; monthly; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 366,874.

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Animal and Poultry, Animal/Poultry Products, Certain Animal Embryos, Semen and Zoological Animals.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0040.

Summary of Collection: Information is collected from importers concerning the type of product to be imported into the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to evaluate the health status and risk factors associated with moving animals or animal products into the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 178,335.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting:
 On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 64,113.
 Expedited review has been requested
 for this submission.

- Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1927-B, "Real Estate
 Title Clearance and Loan Closing".
OMB Control Number: 0575-0147.
Summary of Collection: Information is
 collected concerning real estate title,
 estate title clearance, closing of loans,
 assumptions, voluntary conveyances
 and credit sales in connection with
 insured loans.

Need and Use of the Information: The
 information is used to ensure that loans
 made with Federal funds are legally
 secured.

Description of Respondents:
 Individuals or households; business or
 other for-profit; not-for-profit
 institutions; farms.

Number of Respondents: 40,000
Frequency of Responses: Reporting:
 On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 54,816.

Donald Hulcher,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. CN-97-005]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service,
 USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for
 comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
 Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice
 announces the Agricultural Marketing
 Service's (AMS) intention to request an
 extension for and revision to a currently
 approved information collection for
 Cotton Classing, Testing, and Standards.
DATES: Comments on this notice must be
 received by December 14, 1997 to be
 assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:
 Comments may be mailed to USDA,
 AMS, Cotton Programs, 1400
 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 0224,
 Room 2641-S, Washington D.C. 20250-
 0224. All comments received will be
 available for public inspection at this
 address during the hours 8:00 a.m. to
 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cotton Classing, Testing, and
 Standards
OMB Number: 0581-0008.
Expiration Date of Approval: April 30,
 1998

Type of Request: Extension and
 revision of a currently approved
 information collection.

Abstract: Information solicited is used
 by the USDA to administer and
 supervise activities associated with the
 classification or grading of cotton,
 cotton linters, and cottonseed based on
 official USDA Standards. The
 information requires personal data, such
 as name, type of business, address, and
 description of classification services
 requested. These programs are
 conducted under the United States
 Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51b), the
 Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act of
 1927 (U.S.C. 473c), and the Agricultural
 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622h).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting
 burden for this collection of information
 is estimated to average 0.83 hours per
 response.

Respondents: Cotton merchants,
 warehouses, and gins.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
 307

*Estimated Number of Responses per
 Respondent:* 3.932 (1207/307)

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on
 Respondents:* 100 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 the 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 information
 on those who are to respond, including
 the use of appropriate automated,
 electronic, mechanical, or other
 technological collection techniques or
 other forms of information technology.
 Comments may be sent to Amelia M.
 Eduardo, Assistant to the Associate
 Deputy Administrator, Cotton Programs,
 AMS, USDA 1400 Independence
 Avenue, SW, Stop 0224, Room 2641-S,
 Washington, D.C. 20250. All comments
 received will be available for public
 inspection during regular business
 hours at the same address. 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: October 6, 1997.

Mary E. Atienza,

Deputy Administrator, Cotton Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-092-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health
 Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an
 information collection; comment
 request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
 Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this
 notice announces the Animal and Plant
 Health Inspection Service's intention to
 request an extension of approval of an
 information collection in support of the
 Imported Fire Ant regulations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be
 received by December 15, 1997 to be
 assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding
 the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to
 minimize the burden (such as through
 the use of automated collection
 techniques or other forms of information
 technology), or any other aspect of this
 collection of information to: Docket No.
 97-092-1, Regulatory Analysis and
 Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03,
 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale,
 MD 20737-1238. Please send an original
 and three copies, and state that your
 comments refer to Docket 97-092-1.
 Comments received may be inspected at
 USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th
 Street and Independence Avenue SW.,
 Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and
 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday,
 except holidays. Persons wishing to
 inspect comments are requested to call
 ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate
 entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For
 information regarding the Imported Fire
 Ant regulations, contact Mr. Michael
 Stefan, Operations Officer, Domestic
 and Emergency Programs, PPD, APHIS,
 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale,
 MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-8247. For
 copies of more detailed information on
 the information collection, contact Ms.
 Cheryl Jenkins, Information Collection
 Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Imported Fire Ant.