

in an eminent domain pool. The allotment or quota thus placed in a pool is held for the displaced owners to transfer to other farms they own or may purchase. An owner must request transfer of the allotment or quota from the pool within 3 years from the date of displacement from the farm to which the allotment or quota originally belonged. Pooled allotments or quotas shall be considered fully planted and, for each year in the pool, shall be established in accordance with tobacco marketing quota regulations. (An owner is a person, or persons in a joint ownership, having title to the land for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of eminent domain acquisition.)

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* 50 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Tobacco allotment or quota holders who are displaced from their land when such land is taken by eminent domain acquisition.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 12.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 10 hours.

*Title:* Application for Transfer of Allotment or Quota From Pool.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0033.

*Form Number:* FSA-178.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement with Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

*Abstract:* A person who has been displaced from her/his farm by eminent domain and who placed that farm's tobacco allotment or quota in a pool, will use the 'Application for Transfer of Allotment or Quota From Pool' to transfer the pooled tobacco to another farm which she/he owns or has purchased. The request for transfer must be made within 3 years from the date of displacement and submitted for approval to the FSA County Office in which the receiving farm is located.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* 50 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Tobacco allotment or quota holders who are displaced from their land when such land is taken by eminent domain acquisition.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 12.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 10 hours.

*Title:* Request for Tobacco Disaster Credit.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0033.

*Form Number:* FSA-182.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Abstract:* Tobacco growers whose crop either could not be planted or that failed because of a natural disaster will use the 'Request for Tobacco Disaster Credit'. When a grower is faced with either condition, the grower may supply information pertaining to the disaster to the County Committee of the FSA County office where the tobacco farm is located, requesting disaster credit for the affected acreage. Data provided by the grower in this information collection transaction include such things as the kind and amount of tobacco impacted, weather conditions which affected it, and management practices that were used in planting, or preparing to plant the crop.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* 30 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Allotment or quota growers who were prevented from planting tobacco, or whose tobacco crop failed, because of a disaster.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 12.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 6 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the purposes stated and the proper performance of FSA, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public records. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget Approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 28, 2003.

**James R. Little,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### Information Collection; Online Registration for FSA-sponsored Events and Conferences

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

**ACTION:** Notice; Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension without revision of the information collection associated with online registration for FSA-sponsored events and conferences. The information collection is needed for FSA to obtain information from the respondents who register on the Internet to make payment and reservations to attend any FSA-sponsored conferences and events.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before October 6, 2003, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Farm Service Agency, USDA, Office of External Affairs, Jeff Kerby, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 720-2979 or by e-mail to: [jeff.kerby@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:jeff.kerby@wdc.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Kerby, Office of External Affairs, (202) 720-1593. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., eastern standard time, Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description of Information Collection

*Title:* Online Registration for FSA-sponsored Events and Conferences  
*OMB Number:* 0560-0226.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 12/31/03.

*Type of Request:* Extension with no revision.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is necessary for people to register online to make payment and reservations to attend conferences and events. They can register on FSA's Online Registration site on the Internet. Respondents who do not have access to the Internet can register by mail or fax. The information is collected by the FSA employees who sponsor the conferences and events. The FSA is collecting

common elements from interested respondents such as name, organization, address, country, phone number, State, City or Town, payment options (cash, credit card, check) and special accommodations requests. The respondents are mainly individuals who are interested in attending the FSA-sponsored conferences or events. The information is used to collect payment from the respondents and make hotel reservations and other special arrangements as necessary.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* 15 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Individuals.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 900.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* 900.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 225.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and 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 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 28, 2003.

**James R. Little,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### **Release of Georgia Tobacco Farmers' Social Security Numbers to the State of Georgia for Matching Payments Under the Tobacco Payment Program**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Farm Service Agency's (FSA's) intent to

release the Social Security Numbers of those Georgia tobacco farmers who received 2003 Federal Tobacco Payment Program (TOPP) payments to the State of Georgia and instructs interested parties how to opt out of the release. Social Security Numbers will enable Georgia to distribute an identical sum of State funds to each Georgia farmer who received a Federal TOPP payment.

**DATES:** To be assured of consideration, requests for exemption from the release of Social Security information must be received in writing on or before August 22, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand-deliver requests to opt out of the release of Social Security information to Director, Tobacco Division, FSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5750-S, STOP 0514, Washington, DC 20250-0514. Also, requests may be sent by facsimile to (202) 720-9832 or by e-mail to [tob\\_comments@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:tob_comments@wdc.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Wortham, Agricultural Program Specialist, Tobacco Division, FSA, USDA, STOP 0514, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0514; Telephone—(202) 720-2715; e-mail—[ann\\_wortham@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:ann_wortham@wdc.usda.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 205 of the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7) (the Act) provides for Federal TOPP payments to be made to eligible persons for certain kinds of tobacco. Tobacco farmers who applied for Federal TOPP payments were required to provide their Social Security Numbers to the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The Act includes a special rule for Georgia that requires that Federal payments would be made to farmers in Georgia only if the State of Georgia agreed to use \$13,000,000 of State funds to make payments concurrently, or subsequently, to the same persons and in the same manner as stipulated for the TOPP payments.

In order to efficiently and expeditiously make the matching payments to Georgia tobacco farmers, the State of Georgia has requested that FSA provide the names, addresses, Social Security Numbers, and the amount of money to be paid to each farmer. Precautions will be taken to ensure that the Social Security information will only be used by the State of Georgia to make matching payments and will not be released to outside entities or individuals. The matching State payments can provide much needed financial help to Georgia farmers and therefore the Secretary intends to release the Social Security Numbers to the State of Georgia.

However, because Social Security Numbers are private, the Secretary will not release the Social Security Numbers of Georgia tobacco farmers who request that they not be released. Farmers who want to opt out of the release must send written notice of their election to the Director of the Tobacco Division, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Each farmer should understand that not releasing his or her Social Security Number to the State of Georgia could result in a delay in receiving a payment from the State or ineligibility for such a payment. FSA does not expect many farmers to opt out of the release.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 1, 2003.

**James R. Little,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Information Collection; Interpretive Services at Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the Inyo National Forest**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a new information collection, Interpretive Services at Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the Inyo National Forest. This study requires administration of a survey to a statistical sample of site visitors.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before October 6, 2003 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Dr. James Absher, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, 4955 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (909) 680-1501 or by e-mail to [jabsher@fs.fed.us](mailto:jabsher@fs.fed.us). The public may inspect comments received at the address given previously during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (909) 680-1559 to facilitate entry to the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. James Absher, Pacific Southwest Research Station, at (909) 680-1501.