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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Cotton Storage Agreement Fees

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of fees.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to publish a schedule of fees to be paid to Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) by cotton warehouse operators requesting to enter into a storage agreement or adjusting the capacity of an existing storage agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Howard Froehlich, Chief, Storage Contract Branch, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0553, Washington, D.C. 20250-0553, telephone (202) 720-7398, FAX (202) 690-3123.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the provisions of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 *et seq.*), CCC enters into storage agreements with private cotton warehouse operators to provide for the storage of commodities owned by CCC or pledged as security to CCC for marketing assistance and price support loans.

Specifically, 7 CFR part 1427.1087 provides that all cotton warehouse operators who do not have an existing agreement with CCC for storage and handling of CCC-owned commodities or commodities pledged to CCC as loan collateral, but who desire such an agreement, must pay an application and examination fee for each warehouse for which CCC approval is sought prior to CCC conducting the original warehouse examination.

A review of the revenue collected for application and examination fees indicates that the fees collected are insufficient to meet costs incurred by CCC for warehouse examinations and contract origination administrative functions. Accordingly, beginning with the 1998-99 contract year, the fees are changed by increasing by 10 percent those fees that were applicable to the 1997-98 contract year. The fee change will be effective July 1, the beginning of the 1998-99 contract year.

The fee will be computed at the rate of \$75 for each 1,000 bales of storage capacity or fraction thereof, but the fee will be not less than \$150 nor more than \$1,500.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 2, 1998.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revised Land and Resource Management Plans, Boise National Forest and Payette National Forest, Idaho; Significant Amendment Land and Resource Management Plan, Sawtooth National Forest, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Supplement to notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in conjunction with revision of the Land and Resource Management Plans for the Boise and Payette National Forests, and significant amendment to the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Sawtooth National Forest located in Ada, Adams, Blaine, Boise, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Custer, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Idaho, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls, Valley and Washington Counties, Idaho; Box Elder Country, Utah, and Malheur County, Oregon.

SUPPLEMENT: On June 29, 1998, Regional Forester Jack Blackwell made a decision to extend the comment period on the proposed programmatic action for the Revision of the Forest Plans for the Boise and Payette National Forests and the Significant Amendment of the Forest Plan for the Sawtooth National Forest. As defined in the **Federal**

Register, Vol. 63, No. 79, dated Friday, April 24, 1998, the original comment period ended on June 25, 1998. In response to public requests, the comment period has been extended an additional 60 days and will now close on August 25, 1998.

For further information concerning this project, contact Jeff Foss, Boise National Forest Planner at 1249 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709; Faye Krueger, Payette National Forest Planner at P.O. Box 1026, McCall, Idaho, 83638; or Sharon LaBrecque, Sawtooth National Forest Planner at 2647 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301.

Comments concerning this project should be sent to Joey Pearson, Administrative Assistant, Payette National Forest, P.O. Box 1026, McCall, Idaho, 83638.

Dated: July 1, 1998.

Christopher L. Pyron,

Deputy Regional Forester, Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Intent To Request an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection, the Equine Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 14, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building,

Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Equine Survey.

OMB Number: 0535-0227.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved Information Collection.

Abstract: To improve information regarding the equine industry, several State Departments of Agriculture are expected to contract with the NASS to conduct an Equine Survey in their state within the next 3 years. Equine activities offer unusually varied opportunities for rural development. In addition to providing the livelihood for breeders, trainers, veterinarians, and many others, the horse remains important to recreation. Equine survey data will quantify the importance of the industry in the state. The number of operations, number of animals, and economic information will provide a focus on the importance of the equine industry to state economies. Income data provides a view of the benefits that the industry provides to the state economy and a ranking in terms of its relative importance within both the agricultural sector and the state's total economic sector. The expenditure information provides data regarding the multiplier effect of money from the equine industry, effects of wage rates paid to both permanent and part-time employees, and secondary businesses supported by the industry. The Equine Survey has approval from OMB for a 2 year period. NASS intends to request that the survey be approved for another 3 years. This data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority is governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 35 minutes per response.

Respondents: Horse owners, breeders, trainers, boarders.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 58,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 33,800 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments

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) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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, other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., June 25, 1998.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Georgia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Georgia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on July 27, 1998, at the Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Dining Room A, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights progress and/or problems and to plan for a symposium on "The Status of Civil Rights in Georgia."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Bobby D. Doctor, Director of the Southern Regional Office, 404-562-7000 (TDD 404-562-7004). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working

days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, June 26, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Oregon Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Oregon Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on July 24, 1998, at the Double Tree Inn, Columbia River, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217. The purpose of the meeting is to plan a future project.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, July 1, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of First Request for Panel Review.

SUMMARY: On June 5, 1998, the Director of Investigation and Research, Competition Bureau, Industry Canada filed a First Request for Panel Review