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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-97-07]

#### Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

**NAME:** Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee.

**DATE:** June 11, 1997.

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Campbell House Inn, South Colonial Hall, 1375 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40504.

**PURPOSE:** To elect officers, recommend opening dates and sales schedules, review the 1997 policies and procedures, and other related matters for the 1997 burley tobacco marketing season.

The meeting is open to the public. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee at the meeting should contact John P. Duncan III, Director, Tobacco Division, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 502 Annex Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, (202) 205-0567, prior to the meeting. Written statements may be submitted to the Committee before, at, or after the meeting.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

**John P. Duncan III,**

*Director, Tobacco Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) intention to request an extension for an information collection currently approved for FSA's regulation governing management advice to individual borrowers and applicants. The regulations concerning this activity are published under the authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 18, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven R. Bazzell, Senior Loan Officer, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Making Division, Farm Service Agency, Stop 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522. Telephone (202) 720-3889; e-mail sbazzell@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or facsimile (202) 690-1117.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Management Advice to Individual Borrowers and Applicants.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** August 31, 1997.

**OMB Number:** 0560-0154.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0154, as indicated above, is needed to enable FSA to carry out its mission of providing credit counseling and supervision to family-size farmers, who are temporarily unable to secure commercial credit. FSA provides these direct low cost loans to many types of applicants, including beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers, farmers recovering from natural disasters, farmers adopting sustainable agricultural practices, and farmers switching to alternative agricultural enterprises. This regulation outlines the process for assessing each applicant or borrower's farming operation and using that assessment to develop an individualized credit counseling and supervision plan. The type of information collected from applicants is usual and customary to a farming operation and primarily consists of organizational, production and financial data.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 2.26 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Individuals or households and farms.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 77,000.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondents:** 1.03.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 180,000.

**Comments:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions; (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. Comments may be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Steven R. Bazzell. 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., on May 9, 1997.

**Bruce R. Weber,**

*Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension for and revision to an information collection currently approved in support of farm reconstitutions.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 18, 1997 to be assured consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Loretta Baxa, Agricultural

Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, USDA/FSA/CPAD STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0517; telephone (202) 720-7602.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Provisions Applicable to Multiple Programs, Farm Reconstitutions.

*OMB Number:* 0560-0025.

*Expiration Date:* August 31, 1997.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0025, as identified above, is needed to enable the FSA to effectively administer the programs relating to reconstitution of farms, allotments, quotas, and acreages governed by regulations at 7 CFR part 718.

Form FSA-155 is used as a request for farm reconstitution initiated by the producer who wishes to combine a farm with another farm or divide a farm into multiple farming operations. The reconstitution process is a required procedure when a producer wishes to increase acreage attributed to the farm from leases or change farm acreage records as a result of a sale of any part of a farm. The FSA county committee must act on all proposed farm reconstitutions and issue their approval or disapproval on FSA-155. It is necessary to collect the information recorded on FSA-155 to determine farmland, cropland, agricultural use land, and changes to contract acreages resulting from combination or division of the farming operation.

*Respondents:* Farm owners and operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 359,921.

*Estimated Number of Reports Filed per person:* 1.

*Estimated Average Time to Respond:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 89,980 hours.

Proposed topics for comments include: (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; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including

through the use of appropriate automated, electric, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D. C. 20503 and to Loretta Baxa, Agricultural Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, USDA/FSA/CPAD STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0517; telephone (202) 720-7602.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 12, 1997.

**Bruce R. Weber,**

*Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 970501104-7104-01]

#### Census County Division (CCD) Program for Census 2000—Proposed Criteria

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed program revision and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Census county divisions (CCDs) are geographic statistical entities established cooperatively by the Census Bureau and officials of state and local governments in 21 states where minor civil divisions (MCDs) either do not exist or are unsatisfactory for reporting decennial census data. The primary goal of the CCD program is to establish and maintain a set of subcounty units that have stable boundaries and recognizable names. A CCD usually represents one or more communities, trading centers, or, in some instances, major land uses. It usually consists of a single geographic piece that is relatively compact in shape. The geographic "building blocks" of CCDs are census tracts, and many CCDs are groupings of several contiguous census tracts.

Since the 1950s, the Census Bureau has worked with state and local officials to create subcounty areas for the collection, presentation, and analysis of census statistics in states where MCDs do not exist, are not well-known locally, or are subject to frequent change. By 1990, 21 states had shifted to CCDs: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kentucky, Montana, Nevada,

New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Once a state has replaced its MCDs with CCDs, it usually keeps them throughout subsequent decennial censuses. For Census 2000, all of the above 21 states will retain their CCDs.

To maintain and update the boundaries and names of CCDs for Census 2000, the Census Bureau offers a program for state and local officials to review and update their 1990 CCDs according to criteria developed and promulgated by the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau then reviews their CCD plans for conformance to these criteria.

As the first step in this process, the Census Bureau is requesting comments on the CCD criteria proposed for Census 2000. These criteria will apply only to states with CCDs. The Census Bureau may modify and, if necessary, reject any CCD changes that do not meet its criteria.

Besides the proposed criteria, this notice includes a description of the changes from the criteria used for the 1990 census and a list of definitions of key terms used in the criteria.

**DATES:** Any suggestions or recommendations concerning the proposed criteria should be submitted in writing by June 18, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Joel Morrison, Chief, Geography Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-7400, telephone (301) 457-1132, or e-mail (jmorrisson@geo.census.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CCD criteria have evolved in response to decennial census practices and the preferences of state and local participants and data users. After each decennial census, the Census Bureau, in consultation with program participants and data users, reviews and revises these criteria. Then, before the next decennial census, the Census Bureau offers participants and data users an opportunity to correct, update, and otherwise improve their CCDs.

In July and August 1995, the Census Bureau issued invitations to state and local groups and agencies to participate in the delineation of statistical geographic areas for Census 2000. These included state and regional planning agencies, councils of governments, and county planning agencies.

In 1997, the Census Bureau will provide materials and detailed guidelines to program participants for the review and delineation of CCDs for Census 2000.