

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 3,100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: one-time.

Total Burden Hours: 2,736

Food and Consumer Service

Title: WIC Financial Management and Participation Report.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0045.

Summary of Collection: Information collected includes monthly financial and participation data.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used for program monitoring, funds allocation and management, budget projections, monitoring caseload and policy development.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,088.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 19,242.

Donald Hulcher,

Department Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 4-6, 1997. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the Council's annual report, continue discussion on emerging issues in Urban and Community Forestry, and vote on the grant categories for the 1998 Challenge Cost-Share grant program.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 4-6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn Downtown Milwaukee, 633 West Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A tour of local projects will be September 4, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to proposed agenda items must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 1042 Park West Court, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne M. del Villar, Cooperative Forestry Staff, (970) 928-9264.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Challenge Cost-Share grant categories, identified by the Council, are advertised annually to solicit proposals for projects to advance the knowledge of, and promote interest in, urban and community forestry. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), the meeting will be closed from approximately 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. on September 6 in order for the Council to vote on the categories for the 1998 Challenge Cost-Share grant program. Otherwise, the meeting is open to the public.

Persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by August 22 will have the opportunity to address the Council. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members.

Dated: August 15, 1997.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation to Provide Official Services in the Northeast Indiana (IN) Region

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: East Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (East Indiana), has asked GIPSA to amend its designation to remove the Northeast Indiana region from their assigned geographic area. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Northeast Indiana region to submit an application for designation.

DATE: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before September 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20090-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier

machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications and comments will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

East Indiana has asked GIPSA to remove the Northeast Indiana region from its assigned geographic area. The Northeast Indiana region consists of the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana:

Bounded on the North by the northern Lagrange and Steuben County lines; Bounded on the East by the eastern Steuben, De Kalb, Allen, and Adams, County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Adams and Wells County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Wells County line; the southern Huntington and Wabash County lines; the western Wabash County line north to State Route 114; State Route 114 northwest to State Route 19; State Route 19 north to Kosciusko County; the western and northern Kosciusko County lines; the western Noble and Lagrange County lines.

The following grain elevator, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, is part of this geographic area assignment: E. M. P. Grain, Payne, Paulding County, Ohio (located inside Lima Grain Inspection Service, Inc.'s, area).

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator, after determining that there is sufficient need for official services, to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is qualified and is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Northeast Indiana region to submit an application for designation. The applicant selected for designation in the Northeast Indiana region will be assigned by GIPSA's Administrator according to Section 7(f)(1) of the Act.

Interested persons are hereby given an opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the Northeast Indiana region under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

Designation in the Northeast Indiana region is for the period beginning about January 1, 1998, and not to exceed 3 years as prescribed in section 7(g)(1) of the Act. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

AUTHORITY: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: August 14, 1997.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

National Commission on Small Farms; Meeting

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture by Departmental Regulation No. 1043-43 dated July 9, 1997, established the National Commission on Small Farms (Commission) and further identified NRCS to provide support to the Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to gather and analyze information regarding small farms and ranches and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture a national policy and strategy to ensure their continued viability. The chair of the Commission has decided that the Commission may hold subcommittee meetings in order to gather public input from different regions of the country.

Place, Date and Time of Meeting: The Commission's first subcommittee meeting will be at the Marriot, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York. The subcommittee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 2, to hear public testimony. The meeting is open to the public. We are seeking testimony from various sources to arrive at conclusions and recommendations that will ensure the continued viability of small farms. The Commission requests that testimony and comments include

ideas and recommendations based on the following questions. Concerns or problems of individual farms that relate to specific USDA programs should be addressed only in the context of a recommendation for the Commission to consider.

The questions are:

1. How are current USDA programs helping or hurting the viability of small farms?

2. What are the needs of small farms in terms of financing, research, extension, marketing and risk management and other areas? What recommendations would you make about these needs that could be part of a long-range strategy to ensure the continued viability of small farms?

3. Are there innovative non-governmental or state efforts to assist beginning and smaller independent farms that might be replicated or supplemented at the Federal level?

4. What changes in USDA policy or practices are needed to make USDA programs in the areas of credit, research, extension, marketing, risk management and other areas more effective in enabling small farms to survive and thrive?

5. What new programs could provide effective and affordable support for small farmers as commodity programs are phased out?

6. What can be done to assist beginning farmers and farm workers to become farm owners?

7. What role should the Federal government play to ensure a diversified, decentralized and competitive farm structure?

8. What do small farms contribute to your community and your state?

9. What other generic issues pertaining to small farms should the Commission consider?

Interested parties wishing to testify must contact the office of the National Commission on Small Farms by August 26, 1997 in order to be placed on a list of witnesses. Oral presentations will be limited to 5 minutes. Those wishing to testify, but unable to notify the Commission office by August 26, will be able to sign up as a presenter September 2. Sign up will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:00 Noon. These presenters will testify on a first come, first served basis and comments will be limited based on the time available and the number of presenters. Written statements will be accepted at the meeting or may be mailed or faxed to the Commission office by September 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and statements should be sent to National Commission

on Small Farms, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Room 5237, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Yezak Molen, Director, National Commission on Small Farms, at the address above or at (202) 690-0648 or (202) 690-0673. The fax number is (202) 720-0596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Commission is to gather and evaluate background information, studies, and data pertinent to small farms and ranches, including limited-resource farmers. On the basis of the review, the Commission shall analyze all relevant issues and make findings, develop strategies, and make recommendations for consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture toward a national strategy on small farms. The national strategy shall include, but not be limited to: changes in existing policies, programs, regulations, training, and program delivery and outreach systems; approaches that assist beginning farmers and involve the private sectors and government, including assurances that the needs of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are addressed; areas where new partnerships and collaborations are needed; and other approaches that it would deem advisable or which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service may request the Commission to consider.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the work of the Commission is in the public interest and within the duties and responsibilities of USDA. Establishment of the Commission also implements a recommendation of the USDA Civil Rights Action Report to appoint a diverse commission to develop a national policy on small farms.

Dated: August 8, 1997.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

Announcement of the William C. Foster Fellows Visiting Scholars Program for the 1998-99 Academic Year

The U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) will conduct a competition to select visiting scholars to serve at the Agency during