

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.

OMB Number: 0579-0102.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing the interstate spread of injurious plant pests, such as the imported fire ant, from infested areas of the United States to noninfested areas. Implementing this mission often requires the use of domestic quarantines to restrict the interstate movement of articles that could carry the plant pest.

Restricting the interstate movement of regulated articles from an infested area to a noninfested area is crucial to our mission of preventing the interstate spread of the imported fire ant.

Nursery owners who elect to enter our Imported Fire Ant-Free Nursery Program visually inspect their premises for the presence of imported fire ants, record the results in a notebook or logsheet, and also record any treatments they perform if fire ants are discovered.

State plant protection officials collect this information by interviewing the nursery owner, reviewing the owner's inspection and treatment records, and inspecting the nursery site. The information obtained is used for issuing the various certificates, permits, and other documents that enable the nursery owner to move regulated items (such as potted nursery plants, sod, or other products) across State lines to markets outside the areas quarantined because of imported fire ant.

Without this information collection, we would be unable to collect the information we need to effectively implement our imported fire ant quarantine.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the continued use of this information collection activity.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .3561 hours per response.

Respondents: U.S. nursery owners, shippers, and State and county plant health protection authorities.

Estimated number of respondents: 2,704.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 3.4038.

Estimated annual number of responses: 9,204.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 3,278 hours. (Due to rounding, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the average reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of October 1997.

Craig A. Reed,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Reinstatement and Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency and the Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection in support of the Peanut Warehouse Storage Loan and Handler Operations and the Peanut Poundage Quota and Marketing Regulations Governing the 1996-2002 crop of peanuts as authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act).

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Carolyn Hunter, Marketing Specialist, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0514, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0514, (202) 690-0013, facsimile (202) 720-9015; or Internet e-mail, chunter@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Peanut Poundage Quota and Marketing Regulations for the 1996 Through 2002 Crops.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0006.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The information relative to reports and recordkeeping as authorized by the Secretary are used by the FSA and CCC to monitor and control compliance with the peanut program as outlined in parts 729 and 1446. If the information is not monitored and data not required, the peanut program could not operate and the 1996 Act would not be implemented as required by Congress. The 1996 Act changed the peanut poundage quota program by reducing the national quota, providing temporary seed quota allocation, removing the carryover of undermarketed quota, allowing the transfer of peanut poundage quota to any other farm within the same State, providing for increasing marketing assessments under certain conditions to cover losses in area marketing pools and restricting transfer of peanuts from additional loan to quota loan.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individual producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 255,116.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 301,690 hours.

Title: Peanut Warehouse Storage Loan and Handler Operations for the 1996 Through 2002 Crops.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0014.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: The information relative to reports and recordkeeping as authorized by the Secretary are used by the FSA and CCC to monitor and control compliance with the peanut program as outlined in parts 729 and 1446. If the information is not monitored and data not required, the peanut program could