

competent in their application. If information is not collected it would significantly destroy APHIS' ability to operate the Veterinary Accreditation Program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 56,024.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 52,190.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 1789, Use of Consultants Funded.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0115.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, and water and waste water facilities in rural areas. The RUS loan portfolio totals nearly \$42 billion. Loan programs are managed in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, and as prescribed by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivable. RUS will collect information through the use of consultants.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to determine whether it is appropriate to use a consultant voluntarily funded by the borrower to expedite a particular borrower application.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 6.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 12.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Report of the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0078.

Summary of Collection: The Child and Adult Care Food Program is mandated by Section 17 of the National School Lunch Act, as amended. Program implementation is contained in 7 CFR Part 226. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) collection information using Form FNS-44 to use in managing the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This report is vital since it is the only means by which FNS can obtain current information necessary to make payments to State agencies and to plan for future levels of program funding.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information in order to

analyze progress in the program and to make monthly adjustments to State agency funding requirements. If data is not collected FNS would be unable to monitor the proper use of program funds.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; semi-annually; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 5,724.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Gypsy Moth Host Materials from Canada.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0142.

Summary of Collection: Section 5 of the Plant Quarantine Act (7 U.S.C. 159) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to determine whether the unrestricted importation of any plants, fruits, vegetables, roots, bulbs, seeds, or other plant products not included by the term "nursery stock" will result in the introduction of plant diseases or insect pests into the United States, and to then specify which of these products will be subject to the provisions of Section 1 of the Plant Quarantine Act. Section 105 and 106 of the Federal Plant Pest Act (7 U.S.C. 150dd, 150ee) authorizes the Secretary to require inspection and treatment of any product when the Secretary deems it necessary to prevent a plant pest from being introduced into the United States. Until now the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) did not specifically regulate the importation of gypsy moth host materials from foreign countries into the United States. APHIS has determined that the gypsy moth population is growing in certain parts of Canada, and that steps must be taken to prevent the introduction of gypsy moth from Canada into non-infested areas of the United States. APHIS will collect information using phytosanitary certificates, certificates of origin, and signed statements from individuals both within and outside the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to ensure that importing foreign logs, trees, shrubs, and other articles do not harbor plant or insect pests such as the gypsy moth. If the information is not collected it would cripple APHIS' ability to ensure that trees, shrubs, logs, and a variety of other items imported from Canada do not harbor gypsy moths.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,120.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 183.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Chief Economist; Intent To Establish an Advisory Committee on Small Farms

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Economist, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish an Advisory Committee on Small Farms.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposes to establish an Advisory Committee on Small Farms (Committee). The purposes of the Committee is to gather and analyze information regarding small U.S. farms and ranches within the United States and its Territories and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture actions to enhance their viability and economic livelihood. The Committee is in the public interest and within the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture. Establishment of the Committee also ensures the continued consideration and implementation of the recommendations made by the National Commission on Small Farms in its report, "A Time to Act".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alfonso Drain, 202/720-3238. E-mail address: adrain@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to establish the Advisory Committee on Small Farms, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.

The Committee will monitor government and private sector actions, policy and program proposals that relate to small farms, ranches, and woodlots, including limited-resource farms, ranches, and woodlots; and evaluate the impact such actions and proposals may have upon the viability and growth of small farms, ranches and woodlots; review USDA programs and strategies to implement small farm policy; advise the Secretary on actions to strengthen USDA programs; and evaluate other approaches that the Committee would deem advisable or which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Director of Sustainable Development and Small Farms may request the Committee to consider. The Secretary of Agriculture

shall make all appointments to the Committee and members will serve at the Secretary's discretion. Members will serve two-year terms.

The Committee will have 19 members, one of whom will serve as Chair and be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, and one of whom will serve as Vice-Chair as appointed by the Committee. Members will represent small farms, ranches, and woodlot owners and will represent the diverse groups USDA programs serve, including but not limited to, finance, commerce, conservation, cooperatives, nonprofit organizations, rural communities, academia, State and local governments, women and minorities, farmworkers, and other interests as the Secretary determines. USDA will follow equal opportunity practices in making appointments to the Committee. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups USDA serves, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: October 26, 1999.

Keith Collins,

Chief Economist, Office of the Chief Economist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Government owned inventions available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by the U.S. Government as represented by the Department of Agriculture, and are available for Licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patents are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to June Blalock, Technology Licensing Coordinator, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1158,

Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131; telephone: 301-504-5989 or fax: 301-504-5060. Issued patents may be obtained from the Commissioner of Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The inventions available for licensing are:

- S.N. 08/848,146, "Device and Method for Application of Collars to Animals"
- S.N. 08/906,091, "An Attractant for Social Pest Insects"
- S.N. 08/958,475, "Control of Fire Blight on Pome Fruit Trees with Erwinia Herbicola"
- S.N. 09/006,562, "Noxious Weed Control by Soil Solarization"
- S.N. 09/019,155, "Suppression of Alpha-Amylase Expression Using a Serine/Threonine Protein Kinase"
- S.N. 09/033,349, "Control of Fruit Ripening Through Genetic Control of ACC Synthase Synthesis"
- S.N. 09/052,333, "Transgenic Spacer Target Sequence for Detecting and Distinguishing Chlamydial Stains"
- S.N. 09/074,394, "Method for the Simultaneous and Independent Determination of Moisture Content and Density of Particulate Materials for Radio-Frequency Permittivity Measurements"
- S.N. 09/083,852 "Modification of Cereal Grain Hardness Via Expression of Puroindoline Proteins"
- S.N. 09/108,051, "Species-Specific Genetic Identification of Mycobacterium Paratuberculosis"
- S.N. 09/110,132, "Biological Control of Aflatoxin and Cyclopiazonic Acid Contamination of Crops Using Non-Toxicogenic Strain of Aspergillus"
- S.N. 09/120,347, "A Novel Fungal Species for the Biocontrol of the Sugarbeet Root Maggot"
- S.N. 09/120,521, "Attractants for Bactrocera Latifrons (Hendel)"
- S.N. 09/122,342, "Control of Replant Disease of Tree Fruits with Pseudomonas putida"
- S.N. 09/126,229, "Taxane Production from Taxus Species Cell Lines"
- S.N. 09/130,788, "Soluble Hydrocolloid Food Additives and Method of Making"
- S.N. 09/131,363, "Variable-Rate, Digitally-Controlled Fluid Metering Device"
- S.N. 09/135,999, "Starch Microcapsules for Delivery of Active Agents"
- S.N. 09/156,348, "Chemical Attractants for Moths"
- S.N. 09/156,625, "Chemical Attractants for Frugivorous Pest Insects"
- S.N. 09/166,655, "Feeding Attractant and Stimulant for Adult Control of Noctuid and/or Other Lepidopteran Species"

- S.N. 09/191,906, "Mimetic Insect Allatostatin Analogs for Insect Control"
- S.N. 09/201,449, "Stabilization of Pet Operon Plasmids and Ethanol Production in Bacterial Strains Lacking Lactate Dehydrogenase and Pyruvate-Formate Lyase Activities"
- S.N. 09/204,864, "Determination of Concentration of a Compound in a Multiple Component Fluid"
- S.N. 09/208,449, "Apparatus and Process for the Rapid Tenderization of Meat"
- S.N. 09/211,017, "Method for the Development of Delta-Lactones and Hydroxy Acids from Unsaturated Fatty Acids and Their Glycerides"
- S.N. 09/233,761, "Paper Coated with Polymerized Vegetable Oils for Use as Biodegradable Mulch"
- S.N. 09/252,945, "Release Rate Modulator and Method for Producing and Using Same"
- S.N. 09/257,730, "Biological Control of Sprouting in Stored Potatoes"
- S.N. 09/258,304, "Sex Pheromone Synergist"
- S.N. 09/266,950, "Ferritin Formation as a Predictor of Iron Availability in Foods"
- S.N. 09/281,276, "Edible Food Coatings Containing Polyvinyl Acetate"
- S.N. 09/302,962, "Extraction of Pectin by Microwave Heating Under Pressure"
- S.N. 09/330,365, "Fruit and Vegetable Based Edible Film Wraps and Methods to Improve the Quality and Extend Shelf Life of Foods"
- S.N. 09/336,220, "Real Time Trash Measurement System for Seed Cotton or Lint for Use in Cotton Gins"
- S.N. 09/345,236, "A Baculovirus for the Biocontrol Control of Larval Mosquitoes"
- S.N. 09/347,907, "Aggregation Pheromone for the Asian Longhorned Beetle"
- S.N. 09/353,087, "Composition and Method for the Control of Diabrotica Insects"
- S.N. 09/353,348, "Monoclonal Antibodies and Antibody Cocktail for Detection of Prion Protein as an Indication of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies"
- S.N. 09/353,643, "Ant Bait Attractive to Multiple Species of Ants"
- S.N. 09/353,713, "An Autonomous Animal Control System Without Ground Based Fencing"
- S.N. 09/354,446, "Use of Indigenous Bacterial Enzymatic and Regulatory Processes to Control Enteropathogens Associated with Food Producing Animals"