

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Farm Service Agency****Information Collection Request: Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation****AGENCIES:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation certification requirements. This information is collected in support of the conservation compliance provisions of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (the 1985 Farm Bill), as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill).

**DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by September 18, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume, and page number of this issue of the Federal Register. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Jan Jamrog, Program Manager, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Room 4752-S, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.
- **E-mail:** [Jan.Jamrog@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Jan.Jamrog@wdc.usda.gov).
- **Fax:** (202) 690-2130.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jan Jamrog, Program Manager, (202) 690-0926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification.

**OMB Control Number:** 0560-0185.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** January 31, 2010.

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

**Abstract:** The collection of this information is necessary to determine payment eligibility of individuals and entities for various programs administered by the USDA including Conservation Programs, Price Support

Programs, Direct and Counter Cyclical Programs, including the Average Crop Revenue Election Program, Aquaculture and Livestock Grant Programs, Crop and Livestock Energy Programs, USDA Revenue Programs, Wildlife Programs, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, Disaster Programs and Farm Loan Programs. Regulations governing the requirements under Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801-3862), as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, relating to highly erodible lands and wetlands are in 7 CFR part 12. In order to ensure that persons who request program benefits subject to conservation restrictions obtain the necessary technical assistance and are informed regarding the compliance requirements on their land, information is collected with regard to their intended activities on their land which could affect their eligibility for requested USDA benefits. Once technical determinations are made, producers are required to certify that they will comply with the conservation requirements on their land to maintain their eligibility for certain programs. Persons may request that certain activities be exempt according to provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill. Information is collected from those individuals who seek these exemptions for the purpose of evaluating whether the exempted conditions will be met. Forms AD-1026, AD-1026B, AD-1026-C, AD-1026D, AD-1068, AD-1069, CCC-21, and FSA-492 are being used for making determinations in this information collection. The forms are not required to be completed on an annual basis.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response. The average travel time, which is included in the total annual burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

**Respondents:** Individuals and entities.  
**Estimated Number Respondents:** 262,788.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.  
**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 262,346.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection, including the following, to help us to:

- (1) Evaluate 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;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this Notice will be summarized and included in the information collection request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 13, 2009.

**Jonathan Coppess,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Federal Crop Insurance Corporation****Funding Opportunity Title: Crop Insurance Education in Targeted States (Targeted States Program)**

**Announcement Type:** Modification—Competitive Cooperative Agreements. This announcement modifies the Request for Application Notice published in the **Federal Register**, April 8, 2009 (Vol. 74, No. 66, Pages 15921-15929). The **DATES** and **SUMMARY** portions have been modified.

**CFDA Number:** 10.458.

**DATES:** Applications are due 5 p.m. EDT, August 4, 2009.

**SUMMARY:** The following paragraph has been added to the beginning of the **SUMMARY** portion of the April 8, 2009, **Federal Register** Notice: The Risk Management Agency (RMA) did not receive complete and valid application packages for the State of Vermont under the original Request for Application Notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 8, 2009, for the Crop Insurance Education in the Targeted States Program (Targeted States Program). RMA is re-announcing its Funding Opportunity—Request for Applications under the Targeted States Program for the State of Vermont. Applicants who previously submitted an application under the April 8, 2009, Targeted States Program Request for Applications Notice for Vermont, must reapply in accordance with the original Notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 8, 2009. (<http://www.rma.usda.gov/about/rma/agreements>). All other portions and

sections of the full text notice remain unchanged.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Applicants and other interested parties are encouraged to contact: Lydia M. Astorga, USDA-RMA-RME, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0808, (South Building, Room 6625), Washington, DC 20250-0808, *phone*: 202-260-4728, *fax*: 202-690-3605, *e-mail*: [RMA.Risk-Ed@rma.usda.gov](mailto:RMA.Risk-Ed@rma.usda.gov). You may also obtain information regarding this announcement from the RMA Web site at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/agreements/>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 14, 2009.

**William J. Murphy,**

*Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Agricultural Marketing Service**

[Doc. No. AMS-LS-09-0017]

**Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Program**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service; USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing that lamb producers, feeders, seedstock producers, and first handlers of lamb and lamb products voting in a national referendum from February 2, 2009, through February 27, 2009, have approved the continuation of the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kenneth R. Payne, Chief; Marketing Programs Branch, Livestock and Seed Program; Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA, Room 2628-S; STOP 0251; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250-0251, telephone number 202/720-1115, fax number 202/720-1125, or by e-mail at: [Kenneth.Payne@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Payne@ams.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (Act) (7 U.S.C. 7411-7425), the Department of Agriculture conducted a referendum from February 2, 2009, through February 27, 2009, among eligible lamb producers, feeders, seedstock producers, and first handlers of lamb and lamb products to determine if the Order would continue to be effective. Procedures used in conducting this referendum are set forth in 7 CFR part 1280, subpart E. A final rule amending this subpart was published in the December 16, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 76193).

Of the 1,971 valid ballots cast, 1,678 (85.1 percent) favored and 293 (14.9 percent) opposed the continuation of the Order. Additionally, of those persons who cast valid ballots in the referendum, those who favored the Order accounted for 93 percent of the total production voted, and those opposed account for 7 percent of the total production voted. For the program to continue, it must have been approved by at least a majority of those persons voting for approval who were engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughter of lambs during calendar year 2008 and who also represent a majority of the volume of lambs produced, fed, or slaughtered.

Therefore, based on the referendum results, the Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the required majority of eligible voters who voted in the nationwide referendum from February 2, 2009, through February 27, 2009, voted to continue the Order. As a result, the Lamb Checkoff Program will continue to be funded by a mandatory assessment on producers, seedstock producers (breeders), feeders, and exporters at the rate of one-half cent (\$.005) per pound when live ovine animals are sold. The first handler, primarily packers, pay an additional \$.30 cents per head on ovine animals purchased for slaughter. Importers are not assessed.

**STATE REFERENDUM RESULTS**

[February 2, 2009, through February 27, 2009]

State	Votes		Volume voted	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Arizona .....	5	0	50,794	0
California .....	126	5	1,099,775	9,188
Colorado .....	60	7	950,095	18,590
Georgia .....	4	1	244	12
Idaho .....	38	1	144,237	1,625
Illinois .....	26	5	2,689	1,022
Indiana .....	43	4	3,920	939
Iowa .....	89	15	409,003	2,353
Kansas .....	28	7	13,445	1,496
Kentucky .....	24	1	3,741	450
Maine .....	15	1	417	4
Maryland .....	9	2	1,274	102
Massachusetts .....	7	1	387	41
Michigan .....	55	9	15,129	1,768
Minnesota .....	66	16	27,367	4,348
Missouri .....	39	9	9,605	526
Montana .....	146	40	120,837	19,733
Nebraska .....	25	10	5,575	2,112
Nevada .....	9	1	30,916	6,000
New Hampshire .....	7	2	844	434
New Jersey .....	6	0	377	0
New Mexico .....	15	2	7,459	54
New York .....	21	10	3,603	5,881
North Carolina .....	24	1	2,042	307
North Dakota .....	25	11	8,287	1,425
Ohio .....	100	24	19,934	5,209