

structures related to future surface facilities needed to manage methane may negatively impact visuals.

Wildlife—Removal of vegetation related to future surface facilities needed to manage methane may negatively impact Canada lynx.

Subsidence—

- Subsidence may affect wildlife habitat, including effects to riparian habitat

- Subsidence may affect water resources including local water quality and quantity.

- Subsidence may affect cultural resources.

- Subsidence may affect other land uses, including range improvements, cattle trails and other multiple uses of the land.

Climate Change—Effects on climate change may occur from mining coal which stem from the release of methane through the mine ventilation system, release of methane through any gob vent boreholes and release of CO₂ caused by the burning of coal that is mined.

Scoping Process

In addition to receiving and considering previous comments from the public, the agency continues to accept and consider public comments to guide the development of this environmental impact statement and the resulting decision. Additional comments should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions, and focus on the adequacy of stipulations proposed as they relate to the protection of surface resources. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

Dated: April 19, 2012.

Sherry Hazelhurst,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval to Revise and Extend a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this

notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys. A revision to burden hours will be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 25, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0004, by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 720-6396.

- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333. Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, at (202) 690-2388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

OMB Number: 0535-0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2012.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to revise and extend a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, and prices. The Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys obtain basic poultry statistics from voluntary cooperators throughout the Nation. Statistics are published on placement of pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks; hatching reports for broiler-type, egg-type, and turkey eggs; number of layers on hand; total table egg production; and production and value estimates for eggs, chickens, and turkeys. The frequency of the surveys

being conducted include weekly, monthly and annually. This information is used by producers, processors, feed dealers, and others in the marketing and supply channels as a basis for production and marketing decisions. Government agencies use these estimates to evaluate poultry product supplies. The information is an important consideration in government purchases for the National School Lunch Program and in formulation of export-import policy. The current expiration date for this docket is October 31, 2012. NASS intends to request that the surveys be approved for another 3 years.

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (at 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated between 8 and 15 minutes per respondent per survey.

Respondents: Farmers, ranchers, farm managers, and farm contractors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,200 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from the NASS Clearance Officer, at (202) 690-2388 or at: ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

Comments: Comments are invited on:

(a) 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; (b) 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; (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 on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological or other forms of information technology collection methods. All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, March 21, 2012.

Joseph T. Reilly,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the 1890 Land Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 25, 2012 to be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Natalie Melton, Program Management Specialist, Rural Development, USDA, STOP 3250, Room 4217, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3250. Telephone: (202) 690-1371, email: Natalie.melton@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 1890 Land Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0041.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2012.

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

Abstract: The collection of this information will allow the Agency to determine the eligibility of the applicants; determine the specific purpose for which the funds will be utilized; determine the timeframes or dates by which activities surrounding the use of funds will be accomplished; determine the feasibility of the project; and to evaluate applicants' experience in managing similar activities.

Without the collection of this information, there would be no basis on which to award funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 2.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Only 1890 Land Grant Institutions of Higher Education and Tuskegee University.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 17.

Estimated Number of Responses: 297.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 728 hours.

Copies of this information collected can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch: (202) 692-0040.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Development, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Development's estimate of the burden to collect the required information, including the validity of the strategy used; (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 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. Comments on the paperwork burden may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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: April 18, 2012.

Judith A. Canales,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Announcement of Small, Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grant (SSDPG) Application Deadlines in Fiscal Year 2012

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service announces the availability of approximately \$3 million

in competitive grant funds for the FY 2012 SSDPG program. See the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (2012 Appropriations Act) (Pub. L. 112-55). We request proposals from applicants that will provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged agricultural producers in rural areas. Eligible applicants include Cooperatives, Groups of Cooperatives, and Cooperative Development Centers. The maximum award per grant is \$175,000.

DATES: Completed applications for grants must be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than July 24, 2012 to be eligible for FY 2012 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2012 grant funding.

Electronic copies must be received by April 25, 2012, to be eligible for FY 2012 grant funding. Late applications will not be eligible for FY 2012 grant funding.

ADDRESSES: Application materials for the SSDPG program may be obtained at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_SSDPG.html or by contacting your USDA Rural Development State Office. Contact information for State Offices can be found at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html

Paper applications must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office in the State where your organization's main office is located. Electronic applications must be submitted through the Grants.gov Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>. Please read the instructions found on the Grants.gov Web site and follow them carefully.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Visit the program Web site at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_SSDPG.html for application assistance or contact your USDA Rural Development State Office. You are strongly encouraged to contact your State Office well in advance of the deadline to discuss your Project and ask any questions about the application process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Agency Name: USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service.

Funding Opportunity Title: Small, Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grant.

Announcement Type: Initial announcement.

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