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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Conduct an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request approval for a new information collection, the Equine Survey.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 21, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Equine Survey.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to conduct an information collection.

*Abstract:* To improve information regarding the equine industry, several State Departments of Agriculture are expected to contract with the National Agricultural Statistics Service to conduct an Equine Survey in their state within the next 2 years. Equine activities offer unusually varied opportunities for rural development. In addition to providing the livelihood for breeders, trainers, veterinarians, and many others, the horse remains important to recreation. Equine survey data will quantify the importance of the industry in the state. The number of

operations, number of animals, and economic information will provide a focus on the importance of the equine industry to state economies. Income data provides a view of the benefits that the industry provides to the state economy and a ranking in terms of its relative importance within both the agricultural sector and the state's total economic sector. The expenditure information provides data regarding the multiplier effect of money from the equine industry, effects of wage rates paid to both permanent and part-time employees, and secondary businesses supported by the industry. 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.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Horse owners, breeders, trainers, boarders.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 54,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 40,500 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

*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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture,

14th and Independence Ave., SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000. 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.

Signed at Washington, D.C., October 25th, 1996.

Rich Allen,

*Acting Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 961104308-6308-01]

RIN 0607-XX22

#### 1996 Company Organization Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** In conformity with Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225, I have determined that a 1996 Company Organization Survey is needed to update the multi-establishment companies in the Standard Statistical Establishment List. The survey, which has been conducted for many years, is designed to collect information on the number of employees, payrolls, geographic location, current status, and kind of business for the establishments of multiestablishment companies. These data will have significant application to the needs of the public and to governmental agencies and are not publicly available from nongovernmental or governmental sources.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edward D. Walker, Assistant Division Chief for Business Register, Economic Planning and Coordination Division, on (301) 457-2617.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope, type, and character of those that are covered in the economic censuses.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the proposed survey on October 18, 1996 under OMB Control