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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation.

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) to request an extension for and revision to an information collection currently approved in support of the production flexibility contracts issued under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 14, 1997 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments should be forwarded to Charles M. Cox, Jr., Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-Farm Service Agency-Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, STOP 0517, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013-2415; telephone (202) 720-7935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Title: Production Flexibility Contracts For Wheat, Feed Grains, Rice, and Upland Cotton, 7 CFR Part 1412.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0092

Expiration Date: July 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0092, as identified above, is needed to enable the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to effectively administer and regulate the production flexibility contract.

Automated Form CCC-478 is used by FSA county offices for the purpose of

allowing producers on farms with 1996 wheat, corn, barley, oats, grain sorghum, upland cotton and rice crop acreage bases the opportunity to enter into Production Flexibility Contracts with the CCC for the years 1996 through 2002. Terms and conditions for the Production Flexibility Contract are set forth in the CCC-478, CCC-478 Appendix, and the applicable regulations. The 1996 Act provides for a significant reduction in the public burden for farm program participants, as shown in the following revised estimates:

Respondents: Eligible producers on contract farms.

Estimated Average Time to Respond: 17 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1,428,571.

Estimated Number of Reports Filed per person: 1.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 404,762 hours.

Topics for comments include but are not limited to the following: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electric, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D. C. 20503, and to Charles M. Cox, Jr., Program Specialist, USDA-Farm Service Agency-Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, STOP 0517, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013-2413; telephone (202) 720-6688. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Charles M. Cox, Jr., at the above address.

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, DC, on December 9, 1996.

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Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension for and revision to an information collection currently approved in support of farm reconstitutions authorized by 7 CFR 718.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 14, 1997 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments should be forwarded to: Joanne Franta, Agricultural Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, FSA, USDA, STOP 0517, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013-2415; telephone (202) 720-5103.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Title: Provisions Applicable to Multiple Programs, Farm Reconstitutions

OMB Control Number: 0560-0025.

Expiration Date: October 31, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0025, as identified above, is needed to enable the FSA to effectively administer the programs relating to reconstitution of farms, allotments, quotas, and acreages governed by 7 CFR 718.

Form FSA-155 is used as a request for farm reconstitution initiated by the producer who wishes to combine a farm with another farm or divide a farm into multiple farming operations. The reconstitution process is a required procedure when a producer wishes to