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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Olympic Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Olympic PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on July 24, 1997 at the Columbia RC&D Building's Conference Room, located at 303 South "I" Street, Aberdeen, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review an discussion of public input for Olympic Adaptive Management Area; (2) Review of 5-year timber plan; (3) Update on Wolf Introduction; (4) Open public forum. All Olympic Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Kathy Snow, Province Liaison, USDA, Quilcene Range District, P.O. Box 280, Quilcene, WA 98376, (360) 765-2211, or Ronald R. Humphrey, Forest Supervisor, at (360) 956-2300.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

**Ronald R. Humphrey,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent To Request an Extension of 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 (Pub. L. No. 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 an extension of a currently approved information collection, the Cotton Ginning Survey.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by September 11, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Cotton Ginning Survey.

*OMB Number:* 0535-0220.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* November 30, 1997.

*Type of Request:* To extend a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The Cotton Ginning Survey provides statistics concerning cotton ginning for specific dates and geographic regions and aids in forecasting cotton production, which is required for under 7 U.S.C. Section 475.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Cotton Ginners.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11,600.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,160 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, such as 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, 1400 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., June 12, 1997.

**Donald M. Bay,**

*Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### National Sheep Industry Improvement Center; Notice of Board Meeting

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Directors of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center announces a Board of Directors meeting to develop the Center's strategic plan for accomplishing the purposes of the Center. During the meeting time the Board will visit the office that will likely become the headquarters for the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center. The Board will also address other issues as needed. Public attendance is welcomed, but public input during the meeting is not expected.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., July 24 and 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., July 25, 1997.