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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 22, 1997.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding: (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; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Animal Welfare Act, Part 3, Subparts A and D, Dogs, Cats, and Primates.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0093.

Summary of Collection: If the licensee and registrants intent is to temporarily tether a dog for a period to exceed three days, the licensee must obtain written approval from APHIS.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will be used to evaluate the licensee's and registrants request for temporary tethering of a dog to determine if tethering is justified for the duration of time requested.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 82,000.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 44,313.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

National Commission on Small Farms; Meetings

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture by Departmental Regulation No. 1043-43 dated July 9, 1997, established the National Commission on Small Farms (Commission) and further identified the Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide support to the Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to gather and analyze information regarding small farms and ranches and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture a national policy and strategy to ensure their continued viability. The chair of the Commission has decided that the Commission may hold subcommittee meetings in order to gather public input from different regions of the country. The

Commission's next meeting is September 10 and 11, 1997.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: The Commission's third public meeting is September 10 and 11 at the Jefferson Auditorium, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public. On September 10, the Commission will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to hear public testimony. On September 11, the Commission will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to conduct Commission business. This will include subcommittees of the Commission meeting separately during the day. These meetings are open to the public and nearby locations will be announced and posted at the Jefferson Auditorium on September 11.

We are seeking testimony from various sources to arrive at conclusions and recommendations that will ensure the continued viability of small farms. The Commission requests that testimony and comments include ideas and recommendations based on the following questions. Concerns or problems of individual farms that relate to specific USDA programs should be addressed only in the context of a recommendation for the Commission to consider.

The questions are:

1. How are current USDA programs helping or hurting the viability of small farms?

2. What are the needs of small farms in terms of financing, research, extension, marketing and risk management and other areas? What recommendations would you make about these needs that could be part of a long-range strategy to ensure the continued viability of small farms?

3. Are there innovative non-governmental or state efforts to assist beginning and smaller independent farms that might be replicated or supplemented at the Federal level?

4. What changes in USDA policy or practices are needed to make USDA programs in the areas of credit, research, extension, marketing, risk management and other areas more effective in enabling small farms to survive and thrive?

5. What new programs could provide effective and affordable support for small farmers as commodity programs are phased out?