

Number of Respondents: 178,335.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting:
 On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 64,113.
 Expedited review has been requested
 for this submission.

- Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1927-B, "Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing".
OMB Control Number: 0575-0147.
Summary of Collection: Information is collected concerning real estate title, estate title clearance, closing of loans, assumptions, voluntary conveyances and credit sales in connection with insured loans.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to ensure that loans made with Federal funds are legally secured.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms.

Number of Respondents: 40,000
Frequency of Responses: Reporting:
 On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 54,816.

Donald Hulcher,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. CN-97-005]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Cotton Classing, Testing, and Standards. **DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by December 14, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Comments may be mailed to USDA, AMS, Cotton Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 0224, Room 2641-S, Washington D.C. 20250-0224. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address during the hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cotton Classing, Testing, and Standards
OMB Number: 0581-0008.
Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1998

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

Abstract: Information solicited is used by the USDA to administer and supervise activities associated with the classification or grading of cotton, cotton linters, and cottonseed based on official USDA Standards. The information requires personal data, such as name, type of business, address, and description of classification services requested. These programs are conducted under the United States Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51b), the Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act of 1927 (U.S.C. 473c), and the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622h).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.83 hours per response.

Respondents: Cotton merchants, warehouses, and gins.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 307

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.932 (1207/307)

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 100 Hours

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Amelia M. Eduardo, Assistant to the Associate Deputy Administrator, Cotton Programs, AMS, USDA 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 0224, Room 2641-S, Washington, D.C. 20250. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address. 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: October 6, 1997.

Mary E. Atienza,

Deputy Administrator, Cotton Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-092-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of the Imported Fire Ant regulations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 15, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 97-092-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 97-092-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding the Imported Fire Ant regulations, contact Mr. Michael Stefan, Operations Officer, Domestic and Emergency Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-8247. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Imported Fire Ant.