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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### Request for Extension 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 Farm Service Agency's (FSA) intention to request an extension for an information collection currently approved for FSA's regulation governing the designation of natural disaster areas by the Secretary for physical and production losses, or by the FSA Administrator for physical losses only. The regulations concerning this activity are published under the authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 26, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven R. Bazzell, Senior Loan Officer, Farm Loan Programs, Farm Service Agency, STOP 0520, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0520; telephone (202) 690-4022; e-mail sbazzell@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or facsimile (202) 690-3573.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Disaster Assistance—General.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* June 30, 1998.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0170.  
*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0170 is needed to enable FSA to evaluate requests for a Secretarial natural disaster designation, or in the case where only physical loss of property occurred, an FSA

Administrator's notification. The information collected establishes whether there was a (1) county-wide (or similar jurisdiction), 30-percent reduction in agricultural income, or (2) evidence that undue hardship will be suffered by farmers and ranchers if FSA Emergency Loan (EM) assistance is not made available. Once authorized, a Secretarial natural disaster designation makes low-interest EM loans (and certain other Federal assistance) available to eligible family farmers and ranchers who have suffered a 30-percent income loss.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 0.51 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Individuals, State and local business and government officials, households and farms.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,020

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondents:* 1.0

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 525 hours

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSA duties and responsibilities, and whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions; (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. Comments may be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Washington, D.C. 20503, and also to Steven R. Bazzell at the address listed above. 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.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 10, 1998.

**Keith Kelly,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request: FNS-583, Employment and Training Program Report

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection of the FNS-583, Employment and Training Program Report.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 26, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to John Knaus, Chief, Program Design Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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 burden of the proposed collection of information, including 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 form of information technology.

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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Knaus, (703) 305-2519.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Employment and Training Program Report.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0339.

*Expiration Date:* August 31, 1998.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.