

in determining which applicant will be designated.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Fremont (NE) and Titus (IN) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Fremont) and Titus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Titus) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the March 2, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 10187), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Fremont and Titus to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by March 31, 1998. Fremont and Titus, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Fremont and Titus were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Fremont and Titus are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective September 1, 1998, and ending August 31, 2001, Fremont and Titus are

designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the March 2, 1998 **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Fremont at 402-721-1270 and Titus at 765-497-2202.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an 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 intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request approval for a new information collection, the Wildlife Damage Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 7, 1998 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, DC 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Wildlife Damage Survey.

Type of Request: Intent to seek Approval to Conduct an Information Collection.

Abstract: The Animal Health Plant Inspection Service has contracted with NASS to survey a sample of U.S. producers of selected agricultural commodities. The primary goal of the survey is the collection and development of valid statistical data reflecting the percentage of U.S. producers experiencing loss of product or resources caused by vertebrate wildlife. An accurate measurement of dollar losses to vertebrate wildlife will be obtained. Additional goals are to evaluate the Wildlife Services Program name recognition and test the efficacy of

the Program in reducing crop and livestock losses. NASS intends to request that the survey be approved for a 3 year period. These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 13 minutes per response.

Respondents: Agricultural Commodity Growers.

Estimated number of Respondents: 32,000.

Estimated total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,933 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, including 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 Avenue, SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, DC 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, DC, July 16, 1998.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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