

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: Agricultural Resources Management Study and Chemical Use Survey.

OMB Number: 0535-0218.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2000.

Type of Request: To revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: One of the primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to provide high quality and timely estimates about the nation's food supply and environment. Data will be collected regarding chemical uses on field crop, fruit, nut, and vegetable crops; the types and amounts of pesticides used on selected commodities after harvest and before being shipped to the consumer; and production expenses and income sources for farm operations. Information from these data collection efforts is used by government agencies in planning, farm policy analysis, scientific research, and program administration. During calendar year 2000, a one-time collection of information on the land ownership of farm operations and farm households will be included in this information collection. Selected economic and land ownership information gathered will be combined with data collected on the Agricultural Economics Land Ownership Survey (AELOS). The last AELOS covered the 1988 calendar year. Annual costs of production data for specific commodities normally collected in this information collection will not be collected in calendar year 2000 to reduce response burden on farm and ranch operators and owners and to avoid duplication. NASS plans to ask for a 3-year approval. 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 26 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms, Packers/ Shippers, Warehouses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 85,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 37,400 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. 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, 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, DC, June 14, 1999.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue new and revised conservation practice standards Section IC of the FOTG. The revised standards are Dry Hydrants (Code 432) and Residue Management, Mulch Till (Code 329B). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before July 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Robert L. Eddleman, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to joe.gasperi@in.usda.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert L. Eddleman, 317-290-3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Indiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Indiana regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: June 7, 1999.

Robert L. Eddleman,

State Conservationist, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has established an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. This document gives notice of the dates, times, and location of the next meeting of the Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (committee).

DATES: The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for July 21 through 23, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. each day, except the 21st when the meeting will end at 5:30 p.m. Optional vessel tours are scheduled for July 20 and 24th.