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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 Agricultural Economics and Land Ownership Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 9, 1999 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: 1999 Agricultural Economics and Land Ownership Survey.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to conduct an information collection.

Abstract: The 1999 Agricultural Economics and Land Ownership Survey (AELOS) will be conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This national survey will obtain data to describe the economic status of the U.S. farm operations and farm households. Data collected will provide information on agricultural land ownership, financing, and inputs by farm operators and landlords. The AELOS is designed to provide data that are valid for each

state and the U.S. as a whole. The AELOS will be conducted in 2000 for the 1999 calendar year. The last AELOS covered the 1988 calendar year. The respondent universe consists of two populations. First, is the official USDA farm population which is defined as "all establishments that sold or would have normally sold at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during the year." Second are the landlords of farm operators selected for the survey. 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 51 minutes per response.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 65,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 55,250 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, 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 Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kentucky

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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

SUMMARY: It is the intention of the NRCS in Kentucky to issue revised conservation practice standards: Agrichemical Handling Facility (Code 998), Filter Strip (Code 393), Manure Transfer (Code 634), Pond (Code 378), Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391A), Roof Runoff Management System (Code 558), Sinkhole Protection (Code 725I), Stream Crossing (Code 576), Waste Field Storage (Code 749), Waste Storage Facility (Code 313), Waste Treatment Lagoon (Code 359), and Well Decommissioning (Code 351.)

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to David G. Sawyer, state conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 110, Lexington, KY 40503-5479. Copies of the practice standards are made available upon written request.

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