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Done at Washington, D.C. this 12th day of
September, 2000.

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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: We are making a correction to
information published in a Notice that
announced the intent of the National
Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to
request approval for an information
collection, the Childhood Agricultural
Injury Study of Minority Farm
Operators. The Notice was published in
the **Federal Register** on June 21, 2000
on page 38498. The scope of the survey
has been expanded and it is now the
National Childhood Agricultural Injury
and Occupational Health Survey of
Minority Farm Operators.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be
received by October 18, 2000, 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, D.C. 20250-2000, (202)
720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June
21, 2000, we published in the **Federal
Register** a Notice that announced the
intent of the National Agricultural
Statistics Service (NASS) to request
approval for an information collection
described as the Childhood Agricultural
Injury Study of Minority Farm
Operators. Another survey, the
Occupational Health Survey of Minority
Farm Operators, has now been merged
with the injury survey to reduce the
number of contacts on the same target
population. We have updated the
abstract below and are extending the
comment period to provide an
additional 30 days for comment.

Title: National Childhood Agricultural
Injury and Occupational Health Survey
of Minority Farm Operators.

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

Abstract: The National Childhood
Agricultural Injury and Occupational
Health Survey of Minority Farm
Operators is designed to (1) provide
estimates of childhood nonfatal injury
incidence and description of injury
occurring to children less than 20 years
of age who reside, work, or visit farms
operated by minorities and (2) describe
the occupational health status of ethnic
and racial minority farm operators,
including African American, Native
American, Hispanic, and other minority
operators. In addition to these minority
populations, female farm operators will
be included in the survey and a smaller
number of white male operators will be
contacted as a comparison group. Data
will be collected by telephone from all
50 states with 40,000 receiving the
injury questionnaire, 10,000 receiving
the health questionnaire, and 10,000
receiving both questionnaires. Data will
relate to accidents, injuries and
occupational health problems occurring
during the 2000 calendar year. These
data will be used by the National
Institute of Occupational Safety and
Health to (1) establish a measure of the
number and rate of childhood injuries
associated with production agriculture
and study the specific types of injuries
sustained and (2) describe the scope and
magnitude of occupationally-related
health problems of minority and female
farm operators and their families.
Reports will be generated and
information disseminated to all
interested parties concerning the finding
of this study. 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 12 minutes per
response for the injury questions and 25
minutes per response for the health
questions. The injury instrument allows
for screen-outs for non-farms and
households with no children.

Respondents: Minority Farm
Operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
60,500.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on
Respondents:* 13,503 hours.

Copies of this information collection
and related instructions can be obtained
without charge from Ginny McBride, 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:
Ginny McBride, 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
become a matter of public record and be
summarized in the request for OMB
approval.

Signed at Washington, D.C., August 9,
2000.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the Fourth Quarter of 2000

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of municipal interest
rates on advances from insured electric
loans for the fourth quarter of 2000.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service
hereby announces the interest rates for
advances on municipal rate loans with
interest rate terms beginning during the
fourth calendar quarter of 2000.

DATES: These interest rates are effective
for interest rate terms that commence
during the period beginning October 1,
2000, and ending December 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail
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