

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Elk Valley Rancheria Community Center, 2298 Norris Avenue, Suite B, Crescent City, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Chapman, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501. Phone: (707) 441-3549. Email: lchapman@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This will be the eighth meeting of the committee. Agenda items include brief presentations of public Title II project proposals, and a ranking of project proposals by the RAC. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: June 5, 2002.

Bud Zanger,
Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Change.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to revise a currently approved information collection, Field Crops Production.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 19, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Ginny McBride, NASS OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250 or sent electronically to gmcbride@nass.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Field Crops Production.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0002.

Expiration Date of Approval: 12/31/04.

Type of Request: Intent to revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The National Agricultural Statistics Service is responsible for collecting and issuing State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, grain stocks, farm numbers, land values, on-farm pesticide usage, and pest crop management practices. The Field Crops Production program consists of probability field crops surveys and supplemental panel surveys which capture unique crop characteristics such as the concentration of crops in localized geographical areas. The Program is being revised to discontinue the November and December tobacco forecasts. NASS will no longer forecast tobacco acreage, yield, and production in the November and December Crop Production reports. All types of tobacco are affected in November, whereas only burley tobacco is affected in December. Final production estimates will continue to be published for all types of tobacco in the Annual Crop Production report, released on or about January 10 each year. Annual tobacco revisions will continue to be published in the May Crop Production report.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 14 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 536,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 150,000 hours.

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.

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

Dated: May 28, 2002.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request an Extension of a Currently Approved 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 regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request an extension for a currently approved information collection, the Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 16, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Ginny McBride, NASS OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250 or sent electronically to gmcbride@nass.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

OMB Number: 0535-0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2002.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock

production, disposition, and prices. The Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Program obtains basic poultry statistics from voluntary cooperators throughout the Nation. Statistics are published on placement of pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks; hatching reports for broiler-type, egg-type, and turkey eggs; number of layers on hand; total table egg production; and production and income estimates for eggs, chickens, and turkeys.

This information is used by producers, processors, feed dealers, and others in the marketing and supply channels as a basis for production and marketing decisions. Government agencies use these estimates to evaluate poultry product supplies. The information is an important consideration in government purchases for the school lunch program and in formulation of export-import policy. The Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys have approval from OMB for a 3-year period. NASS intends to request that the surveys be approved for another 3 years.

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.

Respondents: Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,900.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,500 hours.

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

Dated: May 28, 2002.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Public Meeting on Rural Broadband Access

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is to notify telecommunications systems financed by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), lenders, and other interested persons that RUS is holding a public meeting in order for interested persons to express their views on the challenges of deploying broadband services to rural America, the successes, the role of competition in providing access to rural areas.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on June 27, 2002, starting at 9 a.m. eastern time, with registration at 8 a.m. The public meeting will end at 4:30 p.m. unless concluded earlier.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in room 0348, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Persons interested in making a presentation at the meeting should send a written request to Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, room 4056-S, Stop 1590, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, room 4056-S, Stop 1590, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1500, Telephone: (202) 720-9554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be conducted by representatives of the Department of Agriculture. The proceedings of the meeting will be transcribed and considered in implementing provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) concerning the Rural Broadband Access loan and loan guarantee program. The purpose of the meeting is to provide background information for

consideration in the implementation and administration of its telecommunications broadband loan program. The Agency will retain a summary of the meeting.

RUS is particularly interested in receiving presentations on the following specific issues as they relate to rural broadband access:

1. *The demand for rural broadband access*—What is driving the demand? What is limiting demand? Who are the players and what are their roles—federal, state, and local governments, service providers, equipment manufacturers, private lenders, educational and health care organizations, public safety agencies, etc. What services are in demand, which are not?

2. *The deployment of broadband access*—Where is broadband access available today in rural America—schools, hospitals, law enforcement, businesses, residences? Is there an abundance of dark fiber and if, so, how can that best be used in serving rural America? What technologies are available—which are succeeding, what are their limitations, and at what cost?

3. *The rural landscape*—Who serves rural America? What inhibits rural investment?

4. *Universal service*—Who will protect/finance the carriers of last resort? Will broadband service be a supported service?

5. *Competition*—What role does competition play? Can a rural area support competing broadband providers? What impact will a competitor have on local exchange service?

6. *The benefits*—What are the success stories—to local residents and national interest?

To schedule oral testimony for the public meeting, notify Ms. Purcell, in writing, at the above address. Requests may be sent by facsimile transfer to (202) 702-0810 or e-mail to: bpuccell@rus.usda.gov. Persons who wish to make oral presentations must restrict presentations to 10 minutes and are also encouraged to have written copies of their complete comments, including exhibits, for inclusion in the official record. Written copies should also be sent to Ms. Purcell in advance of the meeting. Persons who register their attendance at the public meeting, but who have not been scheduled in advance to present oral testimony, will be given an opportunity to do so if time permits. Otherwise, such persons will be allowed the opportunity to submit their views in writing by June 27, 2002, for inclusion in the official record.