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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Farm Reconstitutions

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension and revision for an information collection currently approved and used in of farm reconstitutions.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be submitted on or before May 9, 2006 to be assured consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: All comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Jack Stanley, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA/FSA/PECD, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., STOP 0517, Washington, DC 20250-0517, (202) 690-4091, FAX (202) 720-0051.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Farm Reconstitutions.

OMB Number: 0560-0025.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Request for Approval of an Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0560-0025, as identified above, is needed to enable the FSA to effectively administer the programs relating to reconstitution of farms, and base acres governed by 7 CFR part 718.

Form FSA-155 is used as a request for farm reconstitution initiated by the producer who wishes to combine a farm with another farm or divide a farm into multiple farming operations. The reconstitution process is a required procedure when a producer wishes to increase acreage attributed to the farm

from leases or change farm acreage records as a result of a sale of any part of a farm. CCC must act on all proposed farm reconstitutions and issue their approval or disapproval on the FSA-155. It is necessary to collect the information recorded on the FSA-155 to determine farmland, and cropland resulting from combination or division of the farming operation.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,154.

Estimated Number of Forms Filed per person: 1.

Estimates Average Time to Respond: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 5,365 hours.

Proposed topics for comments include but are not limited to: (1) Whether the continued collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (4) 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 regarding this information collection requirement should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Washington, DC 20503 and to Jack Stanley, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA/FSA/PECD, 1400 Independence Ave SW., STOP 0517, Washington, DC 20250-0517.

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, on March 2, 2006.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Emergency Conservation Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request a revision of currently approved information collection used in support of the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 9, 2006 to be assured consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Clayton Furukawa, ECP Program Manager, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0513; telephone (202) 690-0571.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Emergency Conservation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0082.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2008.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget Control Number 0560-0082, as identified above, allows FSA to effectively administer the regulations under the ECP. The regulations at 7 CFR part 701 set forth basic policies, program provisions, and eligibility requirements for owners and operators to enter into agreements for financial and technical assistance and for receiving cost-share payments under the ECP.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours (15 minutes) per response.

Respondents: Owners, operators and other eligible agricultural producers on eligible farmland.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 90,050.

Proposed topics for comment include: (a) Whether the collection 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 burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Clayton Furukawa, ECP Program Manager, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0513, telephone (202) 690-0571.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 24, 2006.

Michael W. Yost,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; Power of Attorney

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection. This information is used to support the FSA, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) in conducting business and accepting signatures on documents from individual's acting on behalf of others.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 9, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Sienkiewicz, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA/FSA/PECD, Common Provisions Branch, at (202) 720-8959.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Power of Attorney.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0190.

Expiration Date of Approval:

November 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Individuals or authorized representatives of entities wanting to appoint another to act as their attorney-in-fact in connection with certain FSA, CCC, and RMA programs and related actions must complete a FSA-211, Power of Attorney, form. The FSA-211 serves as evidence that the grantor has appointed another to act on their behalf for certain FSA, CCC, and RMA programs and related actions, giving the appointee legal authority to enter into binding agreements on the grantor's behalf. The FSA-211 also provides FSA, CCC and RMA a source to verify an individual's authority to sign and act for another in the event of errors or fraud that requires legal remedies. The information collected on the FSA-211 is limited to the grantor's name, signature and identification number, the grantee's name and address, and the applicable FSA, CCC and RMA programs.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or authorized representatives of entities, such as corporations, wanting to appoint an attorney-in-fact to act on their behalf.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,558,959 (519,653 annually over a 3 year period).

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: Collection of the information is a one-time occurrence. The FSA-211 remains in full force and effect until written notice of revocation has been duly served upon USDA, the death of the grantor, or the incapacitation of the grantor.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondent: Collection of the information is a one-time occurrence with an estimated reporting burden of .25 hours per response.

Proposed topics for comment include: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USDA service center; (b) the agency's estimate of burden; (c) methods to enhance the usefulness of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who respond. Comments must be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Mike Sienkiewicz, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-FSA-PECD, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250; telephone (202) 720-8959; or FAX (202) 720-0051.

Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Mr. Sienkiewicz at the above address.

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, on March 2, 2006.

Teresa Lasseter,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; End-Use Certificate Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of information collection currently used in support of the End-Use Certificate Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 9, 2006 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Miner, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Program Development Branch, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0553, Washington, DC 20250-0553; Telephone (202) 720-6266; Electronic mail: Sharon.Miner@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: End-Use Certificate Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0151.

Expiration Date of Approval:

November 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number 0560-0151, ensures that Canadian wheat does not benefit from USDA or Commodity Credit Corporation assisted export programs. To comply with the