

commenters suggested potential sites for the new facility.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) recognizes the need to maintain a backup for sterile Medfly and Mexican fruit fly (Mexfly) production to respond to emergency outbreaks when they occur, and to ensure that the current preventive release programs in California, Florida, and Texas remain effective. Specifically, we believe we need the capacity to produce 550 million sterile Medflies per week and the ability to maintain and produce 150 million sterile Mexflies per week as a second species. We are exploring our options for meeting these needs, including the construction of a multispecies rearing facility or the privatization of sterile fly production.

In order to further explore our options, we are requesting information from the public regarding options through which we could (1) produce sterile Medflies and Mexflies at an APHIS-managed rearing facility or at a facility operated by a privately owned company or a State or foreign government or (2) purchase sterile Medflies and Mexflies from a facility operated by a privately owned company or a State or foreign government. APHIS is open to considering locations both within and outside the continental United States as backup sources for sterile fruit flies.

Production of sterile fruit flies requires the maintenance of a fertile colony of fruit flies in the facility, and although containment mechanisms are maintained in any production facility, the risk of fertile flies escaping into the local environs can pose a pest risk. Accordingly, any new sterile fruit fly production facility—public or private—would have to be located either in an area that will not support the establishment of the species of fruit flies being produced or an area that is already infested with the species of fruit flies being produced. We welcome any information or suggestions regarding potential locations for the construction of a multispecies facility within or outside the continental United States.

Because the ease of transporting and distributing sterile fruit flies must be considered, we invite information about potential sites where transportation accommodations are of such a nature to allow for the ease of daily shipments to all target release areas of the sterile fruit flies produced. A favorable location would be one where the air transportation accommodations would not entail more than one connecting flight from the production site to the target release area. We are open to information regarding potential

locations within or outside the continental United States that would accommodate this need.

In addition, minimizing construction costs and time is desirable. Any potential economic savings in land acquisition, facility construction, and maintenance costs for a new facility will be a high priority in the selection of a site. Any information or suggestions about potential locations on tribal land, retired military bases, or other locations within or outside the United States would be useful. Any suggestions for other ways to help minimize construction costs and time would also be welcome.

Recent advances in research and development of sterile insect technologies necessitate that any new facility should be able to adapt to and incorporate any new technologies (e.g., adapt to new space requirements, accommodate different filter systems, etc.) where appropriate. We invite information about recent advances in research and development of sterile insect technologies, specifically any information regarding new, more effective and efficient, technologies that would be desirable to incorporate into a new production facility.

We are seeking detailed data and information from the public in response to this notice, which we will use as a resource in our exploration of options for construction of a multispecies rearing facility and/or privatization of sterile fly production.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of November 2006.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of New Recreation Fee Site; Federal Lands Enhancement Act (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: National Forests in North Carolina, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of New Recreation Fee Site.

SUMMARY: The National Forests in North Carolina will begin charging a special recreation permit fee for reserved use of picnic shelters on several sites on the National Forests in North Carolina. Members of the public have requested the ability to reserve use of a picnic shelter in advance of the day of

proposed shelter use. There will be no charging for using a picnic shelter as long as no reservation is made. Reservations will be posted on site at least 24 hours in advance of the reservation time. The shelters are located at the Murray Branch Day Use Area on the Appalachian Ranger District, the Cheoah Point Day Use Area on the Cheoah Ranger District, the Old Fort Picnic Area and Mortimer Picnic Area on the Grandfather Ranger District, the Sycamore Flats Picnic Area and Pink Beds Picnic Area on the Pisgah Ranger District, the Cherokee Lake Picnic Area, Jackrabbit Day Use Area and Hanging Dog Day Use Area on the Tusquitee Ranger District, and at Kings Mountain Point Day Use Area on the Uwharrie Ranger District. The cost for reserved use of the shelters will vary between \$25-\$30 for a half day and \$40-\$50 for a whole day. The higher use fee will be charged for the larger capacity shelter at Kings Mountain Point Day Use Area. In addition, the National Recreation Reservation Service charges a \$9 reservation service fee. Fee revenue will support operations and maintenance of the shelters and future shelter site improvements.

DATES: The fee is scheduled for implementation in May of 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David H. Wright, Recreation Fee Coordinator, 828-257-4256, National Forests in North Carolina, PO Box 2750, Asheville, NC 28802.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. This new fee will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation. The National Forests in North Carolina presently has two recreation sites permitted to concession operators who charge a shelter use fee of \$25 per half day for a two-table shelter to \$35 per half day for a three-table shelter. Most sites have paved parking. Hanging Dog, Cherokee Lake, Mortimer and Murray Branch have designated gravel parking. In addition to picnic shelters with tables, all sites have picnic grills, flush or vault toilets on site, water on site or nearby, trash receptacles and information boards. People wishing to reserve a picnic shelter will need to do so through the National Recreation Reservation Service at <http://www.reserveusa.com> or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

Dated: November 3, 2006.

Marisue Hilliard,

National Forests in North Carolina
Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request Revision and 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, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Fruits, Nuts, and Specialty Crops Surveys. Revision to burden hours may be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 30, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0039, by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: gmcbride@nass.usda.gov. Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (202) 720-6396.
- Mail: Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Hand deliver to: Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Fruits, Nuts, and Specialty Crops Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0039.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2007.

Type of Request: To revise and extend a currently approved 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, prices, and disposition. The Fruits, Nuts, and Specialty Crops survey program collects information on acreage, yield, production, price, and value of citrus and noncitrus fruits and nuts and other specialty crops in States with significant commercial production. The program provides data needed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other government agencies to administer programs and to set trade quotas and tariffs.

Producers, processors, other industry representatives, State Departments of Agriculture, and universities also use forecasts and estimates provided by these surveys.

The Fruits, Nuts, and Specialty Crops Program was last approved by OMB in 2004 for a 3-year period. NASS intends to request that the survey be approved for another 3 years.

Authority: These data will be collected under 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. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-113) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is based on 73 individual surveys with expected responses of 4-30 minutes and frequency of 1-12 times per year. Estimated number of responses per respondent is 0.69.

Respondents: Producers, processors, and handlers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 70,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 10,000 hours.

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Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Ginny McBride,

NASS 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.

Carol House,

Deputy Administrator for Programs and Products.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request Revision and 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, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Agricultural Prices Surveys. Revision to burden hours may be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 30, 2007, to be assured of consideration.

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