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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 12, 2007.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), [OIRA\\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV) or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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### Rural Housing Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1942-C, "Fire and Rescue Loans."

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0120.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of essential community facilities primarily servicing rural residents. The primary regulation for administering this Community Facility program is 7 CFR 1942-A. The information must be collected to determine eligibility, analyze financial feasibility, take security, monitor the use of loan funds, and monitor the financial condition of borrowers, and otherwise assisting borrowers.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The Rural Development field offices will collect the information from applicant/borrowers. This information will be used to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan funds for authorized purposes.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,735.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 10,004.

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### National Agriculture Statistics Service

*Title:* Agricultural Surveys Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0213.

*Summary of Collection:* National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) primary functions are to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production and collect information on related environmental and economic factors. The Agricultural Surveys Program is a series of surveys that contains basic agricultural data from farmers and ranchers throughout the Nation for preparing agricultural estimates and forecasts. The surveys results provide the foundation for setting livestock and poultry inventory numbers. Estimates derived from the surveys supply information needed by farmers to make decisions for both short and long-term planning. The General authority for

these data collection is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, section 2206.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The surveys provide the basis for estimates of the current season's crop and livestock production and supplies of grain in storage. Crop and livestock statistics help develop a stable economic atmosphere and reduce risk for production, marketing, and distribution operations. These commodities affect the well being of the nation's farmers, commodities markets, and national and global agricultural policy. Users of agricultural statistics are farm organizations, agribusiness, state and national farm policy makers, and foreign buyers of agricultural products but the primary user of the statistical information is the producer. Agricultural statistics are also used to plan and administer other related federal and state programs in such areas as school lunch program, conservation, foreign trade, education, and recreation. Collecting the information less frequent would eliminate needed data to keep the government and agricultural industry abreast of changes at the state and national levels.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 273,133.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Quarterly; Semi-annually; Monthly; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 165,161.

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### Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

*Title:* Commercial Transportation of Equines to Slaughter.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0160.

*Summary of Collection:* Title 21, U.S.C. 117, Animal Industry Act of 1884, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to issue guidelines for regulating the commercial transportation of horses to slaughter by person regularly engaged in that activity within the United States. To fulfill this responsibility, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) established regulations in title 9, part 88 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The minimum standards cover among other things the food, water, and rest provided to these horses while they are in transit; and to review other related issues that may be appropriate to ensuring that these animals are treated humanely. Implementing these regulations entails the use of two information collection activities in the form of an owner-shipper certificate, as well as the collection of employment information on any person found to be transporting horses to a slaughtering facility.

*Need and Use of the Information:* APHIS will collect the following information: (1) Shippers name and address and the owner's name and address; (2) description of the transporting vehicle, including the license plate number; (3) a description of the horse's physical characteristics, including its sex, coloring,

distinguishing marks, permanent brands, electronic means of identification, or other characteristics that can be used to accurately identify the horse; (4) the number of the USDA back tag that has been applied to the horse for identification purposes; (5) a statement of the animal's fitness to travel, which must indicate that the horse is able to bear weight on all four limbs, is able to walk unassisted, is not blind in both eyes, is older than 6 months of age, and is not likely to give birth during the trip; (6) a description of anything unusual with regard to the physical condition of the horse, such as a wound or blindness in one eye, and any special handling needs; (7) the date, time, and place the horse was loaded on the conveyance; and (8) a statement that the horse was provided access to food, water, and rest prior to transport. This information is helpful in those instances in which APHIS must conduct a trace back investigation of any possibly stolen horses.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or Other For-Profit; Individuals or Households; Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 4,203.

### Animal Plant & Health Inspection Service

*Title:* Pseudorabies In Swine; Payment To Indemnity.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0137.

*Summary of Collection:* The United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing the interstate spread of pest and diseases of livestock within the United States and for conducting eradication programs. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) established an accelerated pseudorabies program, including the payment of indemnity, to further pseudorabies eradication efforts in cooperation with States and industry and to protect swine not infected with pseudorabies from the disease. Pseudorabies is a contagious, infectious, and communicable disease of livestock, primarily swine. Regulations in 9 CFR part 85 govern the interstate movement of swine and other livestock (cattle, sheep, and goats) in order to help prevent the spread of pseudorabies. APHIS will collect information using several APHIS forms.

*Need and Use of the Information:* APHIS will collect information on the number of animals being relinquished, their estimated weight, and the market price of the animals for the particular week, and the total compensation amount that the owner can expect to