

owners and/or managers; accredited veterinarians; animal agriculture-related agencies and organizations; breed registry agencies; agriculture extension agents; fair and exhibition officials; owners, operators, and/or managers of livestock markets; livestock dealers, owners, operators, and/or managers of slaughter establishments and dairy plants; and State animal health officials and laboratory personnel.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 117,446.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 10.023508.

Estimated annual number of responses: 1,177,221.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 440,584 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of October 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0110]

Multi-Agency Informational Meeting Concerning Compliance With the Federal Select Agent Program; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is to notify all interested parties, including individuals and entities possessing, using, or transferring biological agents and toxins listed in 7 CFR 331.3, 9 CFR 121.3, or 42 CFR 73.3, that a meeting will be held to provide specific regulatory guidance related to the Federal Select Agent Program established under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. The meeting is being organized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of Justice's Federal Bureau

of Investigation. Issues to be discussed include entity registration, security risk assessments, biosafety requirements, and security measures.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information, please contact the Agricultural Select Agent Program by telephone at (301) 734-5960 or by e-mail to Agricultural.Select.Agent.Program@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On June 12, 2002, the President signed into law the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. Title II of the Act, "Enhancing Controls on Dangerous Biological Agents and Toxins" (sections 201 through 231), provides for the regulation of certain biological agents and toxins by the Department of Health and Human Services (subtitle A, sections 201-204) and the Department of Agriculture (subtitle B, sections 211-213), and provides for interagency coordination between the two departments regarding overlap agents and toxins (subtitle C, section 221). For the Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been designated as the agency with primary responsibility for implementing the provisions of the Act; the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is the agency fulfilling that role for the Department of Agriculture. CDC and APHIS list select agents and toxins in 42 CFR 73.3 and in 7 CFR 331.3 and 9 CFR 121.3, respectively. The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Criminal Justice Information Service conducts security risk assessments of all individuals and nongovernmental entities that request to possess, use, or transfer select agents and toxins.

The meeting announced here is an opportunity for the regulated community (i.e., registered entity responsible officials, alternate responsible officials, and entity owners) and other interested individuals to obtain specific regulatory guidance and information on standards concerning biosafety and biosecurity issues related to the Federal Select Agent Program. Representatives from CDC, APHIS, and the FBI will be present at the meeting to address questions and concerns. Entity registration, security risk assessments, biosafety requirements, and security measures are among the issues that will be discussed.

All attendees must register in advance of the meeting. For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be available at no cost as a Webcast over the Internet for a limited number of registrants. Registration forms may be downloaded from the National Select Agent Registry's Web site at <http://www.selectagents.gov>; by request via telephone to (301) 734-5960; or by request via e-mail to Agricultural.Select.Agent.Program@aphis.usda.gov.

Travel directions to the USDA Center at Riverside are available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/general_info/directions_riverdale.shtml. Picture identification is required to gain access to the building. Parking is available next to the building for a \$2.25 fee (please have quarters or crisp bills available for machine). The nearest Metro station is the College Park station on the Green Line, which is within walking distance.

If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please see the contact information listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of October 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Intent To Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, this notice announces the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service's intention to revise a currently approved information collection entitled, "Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Application Kit for Research and Extension Programs".

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by January 9, 2009, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this notice may be sent to Jason Hitchcock, USDA/CSREES/ISTM, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2216 or sent electronically to: jhitchcock@csrees.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection, contact Jason Hitchcock, e-mail: jhitchcock@csrees.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Application Kit for Research and Extension Programs.

OMB Number: 0524–0039.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: April 30, 2009.

Type of Request: Revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) sponsors ongoing agricultural research, extension, and education programs under which competitive, formula, and special awards of a high-priority nature are made. Before awards can be made, certain information is required from applicants as part of an application process.

The nature of the competitive, peer-reviewed process makes it important that information from applicants be available in a standardized format to ensure equitable treatment. Each year, request for applications are issued for various research, education, and extension areas targeted for support. Applicants submit applications for these targeted areas following formats outlined in the application guidelines accompanying each program's solicitation. CSREES awards grants after evaluating these applications, using peer review panels and other merit review processes. The forms and narrative information are mainly used for application evaluation and administration purposes. While some of the information is used to respond to inquiries from Congress and other government agencies, the forms are not designed to be statistical surveys.

CSREES requires submission of grant applications electronically through the Grants.gov storefront. The application processes through Grants.gov leverage several standard forms. In addition to Grants.gov's standards forms, CSREES must collect some additional information for the proper evaluation and processing of applications. These forms include the following:

Supplemental Information Form—This form is used in all grant application packages, and collects the

program name and program code to which the applicant is applying, additional applicant type information, Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System account information, key words, and the conflict of interest information as an attached file.

Application Type Form—This form is used principally by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program to collect the specific type of application being submitted. This form is being revised to change the applicant type names and some business rules on the form.

Application Modification Form—This form is used to indicate the forms or narrative portions of an application that an applicant has changed or corrected from a previously submitted application.

Form CSREES–2008, Assurance Statement(s)—This form is used in formula grant programs and provides required assurances of compliance with regulations involving the protection of human subjects, animal welfare, and recombinant DNA research.

Form CSREES–2010, Fellowships/Scholarships Entry/Annual Update/Exit Form—This form will apply only to CSREES award recipients to document fellowships and scholarships, pertinent demographic data on the fellows/scholars, the progress of the fellows/scholars under the program, and performance outcomes of the student beneficiaries.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions, State, local, or Tribal governments, and a limited number of for-profit institutions and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents by form:

Supplemental Information: 5,050.

Application Type: 2,150.

Application Modification: 0.

Form CSREES–2008, Assurance Statement(s): 1,850.

CSREES–2010, Fellowships/Scholarships Entry/Exit: 150.

Summary of USDA/1890 Cooperation: 170.

The individual form burden is as follows (calculated based on a survey of grant applicants conducted by CSREES):

Supplemental Information: 2 hours.

Application Type: 15 minutes.

Application Modification: 5 minutes.

Form CSREES–2008, Assurance Statement(s): 30 minutes CSREES–2010, Fellowships/Scholarships Entry/Annual.

Update/Exit: 3 hours.

Summary of USDA/1890 Cooperation: 50 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The annual total burden

on the public for all forms is estimated to be 12,160 hours.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

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 should be sent to the address stated in the preamble.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments also will become a matter of public record.

Done at Washington, DC, this 29th day of Oct, 2008.

Gale Buchanan,

Undersecretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Commodity Credit Corporation; Information Collection; Debt Settlement Policies and Procedures

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) are requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved information collection that supports the FSA and CCC Debt Settlement Policies and Procedures regulations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 5, 2009 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods: