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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; Notice of Intent To Seek Approval of a New Information Collection; Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Agriculture published a document in the *Federal Register* of May 13, 2009, concerning request for comments on the notice of intent to seek approval of a new information collection. The published document requires clarification on what demographic information is being collected from the public and the method used to collect that data. The collection of information has been narrowed to focus only on race, ethnicity, and gender and will not include national origin, age, or disability. Further, the information collection process will not include a tear-off form as stated in the May 13, 2009, document.

**DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by July 31, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Winona Scott, Acting Director, Planning, Performance and Accountability Division, phone (202) 401-3648.

In the *Federal Register* of May 13, 2009, in FR Doc E9-11109, on page 22509, make the following corrections:

In the first column, correct paragraph one, line 11 to read:

“\* \* \* consolidating the race, ethnicity and sex data for agencies within the \* \* \*”

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Correction

In the second column, correct paragraph four, to read:

The goal of this data collection is to obtain information from agricultural landowners and producers, in particular, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers that will be used to improve the operation of this program, to help USDA design additional opportunities for program participation, and to monitor enforcement of laws that require equal access to this program for eligible persons.

In the second column, delete paragraphs five and six.

In the third column, delete paragraph one.

In the third column, correct paragraph five, line one to read:

*Abstract:* The purpose of the collection is to enable the agency heads to report annually to the Secretary of Agriculture on the collection of race, ethnicity and sex data for all agricultural producers and landowners.

In the third column, correct paragraph six, line three to read:

“\* \* \* estimated burden is 2 minutes per \* \* \*”

In the third column, correct paragraph nine, line two to read:

Respondents: 466,666 hours.

Dated: June 15, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2009-0027]

### National Animal Identification System; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice to inform the public of an addition to the schedule of upcoming meetings to discuss stakeholder concerns related to the implementation of the National Animal Identification System. The additional meeting is being organized by the

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 30, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Omaha—La Vista Hotel & Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Adam Grow, Director, Surveillance and Identification Programs, National Center for Animal Health Programs, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 200, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-3752.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its ongoing efforts to safeguard animal health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) initiated implementation of a National Animal Identification System (NAIS) in 2004. The NAIS is a cooperative State-Federal-industry program administered by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The purpose of the NAIS is to provide a streamlined information system that will help producers and animal health officials respond quickly and effectively to animal disease events in the United States.

The ultimate long-term goal of the NAIS is to provide State and Federal officials with the capability to identify all animals and premises that have had direct contact with a disease of concern within 48 hours after discovery. Meeting that goal requires a comprehensive animal-disease traceability infrastructure. An NAIS User Guide and a Business Plan, both available on our Web site at [http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/animal\\_id/index.shtml](http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/animal_id/index.shtml), provide detailed information about our plans for implementing the system.

Despite concerted efforts, APHIS has not been able to fully implement the NAIS. Many of the same issues that producers originally had with the system, such as the cost and impact on small farmers, privacy and confidentiality, and liability, continue to cause concern.

In order to provide individuals and organizations an opportunity to discuss their concerns regarding the NAIS and offer potential solutions, we have held several public meetings and plan to hold several more, and we are soliciting comments via our Web site. This notice is to inform the public that we are