DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Commodity Credit Corporation
Information Collection; Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency and the Commodity Credit Corporation are seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The information collected is needed for producers to determine eligibility to obtain NAP assistance.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by July 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: We invite 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:

E-Mail: Candy.Thompson@wdc.usda.gov.
Fax: 202–690–2130.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC, 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Terry Hill, Section Head, Crop Disaster Section, Disaster Assistance Branch, (202) 720–3087.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

OMB Number: 0560–0175.
Expiration Date: November 30, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension with no revision.

Abstract: The NAP is authorized under 7 U.S.C. Section 7333 and implemented under regulations issued at 7 CFR Part 1437. The NAP is administered under the general supervision of the Executive Vice-President of CCC (who also serves as Administrator, FSA), and is carried out by FSA State and County committees. The information collected allows CCC to provide assistance under NAP for losses of commercial crops or other agricultural commodities (except livestock) for which catastrophic risk protection under 7 U.S.C Section 1508 is not available, and that are produced for food or fiber.

Additionally, NAP provides assistance for losses of floriculture, ornamental nursery, Christmas tree crops, turfgrass sod, seed crops, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), sea oats and sea grass, and industrial crops. The information collected is necessary to determine whether a producer and crop or commodity meet applicable conditions for assistance and to determine compliance with existing rules. Producers must annually: (1) Request NAP coverage by completing an application for coverage and paying a service fee by the CCC-established application closing date; (2) file a current crop-year report of acreage for the covered crop or commodity; and (3) certify production of each covered crop or commodity. When damage to a covered crop or commodity occurs, producers must file a notice of loss with the local FSA administrative county office within 15 calendar days of occurrence or 15 calendar days of the date damage to the crop or commodity becomes apparent. Producers must also file an application for payment and certification of income with the local FSA County office.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.6 hours per response.

Type of Respondents: Producers of commercial crops or other agricultural commodities (except livestock).

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 291,500.

Estimated Annual Number of Forms Filed per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Number of Responses: 2,167,302.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,143,562.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection and to help us to:

1. Evaluate 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;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the
submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 3, 2010.

Jonathan W. Coppess,
Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and
Executive Vice-President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency

Information Collection; Guaranteed Loan Making and Servicing

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; 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 revision and extension of a currently approved information collection used to administer the Guaranteed Farm Loan Program.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by July 9, 2010.

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

• Mail: Director, Loan Making Division, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0522, Washington, DC 20250–0522.

• E-mail: Trent.Rogers@wdc.usda.gov.

• Fax: (202) 720–1657.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Trent Rogers at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Trent Rogers, Senior Loan Officer, Loan Making Division, Farm Service Agency, (202) 720–3889.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Description of Information Collection

Title: (7 CFR part 762) Guaranteed Farm Loan Program.

OMB Number: 0560–0155.

Expiration Date of Approval: 10/31/2010.

Type of Request: Extension with revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This information collection is needed to effectively administer the FSA guaranteed farm loan programs. The information is collected by the FSA loan official in consultation with participating commercial lenders. The objective of the guaranteed loan program is to provide credit to applicants who are unable to obtain credit from lending institutions without a guarantee. The reporting requirements imposed on the public by the regulations at 7 CFR part 762 are necessary to administer the guaranteed loan program in accordance with statutory requirements of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act and are consistent with commonly performed lending practices. Collection of information after loans are made is necessary to protect the Government’s financial interest.

Type of Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit and farms.

Estimated Average Time to Respond: .733 hours.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,985.

Estimated Number of Reports Filed per Respondent: 13.5.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 229,443.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 168,387 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection and to help us to:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) 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 comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 3, 2010.
Jonathan W. Coppess,
Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funding Availability of Applications (NOFA) for Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the timeframe to submit pre-applications for section 514 Farm Labor Housing (FLH) loans and section 516 FLH grants for the construction of new off-farm FLH units and related facilities for domestic farm laborers. The intended purpose of these loans and grants is to increase the number of available housing units for domestic farm laborers. This notice describes the method used to distribute funds, the application process, and submission requirements.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this is 5 p.m., local time to the appropriate Rural Development State Office on July 9, 2010. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour. Rural Development will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline unless date and time is extended by another Notice published in the Federal Register. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX), and postage due applications will not be accepted.

Applicants wishing to apply for assistance must contact the Rural Development State Office serving the State of the proposed off-farm labor housing project in order to receive further information and copies of the application package. Rural Development will date and time stamp incoming applications to evidence timely receipt and, upon request, will provide the applicant with a written acknowledgment of receipt. A listing of Rural Development State Offices, their addresses, telephone numbers, and person to contact is under section VII of this Notice.