DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request Approval To Revise and Extend an 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 approval to revise and extend a currently approved information collection, the Milk and Milk Products Surveys. Revision to burden hours will be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sample design, and/or questionnaire length.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 9, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535–0020, by any of the following methods:
- Email: ombofficer@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: David Hancock, 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: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Milk and Milk Products Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0020. Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2012.

Type of Request: To revise and extend a currently approved information collection for a period of three years. Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to collect, prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices and disposition as well as economic statistics, farm numbers, land values, on-farm pesticide usage, pest crop management practices, as well as the Census of Agriculture. The Milk and Milk Products Surveys obtain basic agricultural statistics on milk production and manufactured dairy products from farmers and processing plants throughout the nation. Data are gathered for milk production, dairy products, evaporated and condensed milk, manufactured dry milk, and manufactured whey products. Milk production and manufactured dairy products statistics are used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help administer Federal programs and by the dairy industry in planning, pricing, and projecting supplies of milk and milk products. Included in this approval request are several changes to this group of surveys. The monthly Milk Production Survey will now be conducted quarterly (January, April, July, and October) instead of monthly. Monthly estimates for the non-quarterly months will still be published for total number of dairy cows, the number of cows milked, and the total milk produced. Estimates for the non-survey months will be generated by using a combination of administrative data, regression modeling, and historic data. In the spring of 2012 NASS also plans to discontinue the collection of Dairy Product Prices. This data will be collected by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in compliance with the Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2010, and the amended section 273(d) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

Authority: Voluntary dairy information reporting is conducted 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.

Mandatory dairy product information reporting is based on the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended by the Dairy Market Enhancement Act of 2000 and the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 (U.S.C. 1637–1637b). This program requires each manufacturer to report to USDA the price, quantity, and moisture content of dairy products sold and each entity storing dairy products to report information on the quantity of dairy products stored. Any manufacturer that processes, markets, or stores less than 1,000,000 pounds of dairy products per year is exempt. USDA is required to maintain information, statistics, or documents obtained under these Acts in a manner that ensures that confidentiality is preserved regarding...
COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Colorado Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Colorado Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by teleconference at 10 a.m. (MDT) on Tuesday, November 22, 2011. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss next steps after project selection.

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: (800) 516–9896. Conference ID: 8334. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers may incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first dialing Dial 711 for relay services and enter 1–800–516–9896, followed by Conference ID: 8334. To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of telephone lines for the public, persons are asked to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office 10 days before the meeting date either by email at ebohor@usccr.gov, or by phone at (303) 866–1040.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by December 22, 2011. Comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 999–18th Street, Suite 1380 South, Denver, CO 80202, faxed to (303) 866–1050, or emailed to ebohor@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office by phone at (303) 866–1040.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are directed to the Commission’s Web site, http://www.usccr.gov, or may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above email or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).


Needs and Uses: The NIST’s Engineering Laboratory, formally the Building and Fire Research Laboratory, has established project efforts to better understand occupant egress from high-rise buildings. Buildings of interest include varying heights, and of varying occupancy types, e.g., residential, office, and assembly occupancies. Data will be collected via questionnaires on occupant behavior during regularly scheduled evacuation drills from high-rise buildings across the United States. All of these evacuation drills will be conducted regardless of whether NIST data collection takes place. The occupant behavioral data requested will involve the occupants’ knowledge of the procedure, their awareness of the event, and their behavior during the evacuation. This data will be used to improve egress designs for buildings, safety assessment models, and occupant training and education about what to do in an emergency.

Affected Public: Individuals or households (selected individuals who have evacuated high-rise buildings in cities across the U.S. during scheduled evacuation drills).

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395–3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Office by email at dhynek@doc.gov, or by phone at (202) 395–3123.