

Federal standards to be classified as organic producers. The survey will collect data for all States that have certified producers (crops and livestock). The survey will collect the number of operations that are certified organic for each State, along with the number of acres certified for the various crops, and the number of head of livestock and poultry certified as organic. The data will be used by NASS as administrative data so that future needs to collect organic data from farm and ranch operations can be kept to a minimum.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service will publish summaries once a year at the State level and for each major organic commodity when possible. Due to confidentiality rules, some State level data may be combined and published at the regional or national level to prevent disclosure of individual operation's data.

**Authority:** These data will be collected under the 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. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320.

NASS also complies with OMB Implementation Guidance, "Implementation Guidance for Title V of the E-Government Act, Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA)," **Federal Register**, Vol. 72, No. 115, June 15, 2007, p. 33362.

**Estimate of Burden:** This data collection will be done in a two step process. The first step will involve a personal visit from one of our State or Regional Field Office statisticians with the managers of these certifying organizations to introduce them to NASS and to discuss the data collection needs. NASS will also collect some basic profile information at that time. This initial visit should take approximately 1 hour. The second step will involve the compiling and reporting of the data. In this second step it is estimated to take the respondent less than 15 hours to compile and report the data for their state(s). If the respondent would like to provide one of our field enumerators access to their data, we will compile the data for the respondent(s). The surveys will be voluntary and will be conducted once a year.

**Respondents:** Organic certifying organizations

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 55

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** Approximately 900 hours

**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, technological or other forms of information technology collection methods.

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

Signed at Washington, DC, September 11, 2014.

**R. Renee Picanso,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

### Rural Utilities Service

### 2014 Farm Bill Implementation Listening Session—Rural Community College Coordinated Strategy

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Listening Session.

**SUMMARY:** As part of the implementation of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (commonly referred to as the 2014 Farm Bill), USDA Rural Development is hosting a listening session to receive public input about ways USDA can help community colleges form partnerships and get funding for local economic development. The 2014 Farm Bill directs USDA to work with community and technical colleges on a strategy to help them better serve the needs of local rural communities.

The listening session will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to voice their comments, concerns or requests regarding this strategy. Instructions to register for and attend the listening session are in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** *Listening session:* The listening session will be on Thursday, October 9, 2014, and will begin at 2:00 p.m. and is scheduled to end no later than 4:00 p.m.

**Registration:** You must register by October 7, 2014, to attend in person and to provide oral comments during the listening session.

**Comments:** A recording of public comments will be available. To obtain a copy of the recording, contact Dexter Pearson, [dexter.pearson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:dexter.pearson@wdc.usda.gov). Written comments are due by October 10, 2014. Written comments must be submitted electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (see below).

**ADDRESSES:** The listening session will be held in Room 107-A of the Whitten Building at 14th Street and Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. We invite you to participate in the listening session. The listening session is open to the members of the public who register (see below).

For participants who cannot attend in person, remote participation will be available:

Dial 1-888-469-0566 and enter Conference ID: 3499699.

We invite all participants to submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments; or
- Orally at the listening sessions; please also provide a written copy of your comments online as specified.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dexter Pearson, 202-401-9790, Email: [dexter.pearson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:dexter.pearson@wdc.usda.gov). Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 7, 2014, the 2014 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 113-79) was signed into law. The Secretary of Agriculture and the respective USDA agencies, including Rural Development, are working to implement the provisions of the 2014 Farm Bill as expeditiously as possible to meet the needs of stakeholders. To plan and implement the newly authorized Rural College Coordinated Strategy, it is important to consult and engage with our stakeholders to learn and

understand their comments, concerns, or requests.

Rural Development will hold the Rural College Coordinated Strategy listening session on Thursday, October 9, 2014, to receive oral comments from groups representing rural-serving community colleges and technical colleges. Oral comments received from this listening session will be documented. All attendees of this listening session who submit oral comments are requested to submit a written copy to help Rural Development accurately capture public input. (See the **ADDRESSES** section above for information about submitting written comments.) In addition, stakeholders and the public who do not wish to attend or speak at the listening session are invited to submit written comments, which must be received by October 10, 2014 via regulations.gov, as described above.

At the listening session, the focus is for Rural Development to hear from the public; this is not a discussion with Rural Development officials or a question and answer session. As noted above, the purpose is to receive public input that Rural Development can consider in order to implement the Rural Community College Coordinated Strategy provision of the 2014 Farm Bill.

Rural Development is interested in receiving input on all aspects on the implementation of this provision, including, how RD can coordinate critical investments in rural community colleges and technical colleges involved in workforce training and to impact physical, human, social, financial and natural capital in rural communities. Rural Development efforts are to expand our partnerships and services for improving the quality of life and more effectively serve communities in rural America.

*Date:* Thursday, October 9, 2014.

*Time:* 2:00pm–4:00pm.

*Location information:* United States Department of Agriculture—Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW.; Room 107–A; Washington, DC 20250.

The listening session will begin with brief opening remarks from USDA leadership in Rural Development. Individual speakers providing oral comments are requested to be succinct (no more than 3 minutes) as we do not know at this time how many participants there will be. As noted above, we request that speakers providing oral comments also provide a written copy of their comments. (See the **ADDRESSES** section above for information about submitting written comments.) All stakeholders and interested members of the public are

welcome to register to provide oral comments; however, if necessary due to time constraints, a limited number will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.

#### Instructions for Attending the Listening Session

Space for attendance at the listening session is limited. Due to USDA headquarters security and space requirements, all persons wishing to attend the listening session in person or via phone must send an email to [michelle.wert@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:michelle.wert@wdc.usda.gov) by October 7, 2014, to register. Registrations will be accepted until maximum capacity is reached. To register, provide the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Organization
- Title
- Email
- Phone Number
- City
- State

For participants who cannot make it to the listening session in person, remote participation will be available: Dial 1–800–981–3173 and enter Conference ID: 0844.

Upon arrival at the USDA Whitten Building, registered persons must provide valid photo identification in order to enter the building; visitors need to enter the Whitten Building on the mall side. Please allow extra time to get through security. Additional information about the listening session, agenda, directions to get to the listening session, and how to provide comments is available at the USDA Farm Bill Web site found at: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=farmbill>.

All written comments received will be publicly available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, use the contact information above. The listening session location is accessible to persons with disabilities.

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Persons with disabilities who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD).

Dated: September 19, 2014.

**Doug O'Brien,**

*Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development.*

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## 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).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Alaska Crab Arbitration.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0516.