

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 5.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 5.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 5 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 8th day of October 2014.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2014-0080]

#### Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Endangered Species Regulations and Forfeiture Procedures

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

**ACTION:** Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for protection of endangered species of terrestrial plants and for procedures related to the forfeiture of plants or other property.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 15, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0080>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2014-0080, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0080> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the regulations to protect endangered species of terrestrial plants and forfeiture procedures, contact Dr. John Veremis, National CITES Director, PHP, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 52, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-2347. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2727.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Endangered Species Regulations and Forfeiture Procedures.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0076.

*Type of Request:* Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for enforcing provisions of the Act and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) that pertain to the importation, exportation, or reexportation of plants.

As part of this mission, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) administers the regulations in 7 CFR part 355, "Endangered Species Regulations Concerning Terrestrial Plants." In accordance with these regulations, any individual, nursery, or other entity wishing to engage in the business of importing, exporting, or reexporting terrestrial plants listed in the CITES regulations at 50 CFR 17.12 or 23.23 must obtain a protected plant permit from APHIS. Such entities include importers, exporters, or reexporters who sell, barter, collect, or otherwise exchange or acquire terrestrial plants as a livelihood or enterprise engaged in for gain or profit. The requirement does not apply to persons engaged in business merely as carriers or customs house brokers.

To obtain a protected plant permit, entities must complete an application (Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ)

Form 621) and submit it to APHIS for approval. When a permit has been issued, the plants covered by the permit may be imported into the United States, exported, or reexported, provided they are accompanied by documentation required by the regulations and all other conditions of the regulations are met.

Effectively regulating entities who are engaged in the business of importing, exporting, or reexporting endangered species of terrestrial plants requires the use of this application process, as well as the use of other information collection activities including, but not limited to, notifying APHIS of the impending importation, exportation, or reexportation of the plants; marking containers used for the importation, exportation, or reexportation of the plants; and creating and maintaining records of importation, exportation, and reexportation.

APHIS also administers regulations at 7 CFR part 356, "Forfeiture Procedures," which sets out procedures for the forfeiture of plants or other property by entities found to be in violation of the Endangered Species Act or the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371 *et seq.*). Entities whose property is subject to forfeiture may file with APHIS a waiver of forfeiture procedures, a petition for remission or mitigation of forfeiture, or a request for release of property.

The information provided by these information collection activities is critical to APHIS' ability to carry out its responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act and the Lacey Act. These responsibilities include monitoring importation, exportation, and reexportation activities involving endangered species of plants, as well as the investigation of possible violations and the forfeiture of plants or other property. However, since the last approval of this collection, APHIS no longer requires completion of PPQ Form 625 (Claim and Bond) due to implementation of the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(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 our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.0929 hours per response.

*Respondents:* U.S. importers and exporters of endangered species of terrestrial plants.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 16,578.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 4.901.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 81,264.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 7,552 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 8th day of October 2014.

**Kevin Shea,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

### Commodity Credit Corporation

### Information Collection; Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency and the Commodity Credit Corporation are requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The information

collected is needed from producers to determine eligibility for NAP assistance.

**DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by December 15, 2014.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Daniel McGlynn, Acting Division Director, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, Farm Service Agency, USDA, Mail Stop 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0517.

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, Disaster Assistance Section, Program Policy Branch, (202) 720-3087.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Description of Information Collection

*Title:* Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0175.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Abstract:* NAP is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 7333 and implemented under regulations issued at 7 CFR part 1437. NAP is administered by FSA for CCC and is carried out by FSA State and County committees. The information collected allows FSA to provide assistance under NAP for losses of commercial crops or other agricultural commodities (except livestock) that are produced for food or fiber and for which catastrophic coverage under section 508(b), or additional NAP coverage under sections 508(c) and 508(h) under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508) is not available.

NAP coverage is available for crops expressly grown for food (excluding livestock and their by-products); crops planted and grown for livestock consumption; crops grown for fiber (excluding trees grown for wood, paper, or pulp products); aquaculture species crops (including ornamental fish); floriculture; ornamental nursery; Christmas tree crops; turf grass sod; industrial crops; seed crops; and sea grass and sea oats. 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 regulations.

Eligible producers must annually:

(1) Request NAP coverage by completing an application for coverage and paying a service fee by the FSA-established application closing date;

(2) File a report of acreage, inventory, or physical location of the operation, as applicable for the covered crop or commodity; and

(3) Certify harvested production of each covered crop or commodity.

When damage to a covered crop or commodity occurs, which is eligible for NAP, 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 by the FSA established deadline, and complete a certification of average adjusted gross income and consent for disclosure of tax information with the local FSA County office. The NAP application is also being used to provide a timelier, more accurate, and more reliable delivery of benefits to producers.

FSA is revising a currently approved information collection because the number of producers is expected to increase due to changes to NAP by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) and additional changes that are under development and will be published in a separate rulemaking.

The 2014 Farm Bill authorizes additional NAP coverage (NAP buy-up coverage) levels ranging from 50 to 65 percent of production at 100 percent of the average market price, and expands NAP coverage to sweet sorghum, biomass sorghum, and industrial crops grown as feedstock for renewable biofuel, renewable electricity, and biobased products. It also expands a waiver of the NAP service fee which was previously available only to limited resource farmers to also include beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

Based on these changes, FSA is expecting an increase in the annual total number of respondents, and an increase in total burden hours for collection of the information.

The formulas used to calculate the total burden hours is estimated average time per response (includes travel times) hours times total annual responses.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden:* Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 1.33 hours per response. The average travel time, which is included in the total