

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Farm Service Agency****Information Collection Request; Direct Loan Servicing—Regular****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 requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with a revision of a currently approved information collection that supports Direct Loan Servicing-Regular programs. The information is used to determine borrower compliance with loan agreements, assist the borrower in achieving business goals, and regular servicing of the loan account such as graduation, subordination, partial release, and use of proceeds.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by March 20, 2017.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume, and page number, and 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:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to: www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* J. Lee Nault, Loan Specialist, USDA/FSA/FLP, STOP 0523, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0503.

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 J. Lee Nault at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J. Lee Nault, (202) 720-6834.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: (7 CFR part 765) Farm Loan Programs—Direct Loan Servicing—Regular.

OMB Number: 0560-0236.

Expiration Date: 05/31/2017.

Type of Request: Extension with a revision.

Abstract: FSA's Farm Loan Programs provide loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment, and finance agricultural production. Direct Loan Servicing—Regular, as specified in 7 CFR part 765, provides the requirements related to routine servicing actions associated with direct loans. FSA is required to actively

supervise its borrowers and provide credit counseling, management advice and financial guidance. Additionally, FSA must document that credit is not available to the borrower from commercial credit sources in order to maintain eligibility for assistance. Information collections established in the regulation are necessary for FSA to monitor and account for loan security, including proceeds derived from the sale of security, and to process a borrower's request for subordination or partial release of security. Borrowers are required to provide financial information to determine graduation eligibility based on commercial lender standards provided to FSA.

FSA is requesting OMB approval on the estimated numbers, which are being provided currently in this request. The burden hours have been increased by 5,968 hours while the annual responses have reduced by 6,531.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per responses multiplied by the estimated total annual of responses.

Estimate of Average Time to Respond: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 0.84752 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The average travel time, which is included in the total annual burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

Type of Respondents: Business or other for profits and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54,524.

Estimated Average Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.78621.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 97,391.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.84752.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 82,541 hours.

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

(1) Evaluate 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;

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

(3) Evaluate the quality, utility and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who respond 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 where provided, will be made a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

Val Dolcini,*Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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BILLING CODE 3410-05-P**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Farm Service Agency****Information Collection Request; Guaranteed Farm Loan Program****AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with the Guaranteed Farm Loan Program. The collected information is needed to make and service loans guaranteed by FSA to eligible farmers and ranchers by commercial lenders and nontraditional lenders. FSA is also requesting approval to merge the information collection for the EZ Guarantee Program and the Micro Lender Program (MLP) (0560-0288) into the Guaranteed Farm Loan Program.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by March 20, 2017.

ADDRESSES: We invite you 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:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to: www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Trent Rogers, Senior Loan Specialist, USDA, FSA, Stop 0522, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

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 addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trent Rogers, Senior Loan Specialist, (202) 720-3889.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Guaranteed Farm Loans.

OMB Number: 0560-0155.

Expiration Date of Approval: 05/31/2017.

Type of Request: Extension with a revision.

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 lenders. The basic 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 and 763 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.

The estimated total annual burden hours are amended due to the EZ Guarantee Program and the Micro Lender Program (MLP), which reduced the information collection requirements. Therefore, the burden hours are being provided currently in this request for OMB approval. The annual responses have been reduced by 23,764 while the burden hours reduced by 33,340 hours in the request.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per responses multiplied by the estimated total annual of responses.

Estimate of Average Time to Respond: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 0.9989 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The average travel time, which is included in the total annual

burden, is estimated to be 1 hour per respondent.

Type of Respondents: Businesses or other for-profits and Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,585.

Estimated Average Number of Responses Per Respondent: 15.308.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 220,213.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.9989.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 220,213 hours.

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

(1) Evaluate 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;

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

(3) Evaluate the quality, utility and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who respond 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 where provided, will be made a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

Val Dolcini,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2016-0049]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives

AGENCY: Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request.

SUMMARY: The Office of Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services are sponsoring a public meeting on February 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions discussed at the 49th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Macao SAR, China March 20-24, 2017. The USDA Office of Food Safety and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 49th Session of the CCFA and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place in Rooms 1A-001 and 1A-002, The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Harvey Wiley Federal Building, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740.

Documents related to the 49th Session of the CCFA will be accessible via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

The U.S. Delegate to the 49th Session of the CCFA, Paul Honigfort, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: ccfa@fda.hhs.gov.

Registration: Attendees may register by emailing ccfa@fda.hhs.gov by February 14, 2017. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building and its parking area. If you require parking, please include the vehicle make and tag number when you register. Because the meeting will be held in a Federal building, you should also bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through security screening systems. Attendees that are not able to attend the meeting in-person but wish to participate may do so by phone. Those wishing to participate by phone should request the call-in number and conference code when they register for the meeting.

For further information about the 49th Session of the CCFA contact: Paul Honigfort, Ph.D., Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Food Contact Notifications, Office of Food Additive Safety, U.S. Food and Drug Administration 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740, Telephone: (240) 402-1206, Fax: (301) 436-2965, email: Paul.Honigfort@fda.hhs.gov.