

production and utilization. Livestock, Poultry, and Grain market news provides a timely exchange of accurate and unbiased information on current marketing conditions (supply, demand, prices, trends, movement, and other information) affecting trade in livestock, poultry, meats, eggs, grain, hay and wool. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), this nationwide market news program is conducted in cooperation with approximately 28 State departments of agriculture.

*Need and Use of the Information:*

AMS will collect information on estimation of the current day's slaughter at their plant(s) and the actual slaughter of the previous day. The report is used to make market outlook projections and maintain statistical data. The up-to-the-minute reports collected and disseminated by professional market reporters are intended to provide both buyers and sellers with the information necessary for making intelligent, informed marketing decisions, thus putting everyone in the marketing system in an equal bargaining position. Since the government is a large purchaser of meat, a system to monitor the collection and reporting of data is needed. Collecting this information less frequently would hinder the timely use of this data.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 58.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Weekly; Other: Daily.

*Total Burden Hours:* 502.

**Charlene Parker,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

October 19, 2017.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including

the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC; New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by November 24, 2017. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**National Agricultural Statistics Service**

*Title:* Honey and Honey Bee Surveys.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0153.

*Summary of Collection:* The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) primary function is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, products, prices and disposition. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. Domestic honeybees are critical to the pollination of U.S. crops, especially fruits, some nuts, vegetables and some specialty crops. Africanized bees, colony collapse disorder, parasites, diseases, and pesticides threaten the survival of bees. Programs are provided by federal, State and local governments to assist in the survival of bees and to encourage beekeepers to maintain bee colonies.

With this renewal NASS is incorporating the two surveys (operations with fewer than 5 colonies and operations with 5 or more colonies) conducted under the 0535-0255 Colony

Loss collection with the honey production surveys included in this docket. NASS is also revising the title of this collection to Honey and Honey Bee Surveys.

*Need and Use of the Information:*

NASS will collect information on the number of colonies, honey production, stocks, and prices from beekeepers with five or more honey bee colonies and from a sampling of beekeepers that have less than five colonies. The survey will provide data needed by the Department and other government agencies to administer programs and to set trade quotas and tariffs. Without the information agricultural industry would not be aware of changes at the State and national level.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 19,025.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 10,274.

**Charlene Parker,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Montana Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** 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 Montana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 11:00 a.m. (MDT) on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, via teleconference. The purpose of the meeting is continue to plan to hear testimony on border town discrimination issues in Montana.

**DATES:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. (MDT).

**ADDRESSES:** To be held via teleconference:

*Conference Call Toll-Free Number:* 1-877-419-6600, Conference ID: 5627103.

*TDD:* Dial Federal Relay Service 1-800-977-8339 and give the operator the above conference call number and conference ID.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Evelyn Bohor, *ebohor@uscrr.gov*, 303-866-1040.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public may listen to the

discussion by dialing the following Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1-877-419-6600; Conference ID: 5627103. Please be advised that before being placed into the conference call, the operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and an email address (if available) prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free phone number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-977-8339 and provide the FRS operator with the Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1-877-419-6600, Conference ID: 5627103. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by Friday, November 24, 2017. Written comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13-201, Denver, CO 80294, faxed to (303) 866-1050, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at [ebohor@usccr.gov](mailto:ebohor@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (303) 866-1040.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <https://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=259> and clicking on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also 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 advised to go to the Commission's Web site, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

#### Agenda

- Welcome and Roll-call  
Gwen Kircher, Chair, Montana Advisory Committee
- Introductions
- Brief update on Commission and Region Activities
- Discuss current civil rights issues of importance in the state
- Next Steps
- Open Comment

*Exceptional Circumstance:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the

exceptional circumstance of limited staffing and no DFO availability.

Dated: October 19, 2017.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 170912889-7889-01]

#### Annual Business Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of consideration and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is considering a proposal to conduct an Annual Business Survey (ABS). Based on information and recommendations received by the Census Bureau, we understand that the data have significant application to the needs of other government agencies and the public. The ABS will provide the only comprehensive data on business owner demographics and business characteristics, including financing, research and development (for microbusinesses), and innovation. These data are not publicly available from nongovernment or other governmental sources.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before November 24, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct all written comments to Aneta Erdie, U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Reimbursable Surveys Division (ERD), 6H139, Washington, DC 20233-6600, (301) 763-4841, [Aneta.Erdie@census.gov](mailto:Aneta.Erdie@census.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Patrice Norman, U.S. Census Bureau, ERD, 8K151, Washington, DC 20233-6600, (301) 763-7198, [Patrice.C.Norman@census.gov](mailto:Patrice.C.Norman@census.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau, with support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), is considering a plan to conduct an ABS for the 2017-2021 survey years. The Proposed ABS will be conducted under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131, and 182; and Title 42, United States Code, Sections 1861-76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended). The ABS is

a new survey designed to combine Census Bureau firm-level collections to reduce respondent burden, increase data quality, reduce operational costs, and operate more efficiently. The ABS replaces the five-year Survey of Business Owners (SBO) for employer businesses, the Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs (ASE), and the Business Research and Development (R&D) and Innovation for Microbusinesses (BRDI-M) surveys. The SBO has been conducted as part of the economic census every five years since 1972 to collect selected economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status for both employer and nonemployer businesses. The ASE was conducted for three reference years (2014, 2015, and 2016) as a supplement to the SBO to provide more frequent data on economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status for employer businesses. The BRDI-M survey was first fielded in 2016 as an expansion to the Business R&D and Innovation Survey (BRDI-S) to measure firm innovation and investigate the incidence of R&D activities in growing sectors, such as small business enterprises not covered by BRDI-S.

Government program officials, industry organization leaders, economic and social analysts, business entrepreneurs, and domestic and foreign researchers in academia, business, and government will use statistics from the new ABS. Estimates produced on owner demographic data may be used to assess business assistance needs in order to allocate available program resources, and to create a framework for planning, directing, and assessing programs that promote the activities of disadvantaged groups. Estimates also may be used to assess minority-owned businesses by industry and area; to educate industry associations, corporations, and government entities; to analyze business operations in comparison to similar firms; to compute market share; and, to assess business growth and future prospects. Estimates produced on R&D and innovation may be used to compare R&D costs across industries, determine where R&D activity is conducted geographically, and identify the types of businesses with R&D. Estimates may be used to contribute to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) system of national accounts; to increase investments in research and development; to strengthen education and encourage entrepreneurship; and to