

**Forest Service**

*Title:* Generic Information Collection and Clearance of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

*OMB Control Number:* 0596-0226.

*Summary of Collection:* Executive Order 12862 directs Federal agencies to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. Improving Forest Service (FS) programs requires ongoing assessment of service delivery, by which we mean systematic review of the operation of a program compared to a set of explicit or implicit standards, as a means of contributing to the continuous improvement of the program.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between FS and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures

that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence, the results are likely to have such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit Institutions and State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,875,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 468,750.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

April 23, 2018.

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 May 29, 2018. 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:* Milk and Milk Products.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0020.

*Summary of Collection:* The National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) primary function is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices and disposition, and to collect information on related environmental, land values, farm numbers, and other economic factors. Estimates of milk production and manufactured dairy products are an integral part of this program. Milk and dairy statistics are used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help administer price support programs and by the dairy industry in planning, pricing, and projecting supplies of milk and milk products. The general authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. The legislative actions which affect these surveys are the "Dairy Market Enhancement Act of 2000," U.S. Code Title 7, Section 1621, and Public Law 106-532 which changed the program from voluntary to mandatory for reporting the moisture content of cheddar cheese plus the price and quantity of cheddar cheese, butter, non-fat dry milk, and dry whey. In April 2012 the authority for collecting Dairy Product Prices was moved from NASS to the Agricultural Marketing Service. NASS will continue to collect milk production and manufactured dairy product data under this OMB approval.

*Need and Use of the Information:* NASS will collect information quarterly with the Milk Production Survey. The monthly 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, evaporated and condensed milk, dairy products, manufactured dry milk and manufactured whey products. Estimates of total milk production, number of milk

cow, and milk production per cow, are used by the dairy industry in planning, pricing, and projecting supplies of milk and milk products. The mandatory dairy product information reporting requires each manufacturer to report 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. Collecting data less frequently would prevent USDA and the agricultural industry from keeping abreast of changes at the State and National level.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 18,850.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Quarterly; Monthly; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 13,081.

**Ruth Brown,**

Departmental Information Collection  
Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2018-0011]

#### Notice of Availability of Proposed Changes to the Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program Standards

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

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment  
period.

**SUMMARY:** We are extending the  
comment period for our notice of  
availability of a revised version of the  
Chronic Wasting Disease Herd  
Certification Program Standards. This  
action will allow interested persons  
additional time to prepare and submit  
comments.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments  
that we receive on or before May 30,  
2018.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to  
<http://www.regulations.gov/>  
*#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0011.*

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*  
Send your comment to Docket No.

APHIS-2018-0011, 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-2018-0011](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0011) 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:** Dr.  
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494-7380.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On March 29, 2018, we published in  
the **Federal Register** (83 FR 13469-  
13470, Docket No. APHIS-2018-0011) a  
notice of availability of a revised version  
of the Chronic Wasting Disease Herd  
Certification Program Standards. These  
standards provide guidance on how to  
meet program and interstate movement  
requirements. The proposed revisions  
addressed concerns of State and  
industry participants about the existing  
standards.

Comments were required to be  
received on or before April 30, 2018. We  
are extending the comment period on  
Docket No. APHIS-2018-0011 for an  
additional 30 days. This action will  
allow interested persons additional time  
to prepare and submit comments.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 8301-8317; 7 CFR  
2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 20th day of  
April 2018.

**Michael C. Gregoire,**

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) for the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) for Fiscal Year 2018

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service  
(Agency), an agency within the USDA  
Rural Development mission area,  
announces the acceptance of  
applications under the Rural  
Community Development Initiative  
(RCDI) program. Applicants must

provide matching funds in an amount at  
least equal to the Federal grant. These  
grants will be made to qualified  
intermediary organizations that will  
provide financial and technical  
assistance to recipients to develop their  
capacity and ability to undertake  
projects related to housing, community  
facilities, or community and economic  
development that will support the  
community.

This Notice lists the information  
needed to submit an application for  
these funds. This Notice announces that  
the Agency is accepting fiscal year (FY)  
2018 applications for the RCDI program.  
The Agency will publish the amount of  
funding received in the appropriations  
act on its website at [https://  
www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-  
solicitation-applications-nosas](https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas).

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of an  
application is 4 p.m. local time, June 25,  
2018. The application date and time are  
firm. The Agency will not consider any  
application received after the deadline.  
Applicants intending to mail  
applications must provide sufficient  
time to permit delivery on or before the  
closing deadline date and time.  
Acceptance by the United States Postal  
Service or private mailer does not  
constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX),  
electronic mail, and postage due  
applications will not be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Entities wishing to apply for  
assistance may download the  
application documents and  
requirements delineated in this Notice  
from the RCDI website: [http://  
www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/  
rural-community-development-  
initiative-grants](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants).

Application information for electronic  
submissions may be found at [http://  
www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

Applicants may also request paper  
application packages from the Rural  
Development office in their state. A list  
of Rural Development State offices  
contacts can be found via [https://  
www.rd.usda.gov/files/CF\\_State\\_Office\\_  
Contacts.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/CF_State_Office_Contacts.pdf).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The  
Rural Development office for the state in  
which the applicant is located. A list of  
Rural Development State Office contacts  
is provided at the following link:  
[https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/CF\\_State\\_  
Office\\_Contacts.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/CF_State_Office_Contacts.pdf).

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

The paperwork burden has been  
cleared by the Office of Management  
and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control  
Number 0575-0180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**