

producers, landowners, and communities can participate in USDA programs, funding, and other authorities related to climate-smart agriculture and forestry practices?

C. How can USDA ensure that programs, funding and financing capabilities, and other authorities related to climate-smart agriculture and forestry practices are implemented equitably?

Please provide information including citations and/or contact details for the correspondent when submitting comments to *Regulations.gov*.

**Seth Meyer,**

*Chief Economist, Office of the Chief Economist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2021-0008]

#### Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection; National Animal Health Monitoring System; On-Farm Monitoring of Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in U.S. Broiler Production Study

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

**ACTION:** New 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 approval of a new information collection associated with the National Animal Health Monitoring System's On-Farm Monitoring of Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in U.S. Broiler Production Study.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 17, 2021.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Enter APHIS-2021-0008 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2021-0008, 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 *regulations.gov* or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 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 NAHMS On-Farm Monitoring of Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in U.S. Broiler Production Study, contact Mr. Bill Kelley, Assistant Director, Program Coordination and Implementation, Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health, VS, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building B, Fort Collins, CO 80524; (970) 494-7270. For information on the information collection process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483; [joseph.moxey@usda.gov](mailto:joseph.moxey@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* National Animal Health Monitoring System; On-Farm Monitoring of Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in U.S. Broiler Production Study.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-XXXX.  
*Type of Request:* Approval of a new information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized to protect the health of the livestock, poultry, and aquaculture populations in the United States by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of serious diseases and pests of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture, and for eradicating such diseases and pests from the United States, when feasible. Within the USDA, this authority and mission is delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

In connection with this mission, APHIS operates the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS), which collects on a national basis, statistically valid and scientifically sound data on the prevalence and economic importance of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture disease risk factors. APHIS is the only agency responsible for collecting data on livestock, poultry, and aquaculture health. NAHMS' studies have evolved into a collaborative industry and Government initiative to help determine the most effective means of preventing and controlling diseases of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture. Participation

in any NAHMS study is voluntary, and all data are confidential.

APHIS plans to conduct the On-Farm Monitoring of Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in U.S. Broiler Production Study as part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. livestock, poultry, and aquaculture populations. This study will support the following objectives: (1) Measure and track trends in antimicrobial use (AMU) and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in broiler complexes within participating companies over time; (2) Evaluate the relationship between AMU patterns and AMR measured in select bacterial species collected; and (3) Quantify antimicrobial resistance genes in the litter of sampled broiler farms and examine the relationship between these quantities and antimicrobial use patterns.

This study is an information collection conducted by APHIS through a cooperative agreement with the University of Minnesota. The university completed previous work for APHIS under a different cooperative agreement in which APHIS received reports and completed analyses but not farm-level data. APHIS now seeks access to farm-level data that is presented in a manner in which the farms are not identified.

This study will monitor U.S. broiler operations for AMU, AMR, animal health and production practices, and the relationship between AMU, AMR, animal health, production practices, and changes over time. We will collect annual informed consent forms from producers, quarterly survey data, and litter samples from the same poultry complexes, and examine AMR in bacteria such as *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*. This study meets objectives for both the U.S. National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic Resistance (2015) and the USDA AMR National Action Plan (2013). Additionally, this information is an essential component in accomplishing one of APHIS' strategic goals, which is to safeguard American agriculture.

APHIS and the University of Minnesota will analyze and organize the information into one or more descriptive reports and scientific manuscripts, and for important or special topics, APHIS will develop and disseminate targeted information sheets to producers, stakeholders, academicians, veterinarians, and any other interested parties. This information benefits the poultry industry by supplying scientific estimates of AMU and stewardship by poultry producers and evaluation of the influence of these and other management practices on AMR.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for 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 burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Broiler producers.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 30.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 20.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 588.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 866 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 10th day of March 2021.

**Mark Davidson,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Form BC-170, U.S. Census Employment Application and Form BC-171, Additional Applicant Information**

**AGENCY:** Census Bureau, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the reinstatement, without change, of Form BC-170, U.S. Census Employment Application and Form BC-171, Additional Applicant Information, prior to the submission of the information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to Michael DeFrank, Chief, Management Services Branch at [Michael.A.DeFrank@census.gov](mailto:Michael.A.DeFrank@census.gov).

Please reference Form BC-170, U.S. Census Employment Application and Form BC-171, Additional Applicant Information in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC-2021-0006, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Michael A. DeFrank, Chief, Management Services Branch. Mr. DeFrank can be reached by telephone on 301-763-2864 or by email at [Michael.A.DeFrank@census.gov](mailto:Michael.A.DeFrank@census.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting to continue to use Form BC-170, U.S. Census Employment Application and Form BC-171, Additional Applicant Information. There are no changes requested to these forms at this time.

The Census Bureau uses these forms to collect applicant information. Selecting officials use Form BC-170 as part of the recruitment, assessment, and selection process for potential field employees. The form was used for the Decennial Census and will continue to be used for Current/Permanent Surveys, upcoming Special Censuses as well as Decennial Census tests. Applicants applying for Current/Permanent Survey positions will submit a paper version of these forms at no cost to the applicant. An online version of these forms will be used for Special Censuses and Decennial Census tests.

In 2018, Form BC-171, Additional Applicant Information replaced Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) common use from 3046-0046, Demographic Information on Applicants for Federal Employment to collect voluntary applicant data and is not used in the selection process.

The Census Bureau intends for applicants to access, complete, and submit both the BC-170 and BC-171 to human resources staff via an online applicant system for census jobs. The Census Bureau will continue to use a paper version of the BC-170 and BC-171 forms for applicants to complete and submit to the Regional Office for the Field Representative, Field Supervisor, and temporary clerical positions until an online version is available for this group of applicants. Lastly, the online version, paper forms and the online PDF format forms will be available in Spanish for Puerto Rico.

##### **II. Method of Collection**

All interested applicants submit the forms as described above.

##### **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0139.  
*Form Number(s):* BC-170 and BC-171.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission, Request for an Extension, without