

Obtaining OMB's approval of this new information collection enables AMS Grants Division to publish a Request for Applications (RFA) to establish application requirements, the review and approval process, and grant administration procedures, which will enable eligible entities to develop appropriate grant applications for the program so that AMS can adequately evaluate these new proposals and obligate the funds as required by the CAA.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comments Requested

May 13, 2021.

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: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by June 18, 2021.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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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.

### Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* Agritourism Directory.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581-New.

*Summary of Collection:* Under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*), AMS is responsible for conducting research to enhance market access for small and medium sized farmers. The role of the Marketing Services Division (MSD) of AMS is to facilitate distribution of U.S. agricultural products. The division identifies marketing opportunities, provides analysis to help take advantage of those opportunities and develops and evaluates strategies including methods to diversify farming operations of direct from farm-to-customer enterprises.

Definitions are listed below for the following terms used by AMS for the purposes of the Agritourism Directory: Agritourism directory, a working farm, ranch, aquaculture and agroforestry.

An agritourism directory is a list of working farms, ranches, aquaculture and agroforestry operations that provide education and recreation opportunities, active-involvement experiences (*e.g.*, farming activities, processing), as well as retailing and hospitality (*e.g.*, accommodations, dining) facilities and services for the enjoyment of visitors that generate supplemental income, create and grow farm product markets *i.e.*, for local foods, and build understanding of agriculture.

A working farm, ranch, aquaculture or agroforestry operation is defined as an area of land and buildings, or water (ponds, lakes, rivers, oceans), including within and around cities, that is currently being utilized to raise and grow domesticated animals, plants, trees, and freshwater and marine fish and shellfish, for food and beverages, including vegetables, fruits, herbs, meats, dairy products, oils, cereals, fish and shellfish, and products for direct sales to customers, and/or immediate consumption or enjoyment of customers, that are grown or processed there (*e.g.*, Christmas trees, pinyon seeds, ginseng, wool, wine, beer, cheeses, nursery plants).

This information will be used to build an agritourism directory describing the characteristics of agritourism operations on working farms.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The data from this information collection will be used to build a web-based

directory and describe the characteristics of agritourism enterprises in the United States. This directory will provide free advertisement to operators of agritourism enterprises and prospective customers as a service to the sector. There are no research objectives of this information collection. The agritourism directory will be utilized by individual customers seeking to learn more about farming operations and we anticipate will be utilized by various USDA agencies, State Departments of Agriculture, extension educators, industry stakeholders and trade associations.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 33.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Notice of Request for Emergency Extension

May 12, 2021.

In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Department of Agriculture (USDA) has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a three-month emergency extension of the following information collection: ICR 0570-0067, Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). The requested extension would enable the collection to remain active while USDA completes the pending PRA renewal process. No changes are being made to the reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

### Rural Business–Cooperative Service

*Title:* Rural Energy for America Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570-0067.

*Summary of Collection:* The PRA renewal process for this information collection is ongoing. To ensure that OMB approval of the current information collection remains active during the PRA renewal process, USDA has submitted a request to the OMB for a short-term emergency extension, to August 31, 2021.

On May 11, 2021 the Director, Regulations Management Division Innovation Center, Rural Development, USDA signed a memorandum to the Administrator of the Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB. The memorandum included a request for an emergency extension, explained the USDA's justification for an extension, and was electronically submitted to OMB on May 12, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 13, 2021.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by June 18, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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### Rural Utilities Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1726, Electric System Construction Policies and Procedures—Electric.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0107.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, (RE ACT) in Sec. 4 (7 U.S.C. 904) authorizes and empowers the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans in the several States and Territories of the United States for rural electrification and the furnishing and improving of electric energy to persons in rural areas. These loans are for a term of up to 35 years and are secured by a first mortgage on the borrower's electric system. In the interest of protecting loan security and accomplishing the statutory objective of a sound program of rural electrification, Section 4 of the RE Act further requires that RUS make or guarantee a loan only if there is reasonable assurance that the loan, together with all outstanding loans and obligations of the borrower, will be repaid in full within the time agreed. RUS will collect information using various RUS forms.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RUS will collect information to implement certain provisions of the RUS standard form of loan documents regarding the borrower's purchase of materials and equipment and the construction of its electric system by contract or force account. The use of standard forms and procurement procedures helps assure RUS that appropriate standards and specifications are maintained; agency loan security is not adversely affected; and loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purposes. The information will be used by RUS electric borrowers, their contractors and by RUS. If standard forms were not used, borrowers would need to prepare their own documents at a significant expense; and each document submitted by a borrower would require extensive and costly review by both RUS and the Office of the General Counsel.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 827.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting; On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 82.

*Title:* 7 CFR 1780, Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0121.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Utilities Service ("RUS"), an agency of the Rural Development ("RD"), United

States Department of Agriculture, is requesting OMB clearance of the reporting requirements relating to 7 CFR part 1780, the regulation utilized to administer the Water and Waste Loans and Grants program. In addition, RUS is seeking clearance for applicants applying under 7 CFR 1777, Section 306C Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grant," and 7 CFR 1778, "Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants", which follow 7 CFR 1780 for application requirements.

Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act ("CONACT"), 7 U.S.C. 1926, authorizes RUS to make loans and grants to public entities, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, and not-for-profit corporations. The loans and grants fund the development of drinking water, wastewater, solid waste disposal, and storm wastewater disposal facilities in rural areas with populations of up to 10,000 residents. A rural area is defined in the CONACT as any city, town, or unincorporated area consisting of no more than 10,000 residents. In addition to the development costs, 7 CFR 1780.9, Eligible loan and grant purposes, defines the associated costs that are eligible for reimbursement, such as reasonable engineering and legal expenses. The agency uses information submitted by applicant entities to determine eligibility and evaluate project feasibility.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RD state and field offices collect the information from applicants, borrowers, and consultants. They use the information to determine applicant eligibility and project feasibility. They also use the information to ensure that borrowers operate on a sound basis and use the loan and grant funds for authorized purposes as defined in statute and regulation.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 896.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting; On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 156,339.

*Title:* Servicing of Water Programs Loans and Grants.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0137.

*Summary of Collection:* Authority for servicing of Water Programs Loan and Grants is contained in Section 306e of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The information collected covers loan and grant servicing regulations, 7 CFR part 1782, which prescribes policies and responsibilities for servicing actions necessary in connection with Water and