

Title: Workforce Development Participant Tracking Form.

OMB Number: 0596–0247.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2022.

Type of Request: Extension with revisions of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Federal land management and other agencies are authorized to offer work and education programs for individuals in natural and cultural resources careers and experiences in partnership with conservation and service corps, and environmental and other organizations that contribute to the rehabilitation, restoration, and repair of public lands resources and infrastructure and climate adaptation and mitigation. Some of the applicable statutes and regulations include special hiring authorities, upon completion of certain requirements. This information collection request will enable participating agencies to capture required and other information that will aid in workforce development and job training for young people, returning veterans and others who are unemployed or underemployed, and to monitor compliance with statutory laws and associated hiring authorities. A primary, but not exclusionary, authorizing source for the information collection is 16 U.S.C. 1702–1727, chapter 37—Youth Conservation Corps, Public Lands Corps, Resource Assistants Program, and Indian Youth Service Corps. The Public Lands Corps is a work and education program involving the nation's land management agencies, conservation and service corps, and environmental organizations that contribute to the rehabilitation, restoration, and repair of public lands resources and infrastructures. Public Lands Corps projects provide opportunities for community and national public service, work experience and training for young people who are unemployed or underemployed persons, students, recent graduates, and others with an interest in natural and cultural resources careers.

The Workforce Development Participant Tracking Form supports the effective management of the Public Lands Corps and other workforce development programs hosted in partnership with public lands agencies. The utilization of a common form will: Assist federal agencies to uniformly collect information regarding work accomplished; track and monitor participant engagement to determine the completion of requirements for non-competitive hiring eligibility as defined in the Act; comply with statutory reporting requirements; inform effective

outreach strategies to underrepresented populations and marginalized communities consistent with efforts to promote inclusion priorities; and provide data about project activities that can be aggregated across federal agencies.

Information collected, such as participant demographic information, and project information, will allow the Forest Service and other agencies to monitor the effectiveness of federal efforts to meet the intent of the authorizing statutes, including the Public Lands Corps Act and the Administration's Civilian Climate Corps Initiative. It will allow the Forest Service and other agencies to engage under-represented populations in natural and cultural resource conservation jobs, development and scientific research work, and education on public lands. This information collection request will ensure that partners maintain a record of all workforce development agreements, grants and contracts established, participant demographics and education, project information and work hours, project locations and dates, and status of special hiring eligibilities conferred upon eligible participants.

Proposed Changes to Information Collection: Changes to the information collected will help monitor workforce development partnerships, training and performance outcomes grounded in justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion principles. These changes will also position agencies to begin monitoring Civilian Climate Change engagement pursuant to climate change and diversity objectives as defined in the Build Back Better Act of 2021. Land management and other federal agencies are working across boundaries to improve access for partners and reduce burden, streamline, and standardize reporting and collect data to inform evidence-based decision making and improvements by all parties. Changes to the form will be integrated with a web-based application for data entry and will include expanded demographics reported about veteran and special ability status genders, vocational and technical certifications, and education; enhanced project and type of work data; and better systems integration, interagency standards and checks and balances that improve integrity of systems and security of Personal Identifiable Information and program information.

Type of Respondents: Non-profit Organizations and Non-Federal Governmental entities.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 2; twice annually required. The application will be available for respondents to input data more frequently if they choose.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 500.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,000 hours.

Comment is Invited: Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection methods or forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission of the information collection request to Office of Management and Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request To Conduct a New Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to seek approval to conduct a new information collection to gather data regarding production practices, costs and returns, and contractor expenses. This data is currently being collected under OMB number 0535–0218.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 1, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535–NEW, by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- *eFax:* (855) 838–6382.

- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2024.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin L. Barnes, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–4333. Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from David Hancock, NASS—OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 690–2388 or at ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Agricultural Resource Management phase 3 Economic Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535–NEW.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to create a new information collection for a period of three years.

Abstract: The Agricultural Resource Management Survey(s) (ARMS) are the primary source of information for the U.S. Department of Agriculture on a broad range of issues related to:

Production practices, costs and returns, and contractor expenses. Data are collected on both a whole farm level and on selected commodities. This Notice and information collection will focus on the ARMS phase 3 Economic Surveys, previously included in the Agricultural Resource Management and Chemical Use Surveys Information Collection Request (OMB Control Number 0535–0218).

The ARMS phase 3 Economic Surveys are the only annual source of information available for objective evaluation of many critical issues related to agriculture and the rural economy, such as: Annual whole farm finance data, including data sufficient to construct estimates of income for farms by: Type of operation, loan commodities, income for operator households, credit, structure, and organization; marketing information; and other economic data on input usage, production practices, and crop substitution possibilities.

Data from ARMS are used to produce estimates of net farm income by type of commercial producer as required in 7 U.S.C. 7998 as amended and estimates of enterprise production costs as required in 7 U.S.C. 1441(a) as amended. Data from ARMS are also used as weights in the development of the Prices Paid Index, a component of the Parity Index referred to in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended. These indexes are used to calculate the annual federal grazing fee rates as described in the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 and Executive Order 12548 and as promulgated in regulations found at 36 CFR 222.51, as amended.

In addition, ARMS is used to produce estimates of sector-wide production

expenditures and other components of income that are used in constructing the estimates of income and value-added which are transmitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, by the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) for use in constructing economy-wide estimates of Gross Domestic Product. This transmittal of data, prepared using the ARMS, is undertaken to satisfy a 1956 agreement between the Office of Management and Budget, and the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce that a single set of estimates be published on farm income.

In this approval request for the next three years; the ARMS 3 surveys will overlap with the 2022 Census of Agriculture (conducted in 2023, OMB Control Number 0535–0226) and the Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL, OMB Control Number 0535–0240) which will be conducted in 2024. In January 2023, the farm operators selected to complete the ARMS phase 3 survey will have the option of completing either the ARMS 3 questionnaire or the Census of Agriculture, but will not have to do both. The ARMS phase 3 questionnaire contains the same essential questions as the Census.

In 2024, farm operators who are selected to complete the ARMS phase 3 and the TOTAL survey will have the option of completing the ARMS 3 questionnaire and not having to complete the TOTAL survey. The ARMS phase 3 questionnaire contains the same essential questions as the TOTAL.

The commodity specific questionnaire versions that are scheduled to be conducted in the next three years are included in the following table.

Crop year	Survey	Target commodity	Reference year	Year survey is conducted
2022	ARMS phase 3	CRR/Censes	2022	2023
		wheat	2022	2023
2023	ARMS phase 3	CRR	2023	2024
		soybeans	2023	2024
		oats	2023	2024
		peanuts	2023	2024
		broilers	2023	2024
2024	ARMS phase 3	TOTAL	2024	2025

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is

submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (at 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320.

All NASS employees and NASS contractors must also fully comply with all provisions of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical

Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2018, Title III of Public Law 115–435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35. CIPSEA supports NASS's pledge of confidentiality to all respondents and facilitates the agency's efforts to reduce burden by supporting statistical activities of collaborative agencies through designation of NASS

agents, subject to the limitations and penalties described in CIPSEA.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 95 minutes per respondent.

Respondents: Farmers, ranchers, farm managers, farm contractors, and farm households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Up to 40,100 respondents will be sampled each year for the ARMS phase 3 Economic Surveys.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Up to 64,000 hours per year.

Comments: Comments are invited on:

- (a) 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;
- (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological or other forms of information technology collection methods.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, November 10, 2021.

Kevin L. Barnes,
Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request To Conduct a New Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to seek approval to conduct a new information collection to gather data on production practices and chemical use. These surveys are funded by State Departments of Agriculture, land grant universities, and other

organizations with which NASS has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). These surveys were previously included in the ARMS (OMB Control Number 0535-0218) docket and are being moved into a standalone docket for ease of processing.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cooperator Funded Chemical Use Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535-NEW.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to create a new information collection for a period of three years.

Abstract: The chemical use data collection activities in this clearance request would be conducted through cooperative agreements with State Departments of Agriculture, land-grant universities, or other organizations with which NASS has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Previously, these collections were included in the Agricultural Resource Management and Chemical Use Surveys Information Collection Request (OMB Control Number 0535-0218). These cooperator funded chemical use surveys are being separated out to allow flexibility for survey changes and possible new surveys without affecting the surveys funded through USDA's Congressional appropriation. The surveys in the Information Collection Request allow flexibility for the cooperators to best

address current trends in the farming industry within States.

The Field Crop Production Practice and Chemical Use Surveys in this request will be conducted on an established schedule depending on funding from the cooperators:

- Maryland Department of Agriculture,
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture,
- Mississippi State University Extension Service,
- Illinois Department of Agriculture, and
- Other State Department of Agriculture, land grant university, or other organization with a cooperative agreement with NASS.

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (at 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320.

All NASS employees and NASS contractors must also fully comply with all provisions of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2018, Title III of Public Law 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35. CIPSEA supports NASS's pledge of confidentiality to all respondents and facilitates the agency's efforts to reduce burden by supporting statistical activities of collaborative agencies through designation of NASS agents, subject to the limitations and penalties described in CIPSEA.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 30 minutes per survey.

Respondents: Farmers, ranchers, farm managers, farm contractors, and farm households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 35,000 respondents will be sampled each year for the Cooperator Funded Chemical Use Surveys.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Approximately 15,000 hours per year.

Comments: Comments are invited on:

- (a) 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;
- (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection