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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA–2022–0011]

Information Collection Request; In-Person and Online Registration for FSA-Hosted Events and Conferences

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a revision and an extension of the information collection associated with online and in-person registration for FSA-hosted events and conferences. The information collection is needed for FSA to obtain information from the respondents who register on the internet to access and make preparation for participation in events, and when necessary, to make payment and reservations to attend any FSA-hosted conferences and events. Additionally, the demographic data collected through this information collection assists FSA in monitoring its outreach and engagement of farmers and ranchers.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by November 21, 2022.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on the information collection request. You may submit comments by any of the following methods, although FSA prefers that you submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID FSA–2022–0004. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail, Hand-Delivery, or Courier:* Farm Service Agency, USDA, Kaley Grimland, Program Analyst, 1400 Independence Avenue, Mail Stop 0539 SW, Washington, DC 20250. In your comment, specify the docket ID FSA–2022–0011.

All comments will be posted without change and publicly available on *https://www.regulations.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kaley Grimland telephone: 831–975–7769; email: *Kaley.Grimland@usda.gov.* Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: In-Person and Online Registration for FSA-hosted Events and Conferences.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0226.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2022.

Type of Request: Extension with a Revision.

Abstract: The collection of information is needed for FSA to obtain information from the respondents who register on the internet to access participation in events, and when necessary, to make payment and reservations to attend any FSA-hosted conferences and events. They can register on FSA's Online Registration site on the internet. Respondents who do not have access to the internet can register by mail or fax. The information is collected by the FSA employees who host the conferences and events. FSA is collecting common elements from interested respondents such as name, organization, address, country, phone number, email address, State, city or town, payment options (credit card, check), special accommodations requests and how the respondent learned of the conference. The information collection element may also include race, ethnicity, gender and veteran status, and new farmer status. The respondents are mainly individuals who will attend the FSA-hosted conferences or events. The information is primarily used to assess attendance and assist FSA staff in preparations to serve individuals registering for online or in person events. If applicable, the information collection may be used to collect payment from the respondents and make hotel reservations and other special arrangements as necessary. Race, ethnicity, gender, and other demographic information obtained through registration is voluntary, and is used to monitor FSA's outreach and engagement of farmers and ranchers, including historically underserved farmers and ranchers. FSA defines historically underserved as a community made up of a group whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. Those groups include African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders and women. This information is not used to evaluate any FSA program application and choosing not to provide this information will not affect the application process for any individual applying to an FSA program.

The burden hours increased by 41,025 hours due to the revamped and improved registration format. FSA intends to obtain manual registration at in-person outreach events, which has not previously been done, and has also increased the number of on-line outreach events requiring registration. The number of respondents and responses increased by 549,100 so the total number of 550,000 is currently reflected in the request.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hour is the estimated average time per responses hours multiplied by the estimated total annual of responses.

Estimate of Annual Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.075 hours per response. (4.5 minutes).

Type of Respondents: Individuals, Business or other for-profit, non-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 550,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual of Responses: 550,000.

Estimated Average Time per Responses: 0.075 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 41,250 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) 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.

All responses to this notice, including name and addresses when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

William Marlow,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID: FSA–2022–0012]

Information Collection Requests; Direct Loan Making; Direct Loan Servicing-Regular; Servicing Minor Program Loans

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a revision of three currently approved information collection associated with Direct Loan Making Program, Direct Loan Servicing—Regular and Servicing Minor Program Loans. For Direct Loan Making, the collected information is used in eligibility and feasibility determinations on farm loan applications. In the Direct Loan Servicing—Regular, the information is used to determine borrower compliance with loan agreements, assist the borrower in achieving business goals, and regular servicing of the loan account such as graduation, subordination, partial release, and use of proceeds. In Servicing Minor Program Loans, the information collected is used to perform routine and special servicing actions for loans authorized and serviced under FSA's Minor Loan Program.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by November 21, 2022.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments in response to this notice. FSA prefers that the comments are submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, identified by Docket ID No. FSA–2022–0012, go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for docket ID FSA–2022–0012. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

All comments received will be posted without change and made publicly available on *www.regulations.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to the collection activities or to obtain a copy of the information collection request: For the Direct Loan Making Program please contact Raenata Walker-Cohen; telephone; (202) 205–0682; email: *raenata.walker-cohen@usda.gov*; for Direct Loan Servicing—Regular or Servicing Minor Program Loans, please contact Lee Nault, (202) 720–6834; *lee.nault@usda.gov*. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice) or (844) 433–2774 (toll-free nationwide).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Farm Loan Programs, Direct Loan Making.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0237.

Type of Request: Revision.

Abstract: FSA's Farm Loan Programs provide loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment, and to finance agricultural production. Direct Loan Making (including Direct Farm Ownership Microloan (DFOML)) regulations in 7 CFR part 764 provide the requirements and process for determining an applicant's eligibility for a direct loan.

FSA will be streamlining and simplifying the forms and application process to follow the Executive Order 14058—Transforming Federal Customer Experience and Service Delivery to Rebuild Trust in Government. Thus, the form FSA–2001, ''Request for Direct Loan Assistance'' has been amended to consolidate the current loan application package into one, simplified, concise form.

The following forms will also be consolidated and will no longer be required as a part of a complete direct loan application. Those forms are not being rendered obsolete because those forms are being used for the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL) that was exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act (7 U.S.C. 9091(c)(2)(B)) and not accounted for in the burden hours in the request. FSA–2330, Request for Microloan Assistance; FSA–2002, Three Year Financial History; FSA–2003, Three Year Production History; FSA–2004, Authorization to Release Information; FSA–2005, Creditor List; FSA–2006, Property Owned and Leased; FSA–2037, Farm Business Plan Worksheet/Balance Sheet; FSA–2038, Farm Business Plan Worksheet/Projected/Actual Income & Expense; and FSA–2302, Description of Farm Training and Experience.

As it relates solely to the form FSA–2001, the burden hours are projected to increase due to the consolidation of multiple forms into one. The burden hours of the package in its entirety are expected to increase by 61,661 while decreasing the estimated annual number of responses by 135,668.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hour is the estimated average time per responses hours multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of Average Time to Respond: Public reporting burden for the information collection is estimated to average 0.4968 hours per response.

Type of Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit farms.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 189,772.

Estimated Number of Reponses per Respondent: 2.97.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 562,726.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.4968 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 279,588 hours.

Title: Farm Loan Programs—Direct Loan Servicing—Regular.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0236.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2023.

Type of Request: Revision.

Abstract: FSA's Farm Loan Programs provide loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment, and finance agricultural production. Direct Loan Servicing—Regular, as specified in 7 CFR part 765, provides the requirements related to routine servicing actions associated with direct loans. FSA is required to actively supervise its borrowers and provide credit counseling, management advice and financial guidance. Additionally, FSA must document that credit is not available to the borrower from commercial credit sources in order to maintain eligibility for assistance. Information collections established in the regulation are necessary for FSA to monitor and account for loan security, including proceeds derived from the