

focus on operations in areas of high poultry density and, given the outcome of the sampling, operations in close proximity (less than 1-mile radius) to larger commercial operations; and (3) describe producer preparedness for animal health emergencies, including highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The study will consist of one phase in collaboration with the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). A survey will be administered to small enterprise chicken table egg layers, broilers, and meat turkey operations in all States, with a focus on smaller poultry operations in close proximity to large commercial operations. The survey will be administered with three options for completion, which are mail, web (internet), or telephone call by NASS enumerators.

The information collected through the study will be analyzed and organized into a descriptive report. Several information sheets will be derived from these reports and disseminated by NAHMS to producers, stakeholders, academia, veterinarians, and other interested parties. The collected data will be used to: (1) Establish national and regional production measures for producer, veterinary, and industry references; (2) predict or detect national and regional trends in disease emergence and movement; (3) address emerging issues; (4) aid in disease preparedness; (5) evaluate biosecurity practices of small enterprise producers and determine what sort of informational resources may be most useful for this population; (6) provide estimates of both outcome (disease or other parameters) and exposure (risks and components) variables that can be used in analytic studies in the future by NAHMS; (7) provide input into the design of surveillance systems for specific diseases; and (8) provide parameters for animal disease spread models.

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 0.35 hours per response.

Respondents: Small enterprise chicken table-egg layer, chicken broiler, and turkey operations. This includes chicken table-egg layer operations with inventories of 1,000 to 74,999 head, chicken broiler operations that sold or moved 1,000 to 99,999 head in the last year, and turkey operations that sold or moved 1,000 to 29,999 head in the last year.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 5,525.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 5,525.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,947 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 3rd day of December 2024.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Economic Research Service (ERS), US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to request renewal of currently approved information collection; request to comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-12), this notice announces the intention of the Economic Research Service (ERS) to request extension of a

currently approved information collection, the Generic Clearance for Survey Research Studies, OMB Number 0536-0073.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by February 18, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to *julie.parker3@usda.gov* and *ers.pra@usda.gov* identified by docket number 0536-0073.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Julie Parker at *julie.parker3@usda.gov* or 202-868-7945.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of collection: Generic Clearance for Survey Research Studies.

OMB Control Number: 0536-0073.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2025.

Type of Request: Intent to Seek Approval to Extend an Information Collection for 3 Years.

Abstract: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the ERS' intention to request renewal of approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a generic clearance that will allow ERS to rigorously develop, test, and evaluate its survey methodologies, instruments, and administration. The mission of ERS is to provide economic and other social science information and analysis for public and private decisions on agriculture, food, natural resources, and rural America. This request is part of an on-going initiative to improve ERS data product quality, as recommended by both its own guidelines and those of OMB. The purpose of this generic clearance is to allow ERS to evaluate, adopt, and use state-of-the-art and multi-disciplinary research to improve and enhance the quality of its current data collections. This clearance will also be used to aid in the development of new surveys. It will help to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. ERS envisions using a variety of survey improvement techniques, as appropriate to the individual project under investigation. These include focus groups, market

analysis, cognitive and usability laboratory and field techniques, exploratory interviews, behavior coding, and respondent debriefing. Following standard OMB requirements, ERS will inform OMB individually in writing of the purpose, scope, time frame, and number of burden hours used for each survey improvement or development project it undertakes under this generic clearance. ERS will also provide OMB with a copy of the data collection instrument (if applicable), and all other materials describing the project.

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of US Code (U.S.C.) 7 U.S.C. 2204(a) General duties of Secretary, advisory functions, research and development and 7 U.S.C 6971, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, as implemented under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 7 CFR 2.21 which delegates to the Under Secretary, as Chief Scientist, the responsibility for agricultural systems and technology, including emerging agricultural research, education, and extension needs. The data collected are for nonstatistical purposes and not for public dissemination. ERS intends to protect respondent information under the Privacy Act of 1974, Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, and 7 U.S.C. 2276.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for these collections of information is estimated to average from .5 to 2 hours per respondent, depending upon the information collection and the technique used to test for that particular collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households, farms, and businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1,815.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,630 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of ERS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of ERS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information for respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) 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.

Spiro Stefanou,

*Administrator, Economic Research Service,
United States Department of Agriculture.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Generic Clearance for the Fast Track Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This collection is an extension, without change, of a currently approved collection to collect qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient and timely manner.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the proposed information collection 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Jamia Franklin, Planning and Regulatory Affairs Office, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be sent via email to Jamia.Franklin@usda.gov and. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Jamia Franklin at (703) 305–2403 or via email at Jamia.Franklin@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FNS Generic Clearance for the FNS Fast Track Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback.

OMB Number: 0584–0611.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2025.

Type of Request: Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection request.

Abstract: The proposed information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient and timely manner. By “qualitative feedback,” we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys yielding quantitative results that can be generalized to the population. This feedback will continue to: (1) provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, (2) provide an early warning of issues with service and, (3) focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. This collection allows for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It also allows feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback targets areas such as: timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses are assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services will be unavailable.

The Agency will continue to only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per