

OMB Control Number: 0572-0114.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or the Agency) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, and water and wastewater facilities in rural areas. Loan programs are managed in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, and as prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivable, which states that agencies must, based on a review of a loan application, determine that an applicant complies with statutory, regulatory, and administrative eligibility requirements for loan assistance.

Need and Use of the Information: Rural Development is committed to meeting the requirements of the E-Government Act, which requires Government agencies in general to provide the public the option of submitting information or transacting business electronically to the maximum extent possible. There is no feasible alternative to requiring that the information be submitted to the Agency via hard copy, at this time, with computer generated charts and graphs as supporting data where appropriate. Borrowers use their own software to prepare letters, board resolutions, and supporting analysis. The relatively small number of respondents does not make it financially feasible to automate this collection of information.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 31.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Solicitation of nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking nominations to fill fourteen (14)

positions for the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (Council). The Council advises the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA Forest Service, and related Federal agencies on community and urban forestry, related natural resources, and other such matters as the Secretary determines.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted via email (preferred), or postmarked, by February 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations and resumes to the Secretary of Agriculture through the USDA Forest Service, Nancy Stremple, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), nancy.stremple@usda.gov, Subject line: 2026 NUCFAC Nominations (preferred), or mail to USDA Forest Service, Nancy Stremple, DFO, 201 14th and Independence SW, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries may be sent to Nancy Stremple, DFO, nancy.stremple@usda.gov or mailed to USDA Forest Service, Nancy Stremple, DFO, 201 14th and Independence SW, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is authorized through 16 U.S.C. 2105, section 9 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1990 (ACT) as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. 10), directs the Secretary of Agriculture to create a fifteen member National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council consisting of fairly balanced representation from urban and community forestry:

- 2 members representing national nonprofit forestry and conservation citizen organizations,
- 3 members, 1 each representing State, county, and city and town governments,
- 1 member representing the forest products, nursery, or related industries,
- 1 member representing urban forestry, landscape, or design consultants,
- 2 members representing academic institutions with expertise in urban and community forestry activities,
- 1 member representing State forestry agencies or equivalent State agencies,
- 1 member representing a professional renewable natural resources or arboricultural society,
- 1 member from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture,
- 1 member representing the USDA Forest Service,
- 2 members who are not officers or employees of any governmental body, 1 of whom is a resident of a community with a population of less than 50,000 as

of the most recent census and both of whom have expertise and have been active in urban and community forestry.

The Forest Service position is not open for nomination.

The Council's primary responsibilities include: (1) Develop a 10 year National Urban and Community Forestry Action Plan in accordance with section 9 (g) (3) (A-F) of the Act; (2) Evaluate the implementation of that plan annually; and (3) Develop criteria for, and submit recommendations with respect to, the Forest Service's National Urban and Community Forestry challenge cost-share grant program as required by section 9 (f) (1-2) of the Act. The Council will be governed by the provisions of FACA. Council members serve a three (3) year term and may be reappointed for a second and final three-year term.

Membership Nomination Information

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Interested candidates may nominate themselves. Individuals who wish to be considered for membership on the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council must submit a nomination with information, including an encrypted background disclosure form (Form AD-755). Nominations should be typed and include the following:

1. If nominating an individual, a brief summary, no more than two pages, explaining the nominee's qualifications to serve on the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council and addressing the applicable membership composition and criteria described above.

2. A resume providing the nominee's background, experience, and educational qualifications related to the position(s) they are applying for.

3. Required background information form. A completed Advisory Committee Background Information form (AD-755) signed and encrypted by the nominee is available online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755-advisory-committee-commodity-board-background-information.pdf>.

4. Letters of recommendations or endorsements are optional.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Council.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or

administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (for example, Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language) should contact the State or local Agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: January 12, 2026.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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 request revision and

extension of a currently approved information collection, the Cotton Ginning Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 16, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0220, by any of the following methods:

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

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

- *E-fax:* (855) 838-6382.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jody R. McDaniel, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-2707. Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from NASS OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-2206 or at ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cotton Ginning Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0220.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2026.

Type of Request: To revise and extend a currently approved information collection for a period of three years.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to collect, prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition as well as economic statistics, environmental statistics related to agriculture and also to conduct the Census of Agriculture. The Cotton Ginning surveys provide cotton ginning statistics from August through May by State. Data collected consists of bales of cotton ginned to date, cotton to be ginned, lint cotton produced, cottonseed produced, cottonseed sold to oil mills, cottonseed used for other uses, number of gins by type, and bales produced by county of origin. The forecasting procedure involves calculating a weighted percent gained to date as well as an allowance for cross-state movement and bale weight adjustments. Production by State allows adjustments for year-end State and county estimates. The total pounds of lint cotton produced are used to

calculate the actual bale weight, enhancing the precision of production estimates.

Authority: These data will be collected under 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 as amended, 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, Public Law 104-13 (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: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to be between 10 to 15 minutes per respondent per survey.

Respondents: Active Cotton Gins.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,300 hours.

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, including 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.