

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the regulations related to the control of chronic wasting disease in farmed or captive cervid herds, contact Dr. Tracy Nichols, Ruminant Health Center (Cervid Health), Strategy and Policy, Veterinary Services, 2150 Centre Ave., Building B, MS 2E6, Fort Collins, CO 80526-8117; (970) 494-7380; [Tracy.a.nichols@usda.gov](mailto:Tracy.a.nichols@usda.gov). For more information on the information collection reporting process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851-2528 or email [APHIS.PRA@usda.gov](mailto:APHIS.PRA@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Control of Chronic Wasting Disease.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0189.

*Type of Request:* Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to protect the health of the United States' livestock and poultry populations by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of serious diseases and pests of livestock and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible.

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy of cervids (elk, deer, and moose) typified by chronic weight loss leading to death. The presence of CWD in cervids causes significant economic and market losses to U.S. producers. In an effort to control and limit the spread of this disease in the United States, APHIS created a cooperative, voluntary Federal-State-private sector CWD Herd Certification Program. The program is designed to identify farmed or captive herds infected with CWD and provide for the management of these herds in a way that will reduce the risk of spreading CWD. APHIS' Veterinary Services manages the CWD Herd Certification Program.

Owners of farmed or captive elk, deer, and moose herds who choose to participate in the Herd Certification Program need to follow program requirements for animal identification, testing, herd management, and movement of animals into and from herds. The regulations for this program are in 9 CFR part 55. APHIS also established requirements in 9 CFR part 81 for the interstate movement of elk, deer, and moose to reduce movement

that could pose a risk of spreading CWD.

The Herd Certification Program entails the use of information collection activities such as an APHIS Veterinary Services State application for chronic wasting disease herd certification program approval, renewal, or reinstatement; memoranda of understanding between APHIS and participating States; herd or premises plans; annual reports; State reviews; epidemiological investigations and reporting of out-of-State traces to affected States; reports of cervid suspects, escapes, disappearances, and deaths; inspections and inventories; a letter to appeal suspension, cancellation, or change in status; farmed, captive, and wild cervid identification, interstate certificates of veterinary inspection; surveillance data; inspection reports; cooperative agreements; laboratory worksheets; and recordkeeping.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years. APHIS has amended this information collection by decreasing the number of respondents responding resulting in a decrease of annual responses and total burden hours. In addition, APHIS has removed the following activities from this information collection:

- Lab Submission Reports/Testing (VS Form 10-4: Specimen Submission) (moved to another information collection).
- Appraisal, Destruction, and Payment of Indemnity (VS Form 1-23: Appraisal and Indemnity Claim) (moved to another information collection).
- CWD Inspection Report for Exemption on Testing Cervids Moved from an HCP Breeding Herd to a Hunting Preserve Under the Same Ownership.

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 3.24 hours per response.

*Respondents:* State animal health officials, laboratories, accredited veterinarians, and businesses managing farmed, captured, or wild cervid herds.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,588.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 32.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 50,156.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 162,510 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 13th day of January 2026.

**Michael Watson,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2025-0967]

#### Notice of Request for an Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Interstate Movement of Certain Land Tortoises

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the interstate movement of certain land tortoises.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 24, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Enter APHIS–2025–0967 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

• *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery*: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2025–0967, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the land tortoises program, contact Dr. Michael Carter, Commodity Policy Advisor, Strategy and Policy, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 1221 College Park Drive, Suite 200, Dover, DE 19904; (301) 536–5508; [Michael.a.carter@usda.gov](mailto:Michael.a.carter@usda.gov). For more information on the information collection reporting process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2528 or email [APHIS.PRA@usda.gov](mailto:APHIS.PRA@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Interstate Movement of Certain Land Tortoises.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579–0156.

*Type of Request:* Extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the dissemination of animal diseases and pests within the United States.

Currently, 9 CFR part 74 restricts the interstate movement of three tortoise species: The leopard tortoise, the African spurred tortoise, and the Bell's hingeback tortoise. APHIS implemented these restrictions in 2001 to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic ticks known to be vectors of heartwater disease, an acute, infectious disease of cattle and other ruminants.

Leopard, African spurred, and hingeback tortoises can be moved interstate for sale, health care, adoption, or export to another country only if they

are accompanied by a health certificate (also known as a certificate of veterinary inspection). The health certificate must be signed by a Federal or accredited veterinarian and must state that the tortoises have been examined by that veterinarian and found free of ticks within 30 days prior to movement.

Animal owners may use one of several different types of health certificates that are issued at the State level. All documents request the same data. Any may be used and submitted to APHIS.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 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 reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Accredited veterinarians, business owners, individuals.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 50.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 5.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 250.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 375 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 13th day of January 2026.

**Michael Watson,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food and Nutrition Service**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: OMB Generic Clearance for the Annual Survey of School Food Authorities**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (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 data collection is based on the currently approved *2023 Pulse Survey: Operational Challenges in Child Nutrition Program*, OMB Control No. 0584–0689, expiration date 12/31/2026. This revised collection will be renamed the *OMB Generic Clearance for the Annual Survey of School Food Authorities* and will be reclassified as a generic clearance to more accurately reflect the process under which FNS has submitted and OIRA has cleared revised annual School Food Authority (SFA) survey instruments. The studies encompassed under this information collection will collect data from SFAs administering the Child Nutrition Programs, including information on emerging and ongoing challenges, their impacts on operations and student participation, and strategies SFAs are undertaking to address challenges they face.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before March 24, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to: Conor McGovern, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Pl., 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be submitted via email to [Conor.McGovern@usda.gov](mailto:Conor.McGovern@usda.gov). Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://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