

area of interest (e.g., statistics, data, forecasting, commodity markets), and provide relevant information regarding the USDA economic and statistical programs. Respondents need not reply to all questions listed. Please ensure that you identify your answers as responses to a specific question(s).

Data Products and Data Sets

The following questions relate to official agricultural statistics produced through data collected from surveys, censuses, and other sources published by ERS and NASS.

1. Which NASS or ERS data (e.g., releases, reports, datasets) are most valuable to your work, and why?
2. What gaps exist in the agricultural data produced?
3. What new topic areas should USDA prioritize for data products?
4. How often should data and information be released or updated (e.g., annually, quarterly)?
5. What geographic granularity (e.g., national, state, county) for data best supports your work?
6. Are there NASS or ERS data products, data sets, and other relevant information that are duplicative, outdated, or underutilized? What improvements, changes or consolidations could be made (e.g., more timely, different data collection methods)?
7. Do you use non-USDA data to supplement data elements or variables of interest that are missing from NASS or ERS products? If yes, please specify which data sets you supplement and why. Do you use non-USDA data as a proxy for data elements that are missing from NASS or ERS products? If yes, please specify why you are using non-USDA data in conjunction with USDA data.
8. How could ERS and OCE-WAOB improve transparency about data sources, assumptions, or models used in data products?

Economic Research, Outlook, and Forecasts

The following questions relate to the economic research and outlook reports produced by ERS and the WASDE coordinated by OCE-WAOB.

9. Which ERS or OCE-WAOB research or analytical products (e.g., farm income, situation and outlook reports, ERS research reports, WASDE) are most valuable to your work, and how do you use them?
10. What emerging policy or economic issues should be addressed in ERS or OCE-WAOB economic analysis, outlook, and forecasts?
11. When using ERS or OCE-WAOB forecasts or research, are you more

likely to use raw data files, written analysis, or both? If you use one product type more than another, why?

12. How can ERS and OCE-WAOB better tailor the content to your needs?
13. How could ERS and OCE-WAOB improve transparency of the data sources, assumptions, methodology, or models used in economic forecasts?

Access, Tools, and Outreach

The following questions apply to all the products developed by ERS, NASS, and OCE-WAOB.

14. How do you currently access ERS, NASS, or OCE-WAOB data (e.g., Quick Stats, website, Application Programming Interfaces)? What challenges do you face when accessing data or research? What improvements would you suggest?
 15. What tools or formats would improve usability of ERS, NASS, and OCE-WAOB products (e.g., dashboards, machine-readable files, visualizations, downloadable tables)?
 16. Are there groups (e.g., beginning farmers, small businesses) that face challenges using ERS, NASS, and OCE-WAOB data and analytical products? How can we improve access?
 17. USDA produces a number of products associated with outlook and research output intended to increase the digestibility or access to statistical and research products. How useful are these associated products? These include NASS' QuickStats tool for accessing data, ERS products like the ERS Farm Income and Wealth Statistics, Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) data dissemination tool, Amber Waves or Charts of Note, WASDE data visualization, or other documents? What formats or presentation styles work best for your intended purpose?
 18. How do you assess the credibility and relevance of ERS, NASS, and OCE-WAOB data and analytical products compared to other providers (e.g., land-grant or private universities, commercial vendors)?
 19. Are there other data or analytical products or reports produced by other parts of USDA that you consider highly valuable, duplicative, or redundant? Are there any improvements that you would suggest to these data or analytical products or reports produced by other parts of USDA?
 20. What is the best way for ERS, NASS, and OCE-WAOB to receive ongoing feedback on its data and analysis? Are there groups or forums we should engage with more regularly?
- Responses to this RFI are voluntary. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response.

Responses should include the name of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the response. Please identify your answers by referring to a specific question number within the response. In order to best serve consumers of ERS, NASS, or OCE-WAOB data, please be sure to specify which program you would wish to provide feedback on and when discussing data, please be sure to indicate which data set you are referring to. This information is critical to improving the quality of information and data produced by these programs.

Responses to this RFI may be posted without change online. No proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information (PII) should be submitted in response to this RFI.

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a solicitation. There will be no response to individual submissions. Please note that the United States Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in a response. If submitting a response by mail, please allow sufficient time for mail processing.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by March 25, 2026 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Approval of Laboratories for Conducting Aquatic Animal Tests for Export Health: Certificates

OMB Control number: 0579–0429.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (APHA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The AHPA gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The Secretary may also prohibit or restrict import or export of any animal or related material, if necessary, to prevent the spread of any livestock or poultry pest or disease. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the ability of U.S. producers to compete in the global market of animal and animal product trade. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulations do not require approval or certification for laboratories conducting disease tests for the export of aquaculture animals. However, as a condition of entry, some countries require testing results from a laboratory approved by the competent authority, in this case APHIS. States, universities, and private laboratories can voluntarily seek approval to test for specific diseases. APHIS provides laboratory approval as a service to U.S. exporters who ship aquaculture animals to countries requiring this certification. The AHPA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401–18 of Public Law 107–171, May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

Need and Use of the Information: The approval of laboratories to conduct tests for the export of aquaculture animals requires the use of certain information collection activities including notification of intent to request approval, application for APHIS approval, protocol statement, submission and recordkeeping of sample copies of diagnostic reports, quality assurance/control plans and their recordkeeping, notification of proposed changes to assay protocols, recordkeeping of supporting assay documentation, and request for removal of approved status. If APHIS did not collect this information, U.S. producers would be prevented from exporting aquaculture animals and products to countries that specifically require APHIS approved laboratories to certify they have performed aquatic animal pathogen detection procedures.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profits; State, Local or Tribal.

Number of Respondents: 9.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,806.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meetings of the New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a series of public meetings via Zoom. The purpose of these meeting is to discuss the committee’s project, *Discrimination Against Jews on College and University Campuses Since October 7, 2023*.

DATES:

Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Eastern Time

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held via Zoom Webinar.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):

March 12, 2026: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_cB8cRub9QS2G2T39ND2gHw

March 19, 2026: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_l-nHRRQSZue9Bly7oLZSA

April 1, 2026: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_AzPjGE3ZSoCDgAOG8si7_Q

Join by Phone (Audio Only) for all Meetings: 1–833 435 1820 USA Toll Free

March 12, 2026, Webinar ID: 160 465 0430

March 19, 2026, Webinar ID: 160 532 3407

April 1, 2026, Webinar ID: 161 143 2993

Agendas: <https://usccr.box.com/s/o2cgyzphy5zvbbq6bm3mi8usab44el44> (Note: a final meeting agenda will be available prior to each meeting date).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These virtual committee meetings are available to the public through the registration links above. Any interested member of the public may join at the links to listen to these meetings. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of people who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any charges incurred. Callers will incur no charge for calls when they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning is available by selecting “CC” in the Zoom meeting platform. To request additional accommodation, please email dbarreras@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to dbarreras@usccr.gov. People who desire additional information may contact the Designated Federal Officer at (202) 656–8937.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of