

recommendations of the panel for the subject research project.

(6) USDA’s collection of information on the Expense Report Form is needed to document a panel reviewer’s expenses incurred by attending a peer review meeting. The Expense Report requests lodging, meal, and transportation expense data. It includes sensitive information.

Estimate of Burden: The burden associated with this approval process is the minimum required to successfully achieve program objectives. The information collection frequency is the minimum consistent with program objectives. The following estimates the time required to complete the forms, based on previous OSQR experience with our current business model.

1. Confidentiality Agreement Form (10 minutes completion time). The reviewer must read and consider the terms of the

agreement and then sign and date the form.

2. Chair and Panelist Information Form (30 minutes completion time). The reviewer provides standard personal information, similar to that found in grant review programs.

3. Panelist Peer Review of an ARS Research Project Form (4–7 hours completion time), Project page lengths will vary. Reviewers may freely write as much as they wish and complete the form. To adequately evaluate a research project plan that may exceed 60–70 pages in length, each reviewer must thoroughly read each plan.

4. Reviewer Comment Form (60 minutes completion time). General assessment of the plan with brief comments on the approach and feasibility of the project and about one page.

5. Panel Recommendation for ARS Research Project Form (30–60 minutes

completion time). The page length significantly varies among panelist peer reviews and reviewer comments. All recommendation forms are completed by the OSQR and further discussed and revised by the reviewers as part of their panel discussions. In-person panels are handled in the same manner.

6. Panel Expense Response Form (30 minutes completion time).

Respondents and Estimated Number of Respondents: Selected scientific experts currently working in the same discipline as the research projects being peer reviewed. These external experts are credible peers to ARS. Annually, about 185 peer reviewers complete these forms. Most all plans are discussed and deliberated via webinar and telephone conferencing. Travel is not generally necessary. Thus, reviewers are not expected to complete Panel Expense Reports.

Frequency of Response:

Form	Number of respondents	Annual frequency
Confidentiality Agreement	185	1 per respondent (Total—.
Peer Review Forms (required and assigned 2 plans)	200	2 per panel respondent (Total = 400).
Reviewer Comment Form (reviewer is not assigned as primary or secondary review)	6	2 per panel respondent (Total = 12).
Expense Report (in-person reviewers)	6	1 per respondent (Total = 6).
Panelist Information Forms	185	1 per respondent/per form (Total = 185).
Recommendations Form (non-online project reviews)	82	2 per respondent (Total = 164).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:

Form (time required to complete)	Number completed annually	Total burden (hours)
Confidentiality Agreement (10 minutes)	185	31
Panelist Information Forms (30 minutes)	185	93
Peer Review Forms (6 hours)	200	1200
Recommendations Form (2 hours)	82	164
Reviewer Comment Form (1 hour)	6	6
Expense Report (30 minutes)	6	3

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chap. 35.

Comments: The Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to (1) evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of ARS functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the estimated burden from proposed collection of information; (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, including the use of

appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

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ARS Chief of Staff.

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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 April 1, 2026. 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.

Risk Management Agency

Title: Multiple Peril Crop Insurance.
OMB Control Number: 0563–0053.

Summary of Collection: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) is a wholly-owned Government corporation created February 16, 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1501). The program was amended previously, by Public Law 96–365, dated September 26, 1980, that provided for nationwide expansion of a comprehensive crop insurance program. The Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act), as amended in later years, further expanded the role of the crop insurance program to be the principal risk management safety net used by producers to cover crop losses. The Act further required that the crop insurance program operate on an actuarially sound basis. To meet these goals, existing crop programs must be improved and expanded, new crop products developed, and new insurance concepts studied for possible implementation. Meeting these goals requires the collection of a wide range of information (data elements). These data elements are used in part to determine insurance coverage, premiums, subsidies, payments, and indemnities. It allows for other program and administrative operations. It also creates

an information database used to support continued development and improvements in crop insurance products available to producers and which meet the goal of a sound insurance program. The Act was again amended on June 20, 2000, by Public Law 106–224 which mandates changes to crop insurance regulations, provides for independent review of crop insurance products by persons experienced as actuaries and in underwriting, and gives contracting authority for the development of new products.

Need and Use of the Information: The collection of information involves producers and insurance companies. Specific information (data) is required to apply for crop insurance, determine program eligibility, report crop information, establish liability, change coverage, determine a loss, etc. Producers must provide records, documents, or other information to the insurance company during an investigation or settlement of a claim. Insurance companies may provide late or prevented planting coverage, or provide coverage under a written agreement when coverage would not otherwise be available, etc. Pertinent information must be collected by the established dates to administer the crop insurance program in an actuarially sound manner.

The information collection requirements for this revised package are necessary for administering the crop insurance program. Insurance companies must obtain enough information so insurability, liability, premium, subsidy, and indemnities can be accurately determined. It is important that insurance agents work closely with producers to collect accurate information since the guarantee, liability, premium, subsidy, and any applicable indemnities are based on this information.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 531,597.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 8,687,170.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: New Swine Inspection System.
OMB Control Number: 0583–0171.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary (7 CFR 2.18, 2.53), as specified in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*). This statute mandates that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat and meat products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled. FSIS is requesting renewal of the approved information collection regarding swine