

Parity Index referred to in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. These indexes are used to calculate the annual federal grazing fee rates as described in the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 and Executive Order 12,548 and as promulgated in regulations found at 36 CFR 222.51. In addition, ARMS is used to produce estimates of sector-wide production expenditures and other components of income that are used in constructing the estimates of income and value-added which are transmitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, by the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) for use in constructing economy-wide estimates of Gross Domestic Product. This transmittal of data, prepared using the ARMS, is undertaken to satisfy a 1956 agreement between the Office of Management and Budget and the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce that a single set of estimates be published on farm income.

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**Chemical Use Surveys:** Congress has mandated that NASS and ERS build nationally coordinated databases on agricultural chemical use and related farm practices; these databases are the primary vehicles used to produce specified environmental and economic estimates. The surveys will help provide the knowledge and technical means for producers and researchers to address on-farm environmental concerns in a manner that maintains agricultural productivity.

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**Authority:** These data will be collected under the 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, 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 (Pub. L. 104-13 codified at 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995).

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 36 minutes per survey.

**Respondents:** Farmers, ranchers, farm managers, farm contractors, and farm households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** Approximately 61,000 respondents will be sampled each year. Over half of these respondents will be contacted more than one time in a single year.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** Approximately 65,000 hours per year. Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from the NASS Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

**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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, February 19, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).  
**Title:** Weather Modification Activities Reports.

**OMB Approval Number:** 0648-0025.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission.

**Burden Hours:** 55.

**Number of Respondents:** 55.

**Average Hours Per Response:** 30 minutes.

**Needs and Uses:** Weather Modification Activities Reports are required by Public Law-92-205, Section 6(b). All entities which engage in weather modification (e.g. cloud-seeding to enhance precipitation or disperse fog) are required to report various data to NOAA. NOAA maintains the data for use in scientific research, historical statistics, international reports, and other purposes.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Frequency:** On occasion and annually.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**OMB Desk Officer:** David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: February 28, 2008.

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**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**Title:** Sea Grant Program Application Requirements for Grants, for Sea Grant