

Procurement Division to procure, sell, and transport, as well as sample, inspect and survey, agricultural commodities at both domestic and foreign locations for use in international food aid program. The Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) acting under the authority granted by these acts, purchase discharge survey services conducted at the foreign destinations to ensure count and condition of the commodities shipped. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will collect information using forms KC-334, Discharge/Delivery Survey Summary and KC-337, Rate Schedule.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected on the KC-334 form is a summary of the amount of cargo delivered versus manifested quantity, the amount and type of damage, etc. The KC-337 form is used to obtain rates that the survey companies charge to perform surveys, by country/region. Without the information CCC could not meet program requirements.

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

Number of Respondents: 41.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Weekly; Semi-annually; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 234.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 6, 2017.

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 (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (4) 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 13, 2017 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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National Agriculture Statistics Service

Title: Cotton Ginning Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0220.

Summary of Collection: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) is to collect, prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices as well as specialty agricultural and environmental statistics. The Cotton Ginning Survey provides statistics concerning cotton ginning for specific dates and geographic regions and aids in forecasting cotton production. The Cotton Ginning surveys obtain data mandated under U.S.C. Title 13, Section 42(a). General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, section 2204.

Need and Use of the Information: The majority of data are collected by telephone, mail, and fax. All active gins for a given crop season in all 17 cotton producing states are included in the survey. The ginning data collected provides (1) all segments of the cotton industry—buyers, brokers, crushers, shippers, textile firms, and researchers with exact quantities of cotton available at specific geographic locations within the U.S. on a regular basis; (2) precise statistics, especially when at least 50 percent of the forecasted cotton production has been ginned in a state; and (3) final season ginning data is used to establish final production. If the

information were collected less frequent, the cotton industry would be without county level quantities ginned that could seriously affect transportation costs and marketing strategies.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 650.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly, Semi-annually, Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,277.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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