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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Renew a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to seek approval to collect information in support of research and related activities.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 30, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Jill Lake, ARS Webmaster, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland 20705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Lake, ARS Webmaster, jill.lake@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Web Forms for Research Data, Models, Materials, and Publications as well as Study and Event Registration.

Type of Request: Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

OMB Number: 0518-0032.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2018.

Abstract: Sections 1703 and 1705 of the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), (Pub. L. 105-277) Title XVII, require agencies by October 21, 2003, to provide for the option of electronic submission of information by the public. To advance GPEA goals, online forms are needed to allow the public to request from ARS research data, models, materials, and publications and to register for scientific studies and events. For the convenience

of the public, the forms itemize the information we need to provide a timely response. Information from forms will only be used by ARS for the purposes identified.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 minutes per response (range: 1-5 minutes).

Respondents: Agricultural researchers, students, teachers, business people, members of service organizations, community groups, other Federal and local government agencies, and the general public.

Estimated Number Respondents: 8,750. This is an increase of 3,750 from the 5,000 estimated respondents in the previous Approved Information Collection due to more actual annual respondents than originally estimated in 2015 when fewer software models were available for download. As of May 2018, 147 software models were available for download through the ARS website <https://www.ars.usda.gov/research/software/>.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 437.5 hours.

Copies of forms used in this information collection can be obtained from Jill Lake, ARS Webmaster, jill.lake@ars.usda.gov.

The information collection extension requested by ARS is for a period of 3 years. 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 through use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. 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.

Dated: May 17, 2018.

Chavonda Jacobs-Young,
Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection Request; Direct Loan Servicing-Special Programs

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a revision and an extension of a currently approved information collection request that supports Direct Loan Servicing-Special Programs. The information is used in eligibility and feasibility determinations on borrower requests for disaster set-aside, primary loan servicing, buyout at market value, and homestead protection, as well as liquidation of security.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by July 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, hand delivery, or courier:* J. Lee Nault, Senior Loan Officer, USDA/FSA/FLP, STOP 0523, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0503.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting J. Lee Nault at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Lee Nault, (202) 720-6834. Persons with disabilities who require alternative mean for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, and so on) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (Voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Farm Loan Programs, Direct Loan Servicing—Special.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0233.

OMB Expiration Date: 08/31/2018.

Type of Request: Extension with a revision.

Abstract: The Farm Loan Programs provide loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment and finance agricultural production. 7 CFR 766, Direct Loan Servicing-Special, provides the requirements for servicing financially distressed and delinquent direct loan borrowers. The loan servicing options include disaster set-aside, primary loan servicing (including reamortization, rescheduling, deferral, write down and conservation contracts), buyout at market value, and homestead protection. FSA also services borrowers who file bankruptcy or liquidate security when available servicing options are not sufficient to produce a feasible plan. The information collections contained in the regulation are necessary to evaluate a borrower's request for consideration of the special servicing actions.

The numbers of respondents and responses increased because the loan servicing activities increased by 15 percent to reflect the current numbers since the last OMB approval. The annual burden hours decreased due to removal of travel times from the request. The respondents are going to the County office to do regular and customary (or normal) business for the Farm Loan Programs.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hour is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.374 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collections of information.

Type of Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit farms.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 17,174.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.869.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 32,114.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.374.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12,036.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) 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.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Richard Fordyce,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**National Agricultural Library****Agricultural Research Service****Notice of Intent To Renew a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: National Agricultural Library, Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, dated August 29, 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection, Information Collection for Document Delivery Services at the National Agricultural Library (NAL), which expires November 30, 2018.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, NAL, Digitization and Access Branch, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Room 305–D, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–2351.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay Derr, Librarian, telephone: 301–504–5879; email: kay.derr@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Collection for Document Delivery Services.

OMB Number: 0518–0027.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2018.

Type of Request: To extend a currently approved information collection process.

Abstract: In its role as both a preeminent agricultural research library and a national library of the United States, NAL (part of the USDA's ARS) provides loans and copies of materials from its collections to libraries and other institutions and organizations. NAL follows applicable copyright laws and interlibrary loan guidelines, standards, codes, and practices when providing loans and copies and charges a fee, if applicable, for this service. To request a loan or copy, institutions must provide a formal request to NAL using either NAL's web-based online request system or an interlibrary loan request system such as the Online Computer Library Center or the National Library of Medicine's Docline. Information in these requests includes the name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the party requesting the material. The requestor must also provide a statement acknowledging copyright compliance, bibliographic information for the material they are requesting, and the maximum dollar amount they are willing to pay for the material. The collected information is used to deliver the material to the requestor, bill for and track payment of applicable fees, monitor the return of loaned material to NAL, identify and locate the requested material in NAL collections, and determine whether the requesting party consents to the fees charged by NAL.

Estimate of Burden: Average 1.00 minute per response.

Description of Respondents: Respondents to the collection of information are those libraries, institutions, or organizations that request interlibrary loans or copies of material in the NAL collections. Each respondent must furnish the information for each loan or copying request.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 590.

Frequency of Responses: Average 7 per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 69 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of