

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

March 12, 2019.

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; and (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 April 15, 2019 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 20502. 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) 720–8958.

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Economic Research Service

Title: Generic Clearance for Survey Research Studies.

OMB Control Number: 0536–0073.

Summary of Collection: The Economic Research Service (ERS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is requesting approval for a generic clearance that will allow them to conduct research to improve the quality

of data collection by developing, testing, and evaluating its survey instruments, methodologies, technology, interview processes, and respondent recruitment protocols. The primary objective of ERS is providing timely research and analysis to public and private decision makers on topics related to agriculture, food, the environment, and rural America. Data collection for this collection is authorized by the 7 U.S.C. 2204(a).

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will be used by staff from the ERS and sponsoring agencies to evaluate and improve the quality of the data in the surveys and censuses that are ultimately conducted. Specifically, the information will be used to reduce respondent burden while simultaneously improving the quality of the data collected in these surveys. This clearance involves one-time questionnaire and/or procedural development activities for each survey that is connected to the clearance. If this project were not carried out, the quality of the data collected in the surveys would suffer.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,815.

Frequency of Responses/Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,630.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by April 15, 2019. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Cold Storage.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0001.

Summary of Collection: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, value and disposition. The monthly Cold Storage Survey provides information on national supplies of food in refrigerated storage facilities. A biennial survey of refrigerated warehouses is also conducted to provide a benchmark of the capacity available for refrigerated storage of the nation's food supply. The data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). This statute specifies "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . . and shall distribute them among agriculturists."

Need and Use of the Information: USDA agencies such as the World Agricultural Outlook Board, Economic Research Service, and Agricultural Marketing Service use this information from the Cold Storage report in setting

and administering government commodity programs and in supply and demand analysis. Included in the report are stocks of pork bellies, frozen orange juice concentrate, butter, and cheese which are traded on the Chicago Board of Trade. The timing and frequency of the surveys have evolved to meet the needs of producers, facilities, agribusinesses, and government agencies.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,584.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly; Biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 4,954.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Custom Work Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, value and disposition. This project will concentrate on agricultural operations that have knowledge of rates for custom agricultural work. Custom agricultural work or simply "custom work" is any work completed by others which includes the costs for labor, equipment and fuel for a pre-determined price which will be referred to as a "custom rate."

Need and Use of the Information:

Data collected under this docket are for cooperative agreements between the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and other cooperators including North Dakota State University and Oklahoma State University. The purpose of the survey is to collect custom rates for custom agricultural work.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 41,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 15,024.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Turfgrass Economic Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, value and disposition. This project will collect data from a sample of homeowners, golf courses, cemeteries, sod producers, turfgrass service providers, and commercial businesses with turfgrass in the State of New Jersey. The reference period will be the previous calendar year. The survey will be conducted

annually if funding allows. This data collection is voluntary.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of this survey is to collect economic information from a sample of homeowners, golf courses, cemeteries, sod producers, turfgrass service providers, and commercial businesses with turfgrass in New Jersey. Data collected will reference the previous calendar year. The summarized data will be used by the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture and Land Grant University to: (1) Evaluate the magnitude of the New Jersey turfgrass industry in terms of number of acres maintained, number of workers, turf related expenses, and its total contribution to the New Jersey economy, and (2) to characterize the nature of New Jersey's turfgrass industry (*i.e.*, species of turfgrass used, product sales, market distribution channels, and maintenance practices).

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,400.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,013.

Kimble Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2019-0008]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Importation of Sand Pears From China

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the regulations for the importation of sand pears from China into the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 14, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2019-0008>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2019-0008, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2019-0008> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations for the importation of sand pears from China, contact Mr. Tony Roman, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, RCC, IRM, PHP, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-2242. For more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Importation of Sand Pears From China.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0390.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. Regulations authorized by the PPA concerning the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world are contained in in "Subpart L-Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56-1 through 319.56-12, referred to below as the regulations).

In accordance with the regulations, sand pears from China may be imported into the United States under certain conditions to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States. The regulations require the use of information collection activities, including testing and certification of propagative material, operational workplan, production site and