

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by December 17, 2020. 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](http://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.

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#### National Agricultural Statistics Service

*Title:* Livestock Slaughter.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535–0005.

*Summary of Collection:* The primary functions of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices and to collect information on related environmental and economic factors. General authority for data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204(a). This statute specifies the “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”. Information from federally and non-federally inspected slaughter plants are used to estimate total red meat production. NASS will use a Federally and non-Federally-inspected livestock slaughter survey to collect data.

*Need and Use of the Information:* NASS will combine information collected from both types of plants to estimate total red meat production, consisting of the number of head slaughtered plus live weights of cattle, calves, hogs, sheep, goats, and bison. Accurate and timely livestock estimates provide USDA and the livestock industry with basic data to project future meat supplies and producer prices. Agricultural economists in both the public and private sectors use this information in economic analysis and research.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,150.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly and Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,168.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 12, 2020.

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 December 17, 2020, will be considered. 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](http://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.

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#### Food and Nutrition Service

*Title:* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Store Applications.

*OMB Control Number:* 0584–0008.

*Summary of Collection:* Section 9(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2018 *et seq.*) requires that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) provide for the submission of applications for approval by retailers, wholesalers, meal service providers, certain types of group homes, shelters, and state-contracted restaurants that wish to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP). FNS is responsible for reviewing the application in order to determine whether or not applicants meet eligibility requirements, and make determinations whether to grant or deny authorization to accept and redeem SNAP benefits. FNS will collect information using forms FNS–252, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Application for Store, FNS–252–E, On line Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Application for Store, FNS 252–2, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Meal Service Application, FNS–252–C, Corporate Supplemental Application, and FNS 252–R which includes an Online Recertification Application (ORA) version known as FNS 252–R–ORA, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Stores Reauthorization and FNS–252FE, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Farmer’s Market Application.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FNS will collect information to determine the eligibility of retail food stores, wholesale food concern, and food service organizations applying for authorization to accept and redeem SNAP benefits and to monitor these firms for continued eligibility, and to sanction stores for noncompliance with the Act, and for Program management. Disclosure of information other than Employer Identification Numbers and Social Security Numbers may be made to Federal and State law enforcement or investigative agencies or instrumentalities administering or enforcing specified Federal or State laws, or regulations issued under those laws. Without the information on the application or reauthorization application, the consequence to the Federal program is the Agency’s reduced ability to effectively monitor accountability for program compliance and to detect fraud and abuse would be severely jeopardized.

*Description of Respondents:* Business for-and-not-for-profit, Farms; Federal Military Commissaries.

*Number of Respondents:* 123,864.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 19,888.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Survey of Manufactures

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 10, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Annual Survey of Manufactures.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0449.

*Form Number(s):* MA-10000.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission, Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 49,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* 3.7.

*Burden Hours:* 181,300.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau has conducted the ASM since 1949 to provide key measures of manufacturing activity during intercensal periods. In census years ending in "2" and "7," we do not mail the ASM separately, but collect the ASM data as part of the Economic Census covering the Manufacturing Sector.

The ASM statistics are based on a survey that includes both mail and nonmail components. The mail portion of the 2020 ASM consists of a probability sample that was designed from the 2017 Economic Census and

contains the same industry strata and establishments from the 2019 ASM, updated with births. The 2019 ASM sample was based the 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The 2020 ASM mailout is expected to be approximately 49,000 establishments. This is the second year of the latest sample and is based within the same structure as 2019. The 2019 ASM establishments were selected from the eligible mail frame of approximately 104,900 establishments. The frame contained all manufacturing establishments of multiple-establishment firms (firms with operations at more than one location) and the largest single-establishment manufacturing firms within each industry. The 2019 ASM nonmail component contains approximately 186,700, small and medium-sized single-establishment firms. Births are added annually to the mail sample and the nonmail component, and no data are collected from firms in the nonmail component. Data are imputed based on models that incorporate the administrative records of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Social Security Administration (SSA), and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) or are based on industry averages. Though the nonmail firms account for nearly two-thirds of the universe, they account for about 6 percent of the manufacturing output.

The Census Bureau plans to make the following changes to the ASM data collection:

#### *A. Content Related to the Coronavirus Pandemic:*

To truly measure the economic activity of the manufacturing sector, the Census Bureau is requesting approval to add questions related to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. During internal Census Bureau discussions of proposed content key federal stakeholders were consulted; The proposed question descriptions are provided below:

##### *1. Item 28—Special Inquiry:*

Add a question asking respondents to provide the number of days their location was closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. This question will assist with measuring the impact on plant operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

##### *2. Item 5 and Item 28—Special Inquiry:*

Add a statement to Item 5 to specify/clarify that donated products should be included in the value of shipments.

Add a question asking respondents if they donated products and the associated value of the donated

products (breakout of Item 5, line A). Attempt to gather information on the value of shipments related to donated products by industry.

##### *3. Item 7:*

Add questions asking respondents to provide the payroll for production workers at the establishment by quarter. Collecting payroll information by range of months, rather than a point in time will reflect variability in operations.

##### *4. Item 22:*

Add the following six NAPCS to the electronic instrument for all respondents:

- a. 2017900000—Manufacturing of nonelectric breathing devices (including N95 and other respirators), incubators, inhalators, and resuscitators, and other surgical and medical apparatus and instruments, excluding anesthetic apparatus and parts
- b. 2018000000—Manufacturing of electromedical equipment (including diagnostic, therapeutic, patient monitoring equipment, and ventilators), excluding ionizing radiation equipment
- c. 2050375000—Manufacturing of personal safety equipment and clothing, industrial and nonindustrial, including respiratory protection, face shields, masks, and protective clothing, excluding footwear, gloves, and surgical and medical respirators
- d. 2045875000—Manufacturing of surgical appliances and supplies, including surgical gloves, bandages, gauze, cotton (sterile and non-sterile), and other surgical dressings, excluding orthopedic and prosthetic appliances
- e. 2010475000—Manufacturing of bath, facial, and hand soaps, including hand sanitizers
- f. 2007875000—Manufacturing of other household specialty cleaning and sanitation products, including disinfectants

Industries have shifted to produce goods they normally did not produce. Adding the proposed NAPCS questions to all forms will assist with capturing a shift in production lines.

#### *B. Revisions to Item 7: Employment, Payroll, and Fringe Benefits:*

a. Add content collecting four quarters of payroll for production workers to be consistent with employment (Item 7A).

b. Add collection for total first quarter employment to be consistent with payroll and other economic sectors.

c. Remove the summation of the 4 quarters of production workers.

d. Remove the average production workers question.