

is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response.

Respondents: Milk handlers and milk marketing cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 679.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 15,980.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 186.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18,050 (rounded).

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received on this information collection will be summarized and included in the final request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, including any personal information provided.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 November 27, 2023 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. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Animal Health Monitoring System Backyard Animal Keeping 2024 Study.

OMB control number: 0579-XXXX.

Summary of collection: Under the Animal Health Protection Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to protect the health of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture populations in the United States by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases of livestock, poultry, and aquatic animals and for eradicating such diseases within the United States when feasible. This authority has been delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). APHIS is the only Federal agency responsible for collecting data on livestock and poultry health. As part of this mission, APHIS operates the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) which collects statistically valid and scientifically sound data on the prevalence and economic importance of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture diseases and practices. NAHMS' studies have evolved into a collaborative government and industry initiative to help determine the most effective means of preventing and controlling diseases of livestock and poultry. NAHMS will conduct a national data collection for backyard animal keeping through a

national study, Backyard Animal Keeping 2024.

APHIS will conduct two surveys using electronic questionnaires. The first survey will obtain national estimates of ownership of poultry, pigs, rabbits, and goats, and provide baseline information on ownership practices. A second survey will be performed to estimate the prevalence of chicken, pig, rabbit, and goat ownership in two of the four cities previously studied in the NAHMS Poultry 2010 study, as well as describe respondents' beliefs about chicken ownership. The study results will also be used to learn more about backyard animal keeping and food security status.

Need and use of the information: Information collected will enable APHIS to obtain national estimates of the percentage of households that own poultry, pigs, rabbits, and goats in urban and non-urban areas of the United States; describe animal management practices, such as information sources owners use to learn about animal health, access to veterinary care, length of ownership, and biosecurity practices including those relevant to antimicrobial stewardship; for households that both own and do not own poultry, pigs, rabbits, and goats, describe opinions of backyard and urban ownership of chickens, and, for non-owners only, describe any contact with live poultry and intention to own any one of these species of interest in the future; estimate the prevalence of chicken, pig, rabbit, and goat ownership in two of the cities surveyed on urban chicken ownership in 2012 (Denver, Colorado and Miami, Florida), and describe respondents' beliefs about chicken ownership to determine changes in prevalence and beliefs between 2012 and 2024; and conduct a preliminary evaluation of the relationship between backyard animal keeping and food security status. Without the aforementioned data collection, the United States' ability to collect and analyze information on the national prevalence of these species of interest and to obtain data on animal management practices and biosecurity practices would be reduced or nonexistent.

Description of respondents: Households or individuals.

Number of respondents: 112,745.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: Other (one time).

Total burden hours: 4,080.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Economic Research Service (ERS), Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request to comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ERS is proposing a new information collection to study farmers' practices and participation in cover crops, "Corn and Soybean Grower Survey."

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by December 26, 2023 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to *ers.pra@usda.gov* identified by docket number 0536-NEW.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Julie Parker at *ers.pra@usda.gov* or 202-868-7945.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of collection: Corn and Soybean Grower Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0536-NEW.

Type of Request: A new information collection.

Abstract:

Collection of Information for Corn and Soybean Grower Survey

The proposed data collection will survey corn and soybean farmers in the Midwestern United States to study farmers' preferences for participating in programs that support cover cropping and gather new information about current cover cropping practices. This survey sample will be drawn from Midwestern states as they represent a large majority corn and soy acreage, similar policy contexts, and potential for growth in cover crop adoption. USDA agencies are interested in supporting voluntary long-run adoption of climate smart conservation practices such as cover crops through technical

assistance and financial incentives. There are multiple Federal, state, and private programs that support planting cover crops. This study is interested in Federal programs, the two largest of which are the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

The survey will use questions on contract enrollment to examine how contract flexibility, ease of applying, payments, and other aspects of cover crop contracts affect farmers' willingness to enroll their corn and soybean fields in cover crop programs. Results will be compared between farmers with no history of cover cropping in Federal programs and those who have cover cropped in Federal Programs.

Participation in the survey will be voluntary, and subjects will be recruited by mail with options to participate either online or by mail. Data will be analyzed using discrete choice models to estimate farmer preferences for cover crop contracts. Results from the survey will be used in academic and Federal research publications to provide information to stakeholders and the public regarding farmer preferences for planting cover crops and participating in cover crop programs. This work will also inform future studies on adoption of cover crops and other conservation practices.

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of U.S. Code (U.S.C.) 7 U.S.C. 2204(a) General duties of Secretary, advisory functions, research and development and 7 U.S.C 6971, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, as implemented under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 7 CFR 2.21 which delegates to the Under Secretary, as Chief Scientist, the responsibility for agricultural systems and technology, including emerging agricultural research, education, and extension needs. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (at 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. 5 CFR part 1320.

Confidentiality: All ERS employees and ERS contractors must also fully comply with all provisions of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2018, title III of Public Law 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. ch. 35.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 30 minutes per respondent.

Respondents: The respondents will be farmers who grow corn or soy in Midwestern states.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Up to 2,250 respondents. This is based on a 15% response rate from a sample of 15,000 farmers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Up to 3,625 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of ERS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of ERS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information for respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) 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.

Spiro Stefanou,

Administrator, Economic Research Service,
United States Department of Agriculture.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meetings of the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a Zoom meeting on Wednesday November 15, 2023 from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern time. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Committee's next topic of civil rights study.

Wednesday November 15, 2023 from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Registration (Audio/Visual): <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1608473377?pwd=OGxtWWNMTE94YnB2bGowSEREb1VKZz09>.

Telephone (Audio Only): (833) 435-1820 Toll Free; Meeting ID: 160 847 3377.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Wojnaroski, DFO, at *mwojnaroski@usccr.gov* or (202) 618-4158.