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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. 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 these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by January 10, 2024. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted, identified by docket number 0535–0264, within 30 days of the publication of this notice by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov. Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- *E-fax:* 855–838–6382.

- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: Richard Hopper, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2024.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: Richard Hopper, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–2024.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: Fruits, Nut, and Specialty Crops.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0039.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official state and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Estimates of fruit, tree nuts, and specialty crops are an integral part of this program. These estimates support the NASS strategic plan to cover all agricultural cash receipts. The authority to collect these data activities is granted under U.S. Code title 7, Section 2204(a). Information is collected on a voluntary basis from growers, processors, and handlers through surveys. Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, 7 U.S.C., 2276, and Title III of Public Law 115–435 (CIPSEA) which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Revisions to burden are needed due to the removal of surveys funded under cooperative agreements, changes in the size of the target population, sample design, and minor changes in questionnaire design.

Need and Use of the Information: Data reported on fruit, nut, and specialty crops are used by NASS to estimate crop acreage, yield, production, utilization, price, and value in States with significant commercial production. These estimates are essential to farmers, processors, importers and exporters, shipping companies, cold storage facilities and handlers in making production and marketing decisions.

Estimates from these inquiries are used by market order administrators in their determination of expected crop supplies under federal and State market orders.

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

Number of Respondents: 55,435.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion; Annually; Semi-annually; Quarterly; Monthly; Weekly.

Total Burden Hours: 28,114.

Levi Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency.

ACTION: 30-Day notice of submission of information collection approval from the Office of Management and Budget and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA) has submitted a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA).

DATES: Comments must be submitted by January 10, 2024.

ADDRESSES: 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The Agency received no comments in response to the 60-day notice published

in the **Federal Register** of September 19, 2023 (85 FR 64402).

Farm Service Agency—0560–0286

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals and households; businesses; organizations; and State and local government.

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 8.

Respondents: 210,500.

Annual Responses: 210,500.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: 30.

Burden Hours: 37,333.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by January 10, 2024 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.

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National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Title: Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Year End Report.

OMB Control Number: 0524–0043.

Summary of Collection: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) administers grants that support the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Sustainable Communities Project (SCP). Funding for this program is authorized under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 341 *et seq.*), CYFAR funding supports community-based programs (also known as “extension programs”) which serve children, youth, and families in at-risk environments. CYFAR funds are intended to support the development of high quality, effective programs based on research.

The purpose of CYFAR SCP funding is to improve the quality and quantity of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk children, youth, and families supported by the Cooperative Extension System. Collaboration across disciplines, program areas, and geographic lines, as well as a holistic approach that views the individual in the context of the family and community, are central to Sustainable Community Projects. CYFAR grants are awarded only to 1862, 1890, and 1994 Land Grant institutions through a competitive application process. Awards are made annually, for five year terms. There are up to 50 grantees at any given time.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of the CYFAR Year End Report is to collect the demographic and impact data from each community site in order to evaluate the impact of the programs on intended audiences. CYFAR grants represent a Federal financial investment and the data collected allows NIFA to gauge the benefits achieved from these investments. The CYFAR Year End Report tells the story of each of the CYFAR SCP grantees and is part of the information used to determine whether grantees have performed adequately in the past year to receive a continuation of funding. Without the information NIFA would not be able to verify if CYFAR programs are reaching at risk,