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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 April 10, 2024. 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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: Fruit, Nuts, And Specialty Crops—Substantive Change.

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.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is requesting a substantive change to the Fruit, Nuts, And Specialty Crops information collection request (OMB No. 0535–0039) for program changes. Every five years NASS conducts a program review following the completion of the Census of Agriculture. The program changes balance resources across all of the programs included in the annual estimating program, which represents over 400 individual reports across multiple Information Collection Requests (ICRs). This substantive change is to accommodate the field crop program changes that affect this ICR. The methodology, publication dates, burden and data collection plan do not change as result of these program changes. This change request also includes some nonsubstantive changes for the May 2024 Maple Syrup Inquiry. The changes to these surveys will not affect burden hours.

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.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

[Docket No. FCIC–24–0002]

Notice of Request for Renewal and Revision of the Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Renewal and revision of the currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces a public comment period on the information collection requests (ICRs) associated with the Standard Reinsurance Agreement and Appendices I, II and IV administered by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). Appendix III is excluded because it contains the Data Acceptance System requirements.

DATES: Written comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business May 10, 2024.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this information collection request. In your comments, include the date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**, and the title of rule. You may submit comments by any of the following methods, although FCIC prefers that you submit comments

electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID FCIC–24–0002. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail*: David L. Miller, Director, Reinsurance Services Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0801, Washington, DC 20250.

All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, and can be accessed by the public. All comments must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this rule. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information, see <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you are submitting comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal and want to attach a document, we ask that it be in a text-based format. If you want to attach a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, it must be scanned as text and not as an image, thus allowing FCIC to search and copy certain portions of your submissions. For questions regarding attaching a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, please contact the RMA Web Content Team at (816) 926–7953 or by email at rmaweb.content@usda.gov.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received for any dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the complete User Notice and Privacy Notice for *Regulations.gov* at <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David L. Miller, Director, Risk Management Agency, at the address listed above, telephone (202) 590–8522 or dave.miller@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Standard Reinsurance Agreement; Appendices I, II and IV.

OMB Number: 0563–0069.

Type of Request: Renewal and Revision of current Information Collection.

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act), title 7 U.S.C. chapter 36, section 1508(k), authorizes the FCIC to provide reinsurance to insurers approved by FCIC that insure producers of any agricultural commodity under one or more plans acceptable to FCIC.

The Act also states that the reinsurance shall be provided on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine to be consistent with subsections (b) and (c) of this section and sound reinsurance principles.

FCIC executes the same form of reinsurance agreement, called the Standard Reinsurance Agreement (SRA), with thirteen participating insurers approved for the 2024 reinsurance year. Appendix I of the SRA, Regulatory Duties and Responsibilities, sets forth the company's responsibilities as required by statute. Appendix I includes: (a) Conflict of Interest data collection, which in addition to the insurance companies reinsured by FCIC, encompasses the insurance companies' employees and their contracted agents and loss adjusters; and (b) Controlled Business data collection from all employed or contracted agents. Appendix II of the SRA, the Plan of Operations (Plan), sets forth the information the insurer is required to file with RMA for each reinsurance year they wish to participate. The Plan's information enables RMA to evaluate the insurer's financial and operational capability to deliver the crop insurance program in accordance with the Act. Estimated premiums by fund by State, and retained percentages along with current policyholders surplus are used in calculations to determine whether to approve the insurer's requested maximum reinsurable premium volume for the reinsurance year per 7 CFR 400 subpart L. This information has a direct effect upon the insurer's amount of retained premium and associated liability and is required to calculate the insurer's underwriting gain or loss.

Appendix IV of the SRA, Quality Control and Program Integrity, establishes the minimum annual agent and loss adjuster training requirements, and quality control review procedures and performance standards required of the insurance companies. FCIC requires each insurer to submit, for each reinsurance year, a Quality Control Report to FCIC containing details of the results of their completed reviews. The insurance companies must also provide an annual Training and Performance Evaluation Report which details the evaluation of each agent and loss adjuster and reports of any remedial actions taken by the Company to correct any error or omission or ensure compliance with the SRA. The submission of these reports is included in Appendix II.

FCIC is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the approval of this information collection for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning the continuation of the current information collection activity as associated with the SRA in effect for the 2024 and subsequent reinsurance years. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the current collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the current collection of information;

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The estimate below shows the burden that will be placed upon the following affected entities.

Appendix I—Regulatory Duties and Responsibilities

Conflict of Interest

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden of employees, agents and loss adjusters for the Appendix I collection of Conflict of Interest information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Insurance company employees and their contracted agents and loss adjusters.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 22,000.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 22,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours): 22,000.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden of the insurance companies of the Appendix I collection of Conflict of Interest information is estimated to average 32 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Insurance companies reinsured by FCIC.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 13.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 13.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours): 416.

Controlled Business

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden of agents for the Appendix I collection of Controlled Business information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Insurance company agents.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 14,000.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 14,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours): 14,000.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden of the insurance companies for the Appendix I collection of Controlled Business information is estimated to average 32 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Insurance companies reinsured by FCIC.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 13.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 13.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours): 416.

Appendix II—Plan of Operations

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden of the insurance companies for the collection of Appendix II information is estimated to average 128 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Insurance companies reinsured by FCIC.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 13.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 13.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours): 1,664.

Appendix IV—Quality Control and Program Integrity*Quality Control and Training Plan and Report*

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden of the insurance companies for the collection of Appendix IV information is estimated to average 74 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Insurance companies reinsured by FCIC.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 13.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 13.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours): 962.

Agent Training Requirements

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden of agents the Appendix IV training requirements is estimated to average 4 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Insurance company agents.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 14,000.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 14,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours): 56,000.

Loss Adjuster Training Requirements

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden of loss adjusters for the Appendix IV training requirements is estimated to average 17 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Insurance company loss adjusters.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 6,000.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 6,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents (hours): 102,000.

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.

Marcia Bunger,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

[Docket No. NRCS-2024-0001]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Logan River Watershed Project in Cache County, Utah

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Utah State Office announces its intent to prepare a watershed plan and EIS for the Logan River Watershed Project located within the Logan River Watershed in Cache County, Utah. The proposed watershed

plan will examine alternative solutions to reduce water loss and increase efficiency in the current agricultural water delivery system, provide flood control and protection, and enhance recreational facilities in portions of Logan, North Logan, and Hyde Park cities and portions of unincorporated Cache County, Utah between and to the west of the cities. NRCS is requesting comments to identify significant issues, potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the proposed action from all interested individuals, Federal, State agencies, and Tribes.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by April 10, 2024. We will consider comments received after close of the comment period to the extent possible.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments in response to this notice.

You may submit your comments through one of the methods below:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for docket ID NRCS-2024-0001. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments; or

- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Derek Hamilton, Water Resources Coordinator, USDA, NRCS, Utah State Office, 125 S State Street, #4010, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138. In your comments, specify the docket ID NRCS-2024-0001.

All comments received will be posted without change and made publicly available on www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Derek Hamilton; telephone: (801) 524-4560; email: derek.hamilton@usda.gov. Individuals who require alternative means for communication should contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Purpose and Need**

The primary purposes for the watershed plan is to improve agricultural water management in the Crockett Avenue Irrigation and Distribution, Inc. (Crockett Avenue Irrigation Company) service area. The project is essential to improve efficiency, water conservation, and the maintenance and enhancement of environmental conditions and beneficial water use in the form of instream flows and through the removal of barriers to fish passage; to provide flood control to the Cities of Logan, North Logan, and Hyde Park and portions of Cache