

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 September 30, 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. 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.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

Title: USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form.

OMB Control Number: 0508–0002.

Summary of Collection: Under 7 CFR 15.6 "any person who believes himself or any specific class of individuals to be subjected to discrimination . . . may by himself or by an authorized representative file a written complaint based on the ground of such discrimination." The collection of this information is the avenue by which the individual or his representative may file such a complaint. The requested information is necessary for the Office of the Assistant Civil Rights to address the alleged discriminatory action.

Need and Use of the Information: The requested information which can be submitted by filling out the USDA Program Discrimination Form or by

submitting written correspondence, is necessary in order for the USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (OASCR) to address the alleged discriminatory action. The respondent is asked to provide his/her name, mailing address, property address (if different from mailing address), telephone number, email address (if any) and to provide a name and contact information for the respondent's representative (if any). A brief description of who was involved with the alleged discriminatory action, what occurred and when, is requested. The program discrimination complaint filing information, which is voluntarily provided by the respondent. OASCR uses the form information obtained from the respondent to evaluate, investigate, attempt resolution, and process alleged complaints. If information regarding alleged discrimination is not collected from the individual who believes he/she has experienced discrimination in a USDA program, it would not be possible for the USDA to address and rectify the alleged discrimination.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals/Households: Producers, applicants, and USDA customers.

Number of Respondents: 280.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 280.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0043]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Testing, Surveillance, and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Livestock; Dairy Herd Certification

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: 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 an extension of approval of an information collection associated with testing, surveillance, and reporting of

the incidence of highly pathogenic avian influenza in dairy cattle, and certification of dairy cattle herds as a result of testing.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 28, 2024.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2024–0043 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2024–0043, 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 regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 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 APHIS' Veterinary Services efforts to control and eradicate HPAI in dairy cattle, contact Dr. Megan Schmid, Assistant Director, Cattle Health Center, VS, APHIS, 2150 Centre Ave., Bldg. B, Fort Collins, CO 80524; (512) 745–9862; email: megan.j.schmid@usda.gov. For more detailed information on the information collection process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator; (301) 851–2533; email: joseph.moxey@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Testing, Surveillance, and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Livestock; Dairy Herd Certification.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0494.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002¹ is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock

¹ The AHPA is contained in title X, subtitle E, sections 10401–18 of Public Law 107–171, May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002; 7 U.S.C. 8301, *et seq.*

or poultry. The Secretary may also prohibit or restrict the importation or export of any animal or related material if required to prevent the spread of any livestock or poultry pest or disease. Within the USDA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services' (APHIS'), Veterinary Service (VS) is tasked with these missions.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a contagious viral disease of domestic poultry and wild birds. HPAI is deadly to domestic poultry and can wipe out entire flocks within a matter of days. HPAI is a threat to the poultry industry, animal health, human health, trade, and the economy worldwide. In the United States, HPAI H5N1 has been detected in dairy cattle. As of August 23, 2024, USDA has confirmed 192 HPAI H5N1 clade 2.3.4.4b virus detections in cattle in 13 States (Colorado, Kansas, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming). APHIS has also confirmed, based on specific phylogenetic evidence and epidemiological information, that 48 poultry premises have also been infected with the same HPAI H5N1 virus genotype detected in dairy cattle.

The USDA has already recognized HPAI as a threat, and APHIS already prohibits the interstate movement of animals infected with HPAI. (See 9 CFR 71.3(b).) However, this new, distinct HPAI H5N1 virus genotype poses a new animal disease risk as it can infect both cattle and poultry. The phylogenetic and epidemiological data indicate spread between dairy premises, and concerningly, given the far more severe effects of the disease in poultry, from dairy premises to poultry premises. The virus is shed in milk at high concentrations. Anything that encounters unpasteurized milk, such as spilled milk, or milk residue, has the potential to spread the virus to humans or other animals, and can contaminate vehicles and other objects or materials. Spread has occurred via not only directly spilled milk but also from contaminated objects. These factors indicate this outbreak is having an immediate and sizeable economic impact that could linger.

On April 24, 2024, APHIS announced a Federal Order² to assist with developing a baseline of critical information and limiting the spread of H5N1 in dairy cattle. The Federal Order requires testing lactating dairy cattle prior to interstate movement and mandatory reporting from laboratories

of positive Influenza A cases in livestock. The Federal Order also requires infected dairy cattle premises to not move lactating dairy cattle interstate for 30 days and to provide epidemiological information, including animal movement tracing, via a questionnaire. Movement of tested, cleared cattle will require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and a movement permit. This Federal Order went into effect on April 29, 2024. APHIS is working with State and industry partners to encourage farmers and veterinarians to report cattle illnesses quickly and implement biosecurity measures and response plans (set forth in biosecurity plans, herd monitoring plans, and response and containment plans) so that APHIS can monitor new cases and minimize the impact to farmers, consumers, and other animals.

Along with the Federal Order, APHIS announced that it is reimbursing the National Animal Health Laboratory Network for all pre-movement and other testing (asymptomatic herd testing and testing of suspect animals), as well as providing confirmatory testing at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories. APHIS is also working to strengthen ongoing herd surveillance through the HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program, which will use bulk milk testing.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of this information collection activity for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the control and/or eradication of HPAI in dairy cattle, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information to be 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, or other collection techniques or other technologies.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.79 hours per response.

Respondents: Dairy cattle producers; State, local, and Tribal governments; laboratory staff; accredited veterinarians; and other individuals, as appropriate.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 6,052.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 23.

Estimated annual number of responses: 136,504.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 518,066 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 26th day of August 2024.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forest Service Manual 2470, Silvicultural Practices

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment, correction.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Agency), published a document in the **Federal Register** on July 16, 2024, concerning Notice of availability for public comment for the Forest Service Manual 2470, Silvicultural Practices. The document contained incorrect links to access the reading room and to make a comment.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of August 16, 2024, in FR Doc. 2024–18353, on Pages 66671–66672 in the second column, correct under the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** caption to read:

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by October 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically to <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=Directives-4178>. Written comments may be mailed to Stephanie Miller, Assistant Director for Future Forest, Denver Federal Center,

² <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dairy-federal-order.pdf>.