

crops, quantity of water distribution systems, and number of irrigation wells and pumps. Also included will be 1998 irrigation expenditures for maintenance and repair of irrigation equipment and facilities; purchase of energy for on-farm pumping of irrigation water; investment in irrigation equipment, facilities, and land improvement; and cost of water received from off-farm water supplies. Census data are used by the farmers, their representatives, the government, and many other groups of people concerned with the irrigation industry. The survey will provide a comprehensive inventory of farm irrigation practices. Results from the survey will be used to evaluate new programs, disburse Federal funds, analyze market trends, and measure performance across States. The irrigation survey will provide the only source of dependable, comparable data by State. The National Agricultural Statistics Service will use the information collected only for statistical purposes and will publish the data only as tabulated totals.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18,750 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000. 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.

Signed at Washington, D.C., March 3, 1998.

Donald M. Bay,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for review and comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include "Early Successional Habitat Development/Management," "Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats," "Riparian Herbaceous Cover," "Shallow Water Management for Wildlife," "Wildlife Upland Habitat Management," "Wildlife Watering Facility", "Wetland Restoration," "Wetland Enhancement," "Wetland Creation," "Constructed Wetland," "Wildlife Wetland Habitat Management," and "Alley Cropping." NRCS State Conservationists who choose to adopt these practices for use within their State will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land or on land determined to be wetland.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Comments must be received by May 18, 1998. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 60-day comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Single copies of these standards are available from Ecological Sciences Division, NRCS, Washington, D.C. Submit individual inquiries in writing to Mike W. Anderson, National Wildlife Ecologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Room 6154-S, Washington, D.C. 20013-2890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires the NRCS to make available for public review and comment proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 60 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on March 12, 1998.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the Second Quarter of 1998

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the second quarter of 1998.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the second calendar quarter of 1998.

DATES: These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning April 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Dotson, Loan Funds Control Assistant, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, Room 0227-S, Stop 1524, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1500. Telephone: 202-720-1928. FAX: 202-690-2268. E-mail: CDotson@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the second calendar quarter of 1998 for municipal rate electric loans. RUS regulations at 7 CFR 1714.4 state that each advance of funds on a municipal rate loan shall bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the four weeks prior to the second Friday of

the last month before the beginning of the quarter. The rate for interest rate terms of 20 years or longer is the average of the 20 year rates published in the Bond Buyer in the four weeks specified in 7 CFR 1714.5(d). The rate for terms of less than 20 years is the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer for the same four weeks in the table of "Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields" or the successor to this table. No interest rate may exceed the interest rate for Water and Waste Disposal loans.

The table of Municipal Market Data includes only rates for securities maturing in 1998 and at 5 year intervals thereafter. The rates published by RUS reflect the average rates for the years shown in the Municipal Market Data table. Rates for interest rate terms ending in intervening years are a linear interpolation based on the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer. All rates are adjusted to the nearest one eighth of one percent (0.125 percent) as required under 7 CFR 1714.5(a). The market interest rate on Water and Waste Disposal loans for this quarter is 5.125 percent.

In accordance with 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the second calendar quarter of 1998.

Interest rate term ends in (year)	RUS rate (0.000 percent)
2019 or later	5.125
2018	5.125
2017	5.125
2016	5.000
2015	5.000
2014	5.000
2013	4.875
2012	4.875
2011	4.750
2010	4.625
2009	4.500
2008	4.500
2007	4.375
2006	4.375
2005	4.250
2004	4.125
2003	4.125
2002	4.000
2001	3.875
2000	3.750
1999	3.625

Dated: March 12, 1998.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Estimates of the Voting Age Population for 1997

Under the requirements of the 1976 amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act, Title 2, United States Code, Section 441a(e), I hereby give notice that the estimates of the voting age population for July 1, 1997, for each state and the District of Columbia are as shown in the following table.

I have certified these counts to the Federal Election Commission.

Dated: March 11, 1998.

William M. Daly,

Secretary of Commerce.

ESTIMATE OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE FOR EACH STATE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: JULY 1, 1997

[In thousands]

Area	Population 18 and over
United States	198,108
Alabama	3,247
Alaska	421
Arizona	3,277
Arkansas	1,860
California	23,317
Colorado	2,877
Connecticut	2,478
Delaware	554
District of Columbia	422
Florida	11,183
Georgia	5,498
Hawaii	884
Idaho	859
Illinois	8,722
Indiana	4,367
Iowa	2,127
Kansas	1,907
Kentucky	2,947
Louisiana	3,161
Maine	945
Maryland	3,826
Massachusetts	4,666
Michigan	7,269
Minnesota	3,435
Mississippi	1,978
Missouri	3,996
Montana	649
Nebraska	1,212
Nevada	1,234
New Hampshire	877
New Jersey	6,066
New Mexico	1,230
New York	13,577
North Carolina	5,552
North Dakota	476
Ohio	8,348
Oklahoma	2,439
Oregon	2,433
Pennsylvania	9,156
Rhode Island	754
South Carolina	2,805
South Dakota	541
Tennessee	4,043

ESTIMATE OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE FOR EACH STATE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: JULY 1, 1997—Continued

[In thousands]

Area	Population 18 and over
Texas	13,862
Utah	1,371
Vermont	443
Virginia	5,090
Washington	4,156
West Virginia	1,404
Wisconsin	3,823
Wyoming	348

Source: Population Estimates Program, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233, March 1998.

For a description of methodology see Current Population Reports, P25-1127. [FR Doc. 98-7077 Filed 3-16-98; 10:05 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Renewal of Census Advisory Committees on the African American Population, American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and Hispanic Population

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and after concurrence of the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the renewal of the Census Advisory Committees on the African American Population, American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and Hispanic Population is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 18, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These Committees will provide an organized and continuing channel of communication between the communities they represent and the