

Comments should be submitted in accordance with the Dates, Additional Information and Comments sections above. All comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval, and will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on May 17, 2000.

**Timothy J. Galvin,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request approval for an information collection, the *Census of Agriculture Content Test*.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 27, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Census of Agriculture Content Test.

*Type of Request:* Intent to Seek Approval to Conduct an Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The Census of Agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the nation's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the county, state, and national levels. The Census of Agriculture is required by law under the "Census of Agriculture Act of 1997," Pub. L. No. 105-113 (7 U.S.C. 2204(g)).

The purpose of this voluntary content test is to evaluate a number of factors affecting the census program: questionnaire format and design, new content items, changes to question location and wording, respondent burden, the ability of the respondent to

provide the data, and selected processing methods. Results will be analyzed in preparation for the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Minimizing response burden while recognizing the needs for agricultural sector data is a consideration when reviewing content expansion during 2002 Census questionnaire development. USDA/NASS conducted meetings with other USDA and Federal agencies and contacted State Departments of Agriculture to gather information about uses and justification for county-level data. Recommendations resulting from these evaluations are the basis for many of the changes incorporated into the content test questionnaires.

This Census of Agriculture Content Test will be conducted at the national level, excluding Hawaii and Alaska. The random sample will be mailed questionnaires with nonrespondents receiving a follow-up contact. NASS will summarize the data and present the findings to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information averages 2 minutes per refusal, 5 minutes per screen-out, and 90 minutes per positive response.

*Respondents:* Farm and ranch operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 17,000 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Ginny McBride, 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Ginny McBride, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room

4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000 or gmcbride@usda.gov/nass.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, April 3, 2000.

**Rich Allen,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent To Extend Approval of an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the intent of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection, the *Agricultural Economics and Land Ownership Survey*.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 27, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Agricultural Economics and Land Ownership Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0240.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* June 30, 2000.

*Type of Request:* Intent to Extend Approval of an Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The 1999 Agricultural Economics and Land Ownership Survey (AELOS) is being conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This national survey obtains data to describe the economic status of the U.S. farm operations and farm households. Data collected will provide information on agricultural land ownership, financing, and inputs by farm operators and landlords. The AELOS is designed to provide data that are valid for each

state and the U.S. as a whole. It is being conducted in 2000 for the 1999 calendar year. The respondent universe consists of two populations. First is the official USDA farm population which is defined as "all establishments that sold or would have normally sold at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during the year." Second are the landlords of farm operators selected for the survey. This request is for an extension of survey approval through September 30, 2000. These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 48 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Farms, individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 72,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 58,100.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Ginny McBride, 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Ginny McBride, 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 become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, May 1, 2000.

**Rich Allen,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1093]

#### Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Consolidated Diesel Company (inc.) (Spark-Ignition and Diesel Engines); Nash County, North Carolina

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

*Whereas*, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for "the establishment \* \* \* of \* \* \* foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

*Whereas*, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

*Whereas*, the North Carolina Global TransPark Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 214, has made application for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the spark-ignition and diesel engine manufacturing facilities of Consolidated Diesel Company (Inc.), located in Whitakers and Battleboro, North Carolina (FTZ Docket 6-99, filed 2-10-99);

*Whereas*, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 8541, 2-22-99); and,

*Whereas*, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

*Now, Therefore*, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the spark-ignition and diesel engine manufacturing facilities of Consolidated Diesel Company (Inc.) located in Whitakers and Battleboro, North Carolina (Subzone 214A), at the locations described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of May 2000.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.*

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1094]

#### Approval for Extension of Authority of Board Order 828; Foreign-Trade Zone 21 Hubner Manufacturing Corporation (Industrial Bellows/Molded Parts); Charleston, South Carolina

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

*Whereas*, Board Order 828 (61 FR 33094, 6-26-96) granted authority on behalf of Hubner Manufacturing Corporation (HMC) to manufacture of textile/rubber industrial bellows and plastic/rubber molded parts under FTZ procedures subject to the following restrictions: 1) privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the zone for the HMC operation; and, 2) initial approval for a period of three years from the date of activation of FTZ procedures at the HMC plant (expires 8-7-2000), subject to extension;

*Whereas*, the South Carolina State Ports Authority, grantee of FTZ 21, has requested authority, on behalf of HMC, to extend its manufacturing authority on a permanent basis by removing Restriction #2;

*Whereas*, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 27959, 5-24-99);

*Whereas*, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the request would be in the public interest if approval were subject to the restriction listed below;

*Now Therefore*, the Board hereby approves the request subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and further to a restriction requiring that privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign-origin merchandise admitted to FTZ 21 for the HMC activity. HMC will continue to