

such sugar is accompanied by a Certificate of Quota Eligibility. Certificates of Quota Eligibility are issued to foreign countries by the Licensing Authority who is the Assistant Deputy Administrator, International Trade Policy, Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture, or his or her designee. The issuance of Certificates of Quota Eligibility is in such amounts and at such times as the Secretary determines are appropriate to enable the foreign country to fill its quota allocation for such quota period in a reasonable manner, taking into account traditional shipping patterns, harvesting period, U.S. import requirements, and other relevant factors.

The information required to be collected on the Certificate of Quota Eligibility is used to monitor and control the imports of sugar. Proper completion of the Certificate of Quota Eligibility is mandatory for those foreign governments that are eligible and elect to export raw sugar to the United States under the provisions of the tariff-rate quota.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for these collections vary in direct relation to the number of Certificates of Quota Eligibility issued.

Respondents: Foreign governments.

Estimated number of respondents: 40 per annum.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 30 per annum.

Estimated total annual burden of respondents: 200 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568.

Request for Comments: Send comments regarding (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 automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to James D. Grueff, Assistant Deputy Administrator, International Trade Policy and Acting Division Director, Import Policies Division, Foreign Agricultural Service,

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, Washington D.C. 20250-1021. 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. on June 14, 2000.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Annual Wildfire Summary Report

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to reinstate a previously approved information collection with a change. Two forms are authorized under OMB number 0596-0025: FS-3100-8, Annual Wildfire Summary Report, for which OMB authorization expired April 30, 1996, and FS-3200-6, Cooperative Forestry Accomplishment Report, for which authorization expired October 31, 1999. The agency requests reinstatement of FS-3100-8 and will retire FS-3200-6.

The information collected using FS-3100-8, Annual Wildfire Summary Report, will enable the Forest Service to provide timely, substantive information to Congress about the effectiveness of State and local fire fighting agencies, when the agency requests annual funding for the Forest Service State and Private Forestry Cooperative Fire Program. This Program supplements the funding of State and local fire fighting efforts.

State fire marshals will use FS-3100-8 to collect information from their State and local fire agencies in response to a request for this information from the Forest Service.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before August 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Roger Condie, State and Private Forestry Deputy Area, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1174 or by email to: rcondie@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Office of the Deputy

Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA, 2nd Floor NW, Yates Building, 201 14th Street S.W., Washington D.C. Visitors are urged to call ahead to facilitate entrance into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roger Condie, State and Private Forestry, 202-205-1037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101 (note) Sec. 10) requires the Forest Service to collect information about wildfire suppression efforts by State and local fire fighting agencies in order to support specific congressional funding requests for the Forest Service State and Private Forestry Cooperative Fire Program. The Program provides supplemental funding for State and local fire fighting agencies. The Forest Service works cooperatively with State and local fire fighting agencies to support their fire suppression efforts.

State and local fire agencies, such as the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program, are the first line of defense against fires that might spread to National Forest System lands.

State fire marshals use FS-3100-8, Annual Wildfire Summary Report, to collect this information for the Forest Service. The Forest Service is requesting authorization to reinstate this form under OMB number 0596-0025. This form expired April 30, 1996.

A second form was authorized under OMB number 0596-0025; the form, FS-3200-6, Cooperative Forestry and Accomplishment Report, expired October 31, 1999. This form is no longer used and the Forest Service will retire FS-3200-6.

The Forest Service would be unable to assess the effectiveness of the State and Private Forestry Cooperative Fire Program if the information using FS-3100-8 were not collected.

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be reinstated with change:

Title: FS-3100-8, Annual Wildfire Summary Report.

OMB Number: 0596-0025.

Date of Expiration: April 30, 1996.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of an information collection, with change, that was previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

Abstract: Forest Service State and Private Forestry Cooperative Fire Program managers will evaluate the collected information to determine if the Cooperative Fire Program funds,

provided to the State and local fire fighting agencies by the Forest Service, have been used by State and local fire agencies to improve their fire suppression capabilities. The Forest Service will share the results of the data with Congress when requesting annual funding for the Program. The collected information also will enable the Forest Service to share with the public the importance and value of the State and Private Forestry Cooperative Fire Program.

Forest Service employees will not collect the information directly, but will request the information from State fire marshals, who will collect the information through their own State fire fighting agencies, as well as from local fire fighting agencies, such as Volunteer Fire Departments. The information collected for the Annual Wildfire Summary Report will include the number of fires to which the State or local fire fighting agencies responded within the fiscal year; the types of fires, such as timber, structural, or grassland fires to which the fire fighters will have responded; the sizes of the fires in acres; the causes of the fires, such as lightning, campfire, or arson; and the costs associated with suppressing the fires.

Data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 30 minutes.

Type of Respondents: State fire marshals.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 50.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 25 hours.

Comment Is Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: June 14, 2000.

Robin L. Thompson,

Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Reinstate and Change 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. 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 reinstate with change an information collection, the Agricultural Practices Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 25, 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: The Agricultural Practices Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0239.

Type of Request: Intent to Reinstate and Change an Information Collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Practices Survey will be conducted in late 2000 and early 2001 in 15 states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. This survey complies with President Clinton's October 1997 directive, "Initiative to Ensure the Safety of Imported and Domestic Fruits and Vegetables." The purpose of the survey is to analyze data on agricultural

practices related to microbial food safety. Data will be collected on sources of vegetable microbial contamination such as water; manure, worker, field and facility sanitation, and crop identification systems.

NASS conducted a similar survey in the spring of 2000 to begin to establish a baseline of current agricultural practices in the fruit and vegetable industry. The 2001 effort will target more specific production practices involving fresh market vegetable production. NASS will summarize the 15-state survey data and publish estimates of frequency of operations carrying out basic agricultural practices. Summarized aggregated data will be made available to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). FDA will use the summary data to analyze current agricultural practices and to enhance the baseline established to evaluate changes in agricultural practices. USDA will use the data to develop educational outreach materials for fresh market vegetable growers and packers.

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 60 minutes per response.

Respondents: Fresh market vegetable growers and packinghouses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,600 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