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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 22, 2005.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Volunteer Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0232.

Summary of Collection: Section 1526 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 2272) permits the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to use volunteers to perform a wide range of activities to carry out the programs of or supported by the Department of Agriculture. While serving as a Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service (FFAS) volunteer each individual is subject to the same responsibilities and guidelines for conduct to which Federal employees are expected to adhere. These programs will provide a valuable service to the agencies while allowing the participants to receive training, supervision and work experience.

Need and Use of the Information: Applicants accepted for the Volunteer Programs will complete the "Service Agreement and Attendance Record". The programs will be used by FFAS in Washington, DC, State, Local and Regional Offices. The Agency will use the recording information to respond to the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Personnel Management request for information on agency volunteers. If the information were not collected for each volunteer, the Farm Service Agency would be unable to document service performed without compensation by persons in the program.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 60.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 30.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Collect Information

AGENCY: USDA, Agricultural Research Service, National Agricultural Library.

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 (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Library's intent to request approval for new information collection relating to the information needs of Library customers and potential customers, and customers' satisfaction with current Library services. This voluntary survey gives current and potential customers the opportunity to provide feedback that will assist Library staff in revising current services or creating new ones to meet customers' information needs more effectively.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 1, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Mary Ann Leonard, Special Projects Coordinator, Information Research Services Branch, National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD, 20705-2351, telephone (301) 504-6500 or fax (301) 504-6409. Submit electronic comments to leonard@nal.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Agricultural Library Information Needs Assessment.

OMB Number: PRA#.

Expiration Date: Three years from date of approval.

Type of Request: New data collection from customers and potential customers of the National Agricultural Library.

Abstract: Executive Order 12862 seeks to establish high quality customer service standards within all federal agencies that provide significant services directly to the public. The National Agricultural Library (NAL) is one such agency, mandated by the Farm Bill of 1990 to serve as the primary agricultural resource of the United States. In that role, NAL is called upon to provide agricultural information and

information products to a variety of customers, including the Federal Government, public and private organizations, and individuals, within the United States and internationally. Therefore, in compliance with Executive Order 12862, it seeks to issue a survey to identify the customers it already serves, as well as those it should be serving; to determine the kind and quality of services they want; and to assess their level of satisfaction with existing services. The results of this survey will then be used to evaluate institutional performance, reform management practices, and reallocate resources to services in line with customer needs and expectations. If the information is not collected, NAL will be hindered from advancing its mandate to provide accurate, timely and easily accessible agricultural information to its customers.

The entire information collection process will be conducted electronically. NAL will store its customer survey on a Web server. It will then invite customers and potential customers to take the survey via a broadly distributed email invitation. This invitation will include a link to the survey, where customers will answer the questions using pull-down menus, checkboxes, or radio buttons.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per respondent.

Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit institutions; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,250 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance for 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 the 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 respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 11, 2005.

Edward B. Knipling,

Administrator for Agricultural Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2005 National Census Test.

Form Number(s): Too numerous to list here.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 70,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 420,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the 2005 National Census Test (NCT).

Census 2000 was an operational and data quality success. However, that success was achieved at great operational risk and great expense. In response to the lessons learned from Census 2000, and in striving to better meet our Nation's ever-expanding needs for social, demographic, and geographic information, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau have developed a multi-year effort to completely modernize and re-engineer the 2010 Census of Population and Housing.

In order to meet our constitutional and legislative mandates, we must implement a re-engineered 2010 Census that is cost-effective; improves coverage; and reduces operational risk. Achieving this strategic goal requires an iterative series of tests to provide an opportunity to evaluate new or improved question wording, methodology, technology, and questionnaire design. The 2005 NCT, which is part of the test cycle leading up to the 2010 Census, is one of a series of tests that has been planned to allow us to finalize content, methodology, and operational procedures in time to conduct a Dress Rehearsal in 2008.

The 2005 NCT is a mailout/mailback test designed to evaluate variations of questionnaire content and methodology.

In conjunction with the results of cognitive tests and focus groups, the 2003 National Census Test, and the 2004 Census Test, results from the 2005 NCT and the 2006 Census Test will help us develop the optimal questionnaire and mailing strategy for the 2010 Census. Although the 2005 NCT does not include a nonresponse followup (field) component, it will include a telephone coverage followup component.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Sections 141 and 193.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: March 22, 2005.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey.

Form Number(s): SM-42(00).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0190.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 5,600 hours.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 7 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests a three-year extension of the current OMB approval of the