

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Farm Loan Programs, Direct Loan Servicing—Special.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0233.

OMB Expiration Date: 08/31/2018.

Type of Request: Extension with a revision.

Abstract: The Farm Loan Programs provide loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment and finance agricultural production. 7 CFR 766, Direct Loan Servicing-Special, provides the requirements for servicing financially distressed and delinquent direct loan borrowers. The loan servicing options include disaster set-aside, primary loan servicing (including reamortization, rescheduling, deferral, write down and conservation contracts), buyout at market value, and homestead protection. FSA also services borrowers who file bankruptcy or liquidate security when available servicing options are not sufficient to produce a feasible plan. The information collections contained in the regulation are necessary to evaluate a borrower's request for consideration of the special servicing actions.

The numbers of respondents and responses increased because the loan servicing activities increased by 15 percent to reflect the current numbers since the last OMB approval. The annual burden hours decreased due to removal of travel times from the request. The respondents are going to the County office to do regular and customary (or normal) business for the Farm Loan Programs.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hour is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.374 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collections of information.

Type of Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit farms.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 17,174.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.869.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 32,114.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.374.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12,036.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the FSA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the FSA's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) 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.

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

Richard Fordyce,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**National Agricultural Library****Agricultural Research Service****Notice of Intent To Renew a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: National Agricultural Library, Agricultural Research 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 (OMB) regulations, dated August 29, 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection, Information Collection for Document Delivery Services at the National Agricultural Library (NAL), which expires November 30, 2018.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, NAL, Digitization and Access Branch, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Room 305–D, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–2351.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay Derr, Librarian, telephone: 301–504–5879; email: kay.derr@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Collection for Document Delivery Services.

OMB Number: 0518–0027.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2018.

Type of Request: To extend a currently approved information collection process.

Abstract: In its role as both a preeminent agricultural research library and a national library of the United States, NAL (part of the USDA's ARS) provides loans and copies of materials from its collections to libraries and other institutions and organizations. NAL follows applicable copyright laws and interlibrary loan guidelines, standards, codes, and practices when providing loans and copies and charges a fee, if applicable, for this service. To request a loan or copy, institutions must provide a formal request to NAL using either NAL's web-based online request system or an interlibrary loan request system such as the Online Computer Library Center or the National Library of Medicine's Docline. Information in these requests includes the name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the party requesting the material. The requestor must also provide a statement acknowledging copyright compliance, bibliographic information for the material they are requesting, and the maximum dollar amount they are willing to pay for the material. The collected information is used to deliver the material to the requestor, bill for and track payment of applicable fees, monitor the return of loaned material to NAL, identify and locate the requested material in NAL collections, and determine whether the requesting party consents to the fees charged by NAL.

Estimate of Burden: Average 1.00 minute per response.

Description of Respondents: Respondents to the collection of information are those libraries, institutions, or organizations that request interlibrary loans or copies of material in the NAL collections. Each respondent must furnish the information for each loan or copying request.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 590.

Frequency of Responses: Average 7 per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 69 hours.

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 a 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. Comments may be sent to Kay Derr at the address listed above within 60 days of the date of publication. 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.

Dated: May 17, 2018.

Chavonda Jacobs-Young,

Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Solicitation of Commodity Board Topics and Contribution of Funding Under the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for commodity boards to submit topics and contribute funding under the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program.

SUMMARY: NIFA is soliciting topics from eligible commodity board entities (Federal and State- level commodity boards, as defined below) that the entities are willing to co-fund equally with NIFA. To be considered for inclusion in future Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) competitive grants program Requests for Applications (RFAs), topics must relate to the established priority areas of AFRI.

Commodity boards are those entities established under a commodity promotion law, as such term is defined under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, or a State commodity board or other equivalent State entity. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of

this Notice under the heading "Eligibility for Submitting Topics" for further information.

If, after NIFA's evaluation, proposed topics are accepted for inclusion, they will be incorporated into AFRI competitive grants program RFAs. As a condition of funding grants pertaining to a topic, NIFA will require an agreement with the commodity board to provide funds equal to the amount NIFA is contributing under the agreed upon topic.

This Notice invites topic submissions from commodity boards as defined above, outlines the process NIFA will use to evaluate the appropriateness of these topics for inclusion in AFRI RFAs, and describes the commitment required of commodity boards for NIFA to jointly fund competitively selected AFRI awards within a topic area submitted by the commodity boards.

DATES: Commodity boards may submit topics at any time; however, all topics received by 5:00 p.m. EDT on July 30, 2018 will be considered for the fiscal year 2019 AFRI RFAs. Topics submitted by eligible commodity board entities after this date are not guaranteed review for fiscal year 2019, but will be considered for RFAs to be issued in future years. Frequently asked questions about commodity board topics are available on the NIFA Website (<https://nifa.usda.gov/commodity-boards-frequently-asked-questions>).

ADDRESSES: You may submit topics by the following method: Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/webform/commodity-board-topic-submission/> Instructions: The topic submission must be through the website form; emailed topics will not be accepted.

Required fields are marked. Topics submitted through this form will not be posted to a public site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Mirando; Phone: (202) 401-4336, or Email: commodityboards@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

This Notice begins the fourth topic submission cycle to implement section 2(b)(4)(F) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(b)(4)(F)), as added by section 7404 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, which requires NIFA to "establish procedures, including timelines, under which an entity established under a commodity promotion law (as such term is defined under section 501(a) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7401(a))) or a State

commodity board (or other equivalent State entity) may directly submit to [NIFA] for consideration proposals for requests for applications" within the AFRI Program.

Stakeholder feedback gathered in previous years informed this Notice and the process NIFA is using to implement section 7404. This Notice invites entities established under a commodity promotion law or State commodity boards (or other equivalent State entities) to submit topics they are proposing for inclusion in fiscal year 2019 AFRI RFAs. Topics must relate to the established AFRI priority areas, which were authorized in the 2014 Farm Bill and described in 7 CFR 3430.309 as: Plant health and production and plant products; animal health and production and animal products; food safety, nutrition, and health; bioenergy, natural resources, and environment; agriculture systems and technology; and agriculture economics and rural communities. The AFRI priorities are subject to change based on future Farm Bills, and any changes will be reflected on the NIFA website. A summary statement on AFRI is included below. To learn more about AFRI programs, including program priorities, typical award budget amounts, and examples of RFAs, please visit: <http://nifa.usda.gov/commodity-boards/>.

AFRI Program Overview

The AFRI program is the largest agricultural competitive grants program in the United States and a primary funding source for research, education, and extension projects that bring practical solutions to some of today's most critical societal challenges. AFRI programs impact all components of agriculture, including farm and ranch efficiency and profitability, bioenergy, forestry, aquaculture, rural communities, human nutrition, food safety, biotechnology, and genetic improvement of plants and animals.

In FY 2019, NIFA plans to solicit applications for AFRI funding opportunities in the AFRI priority areas authorized in the Farm Bill and described in 7 CFR 3430.309. It is anticipated these will include the AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program RFA and the AFRI Education and Workforce Development RFA. The annual AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program RFA solicits grant applications focused predominately, but not exclusively, on fundamental scientific research addressing statutory priorities. The AFRI Education and Workforce Development RFA solicits grant applications for training K-14 teachers and administrators,