

is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The Field Crops Objective Yield Surveys objectively predict yields for wheat, corn, cotton, soybeans, potatoes, and tobacco. Sample fields are randomly selected for these crops. Plots are laid out and periodic measurements are taken and used to forecast production during the growing season. Production forecasts are published in USDA Crop Production reports.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 19 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms and businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,150.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,000 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, 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: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and 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 1, 1996.
Donald M. Bay,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Notice of Intent To Extend and Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistic 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 at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection, the June Agricultural Survey.

DATE: Comments on this notice must be received by May 13, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: June Agricultural Survey.

OMB Number: 0535-0089.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1996.

Type of Request: Intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The June Agricultural Survey collects information on planted acreage for major crops, livestock inventories, and on-farm grain stocks. The survey establishes a base for estimating crop production and value for the remainder of the crop year. Information from this survey is used by government agencies in planning, farm policy analysis, and program administration.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 117,700.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 21,000 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, 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: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave., 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 1, 1996.
Donald M. Bay,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Notice of Intent To Extend and Revise a Currently Approved 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 (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection, the Agricultural Labor Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 13, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Agricultural Labor Survey.

OMB Number: 0535-0109.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1996.

Type of Request: Intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The Agricultural Labor Survey provides statistics on the number of agricultural workers, hours worked, and wage rates. Number of workers and hours worked are used to estimate agricultural productivity. Wage rates are used in the administration of the "H-2A" Program and for setting Adverse Effect Wage Rates. Agricultural Labor Survey data are also used to carry out provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

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

Respondents: Farms and businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 47,100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 11,800 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, 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: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th Street and 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 1, 1996.

Donald M. Bay,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

Meetings

February 21, 1996

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 42nd Meeting in Washington, DC, on March 25 and 26, 1996. On Monday, March 25, the Commission will meet in joint session with the Board of Directors of the Arctic Research Consortium of the United States (ARCUS) to explore issues of common interest (this meeting is open to the public). A Business Session open to the public will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the William Penn Room of the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. Agenda items include:

- (1) Call to order and approval of the Agenda.
- (2) Approval of the minutes of the 41st Meeting.
- (3) Reports of Congressional Liaisons.
- (4) Agency Reports.
- (5) Information Items
 - (a) International Research in the Sea of Okhotsk
 - (b) The Komi Oil Spill Cleanup.

The business meeting will be followed by an Executive Session.

On Tuesday, March 26, the Commission will receive a briefing on programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. followed by adjournment of the 42nd Meeting.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters must inform the Commission in advance of those needs.

Contact Person for More Information: Dr. Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director, Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

Garrett W. Brass,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Final Certification for the Consolidation of Four (4) Weather Service Offices (WSOs)

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 1996.

ADDRESS: Requests for copies of the final consolidation certification packages should be sent to Janet Gilmer, Room 12316, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Scanlon at 301-713-1413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 27, 1996 the Secretary of Commerce approved and transmitted the following four (4) certifications to Congress:

- (1) Residual New Orleans WSO;
- (2) Residual Tulsa WSO;
- (3) Residual Oklahoma City WSO; and
- (4) Residual Phoenix WSO.

The NWS is now completing the certification requirements by publishing the final consolidation Certifications in the Federal Register. There were no public comments received for consideration.

Dated: March 4, 1996.

Elbert W. Friday, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange: Proposed Amendments Relating to the Quality Standards, Delivery Ports, Packaging, Demurrage, and Trading Month Specifications for the White Sugar Futures Contract

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed contract rule change.

SUMMARY: The Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange ("CSCE or Exchange") has submitted proposed amendments to its white sugar futures contract. The primary amendments will: (1) Change the quality specifications by increasing the maximum color and moisture allowable in deliverable sugar, and eliminating the maximum ash content