

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**National Agricultural Statistics Service****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. No. 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 Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 31, 1999 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: Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

OMB Number: 0535-0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 1999.

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 Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Program obtains basic poultry statistics from voluntary cooperators throughout the Nation. The data are used to prepare and issue current State and national estimates. Statistics are published on placement of pullet chicks for hatchery supply flocks, hatching reports for broiler-type, egg-type, and turkey eggs, number of layers on hand, total table egg production, non-federally inspected poultry slaughter, and production, disposition, and income estimates for eggs, chickens, and turkeys. Non-federally inspected poultry slaughter data are obtained from State Departments of Agriculture.

This statistical information issued by producers, processors, feed dealers, and others in the marketing and supply

channels as a basis for production and marketing decision. Government agencies use these estimates to evaluate poultry product supplies. The information is an important consideration in government purchases for the school lunch program and in formulation of export-import policy. The Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys have approval from OMB for a 3-year period. NASS intends to request that the surveys be approved for another 3 years.

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 9 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,145 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, 1400 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., January 11, 1999.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****Mill Creek Watershed, PA**

AGENCY: USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Service, DOA.

ACTION: "Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact".

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR, Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) Guidelines (7 CFR, Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Mill Creek Watershed, Clarion and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janet L. Oertly, State Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, One Credit Union Place, Suite 340, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-2993, telephone (717) 237-2202; fax (717) 237-2239.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally-assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Janet L. Oertly, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project concerns a plan for water quality improvement. The planned works of improvement involve fifty-eight treatment sites that are the source of ground and surface water pollution. Treatment of these sites will involve the installation of waterways, diversions, and passive treatment systems.

The "Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) has been forwarded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. The environmental assessment