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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 4, 2021.

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 are requested regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by December 9, 2021 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: 7 CFR part 1980–E, Business and Industry Loan Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570–0014.

Summary of Collection: The Business and Industry (B&I) program was legislated in 1972, under Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution abatement and control. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure by making direct loans, thereby providing lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by the Agency through Rural Development State and sub-State Offices serving the State.

7 CFR 1980–E, in conjunction with 7 CFR 1942–A, and other regulations, is currently used only for making B&I Direct Loans. 7 CFR 1951–E is used for servicing B&I Direct and Community Facility loans. All reporting and recordkeeping burden estimates for making and servicing B&I Guaranteed Loans have been moved to the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program regulations, 7 CFR 4279–A and B and 4287–B. Consequently, only a fraction of the total reporting and recordkeeping burden for making and servicing B&I Direct Loans is reflected in this document.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is submitted to the B&I loan official by loan applicants and commercial lenders for use in making program eligibility, financial feasibility determinations and loan security determinations as required by the Con Act.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or Households; Business or Other for Profit, State, Local or Tribal Governments, public bodies, cooperatives.

Number of Respondents: 16.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 228.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 3, 2021.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by December 9, 2021. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: Conservation Practice Adoption Motivations Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–NEW.

Summary of Collection: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to collect, prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition; as well as economic statistics, environmental statistics related to agriculture and also to conduct the Census of Agriculture.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will collect information about these types of operations to understand conservation practices within the United States in terms of the following: (1) How often are specific conservation practices adopted without assistance, with technical assistance and/or financial assistance. (2) How does adoption evolve over time? What proportion of producers who “try” a given practice continue or expand use over time? How many discontinue the practice? (3) What motivates farmers to initially try a practice and then continue, expand, or discontinue use? The questions reflect a range of factors including conservation need(s), experience(s) of neighbors, financial benefits or costs, producer’s time and effort, availability of technical and financial assistance, regulation or conservation compliance, and concern about the environmental quality. The United States Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service has entered into an interagency agreement with NASS to conduct this survey.

Description of Respondents: The 2022 survey will target operations who own or operate cropland as well as confined livestock feeding operations. Operators who have grazing land or forestry land will be done at a later date.

Number of Respondents: 35,200.

Frequency of Responses: Once.

Total Burden Hours: 35,614.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A–108, this notice is a new Privacy Act System of Records titled USDA/OSEC–02 Contractor and Visitor Public Health Emergency Records, which include information on contractor employees who work in, as well as visitors to, Department of Agriculture (USDA) facilities during declared public health emergencies. The system contains information provided by the contractor’s employees including such information as their applicable vaccination or medical countermeasure status and whether they are experiencing symptoms associated with the public health emergency. Each contractor with employees who will work in USDA facilities (regardless of whether the contract is with USDA or another Federal agency) will be asked to confirm if its employees have been vaccinated or have received appropriate medical countermeasures, in addition, the contractor will be required to ensure that its employees follow the guidelines specified for working in USDA facilities, for example, to mitigate the spread of COVID–19, not fully vaccinated employees are required to wear masks and maintain physical distancing. Visitors to USDA facilities will also be asked to provide information about their vaccination or medical countermeasure status and may be asked to provide proof of their status and information about whether they are experiencing any symptoms associated with the public health emergency.

DATES: This notice is applicable upon publication, subject to a 30-day review and comment period for the routine uses. We will consider comments received on or before November 29, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The public, OMB, and Congress are invited to submit any comments by mail to the United States Department of Agriculture, Privacy Office, ATTN: Privacy Analyst, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250; by telephone at 202–384–5026; or by email at SM.OCIO.CIO.UsdaPrivacy

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sullie Coleman, Chief Privacy Officer, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250, 202–604–0467.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA is establishing a system of records, USDA/OSEC–02, subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. The purpose of this new system of records is to house

information provided by contractors, subcontractors, their employees, and visitors needed for USDA to take appropriate actions during a public health emergency. The information collected includes medical countermeasures, such as vaccinations, diagnostic test results, whether the individual is experiencing relevant symptoms, and any other information necessary to assist USDA with determining appropriate mitigation measures to take with respect to contractor employees and visitors in USDA facilities or in the performance of duties associated with the Department. In general, the information will be used to confirm that contractors, their employees, and visitors to USDA facilities are aware of and complying with requirements necessitated by the public health emergency, such as those to wear masks and maintain physical distancing while working onsite or visiting a USDA facility. For onsite contractor employees, the information will be used to make decisions such as office space planning and assigning office space, assigning tasks that require individuals to work in close physical proximity, as well for operational staffing requirements for carrying out work in field operations.

As required by the Privacy Act (specifically 5 U.S.C. 552a(r)) and implemented by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A108, USDA has provided a report of this system of records to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; the Chairman, Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, House of Representatives; and the Chairman, Committee on Governmental Affairs, United States Senate.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

USDA/OSEC–02 Contractor and Visitor Public Health Emergency Records

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Micro-Soft (MS) 365 Multi-Tenant (MT) provides Exchange and SharePoint Access for USDA/OSEC–02 Contractor and Visitor Public Health Emergency Records. Tenant locations are defaulted to Geo based on the country. In the United States, these records may be maintained electronically at one or more of Microsoft Data Centers, including, but not limited to, Boydton, Virginia, and Cheyenne, Wyoming. The agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, address is 1400 Independence Ave. SW,