

Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 87, No. 40

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 23, 2022.

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 March 31, 2022. 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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: 2022 Kentucky Equine Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0264.

Summary of Collection: The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition and prices, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow-on surveys. NASS will conduct a survey of operations with equine that are farms and not farms.

Selected operators with equine in Kentucky will be asked to provide data on equine inventory by breed, type of use, income, expenses, assets, land area, workers employed and labor expenses.

General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S.C. Title 7, Section 2204. This survey will be conducted on a full cost recovery basis with the Kentucky Horse Council providing funding under a cooperative agreement.

Need and use of the Information: Equine are a significant economic driver in Kentucky. Based on the 2012 Kentucky Equine Survey, the economic impact of the Kentucky equine industry was \$3 billion. The information published from this request will be used by state government, local government, universities, businesses and potentially others, for the purpose of maintaining and growing the equine industry. Data will be used to make business and policy decisions.

Description of Respondents: Operators (farm and non-farm) with equine on July 1, 2022 in Kentucky.

Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once a year.

Total Burden Hours: 5,775.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. 2022–04220 Filed 2–28–22; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410–20–P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2022–0001]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Control of African Swine Fever; Restrictions on the Movement of Swine Products and Swine Byproducts From Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection associated with control of African swine fever and restrictions on the movement of swine products and swine byproducts from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. **DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 2, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2022–0001 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2022–0001, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the control of African swine fever and restrictions on the movement of swine products and swine

byproducts, contact Dr. Dawn Hunter, Staff Trade Policy Advisor, Strategy and Policy, VS APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3333; Dawn.K.Hunter@usda.gov. For information on the information collection process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851-2483; joseph.moxey@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Control of African Swine Fever; Restrictions on the Movement of Swine Products and Swine Byproducts From Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0480.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized to protect the health of the livestock, poultry, and aquaculture populations in the United States by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of serious diseases and pests of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture, and for eradicating such diseases and pests from the United States, when feasible. Within the USDA, this authority and mission is delegated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Within APHIS, Veterinary Services (VS) is tasked with, among other things, preventing foreign animal disease outbreaks in the United States, and monitoring, controlling, and eliminating a disease outbreak should one occur. In the past several years, there have been significant worldwide outbreaks of African swine fever (ASF). ASF is a highly contagious and deadly viral disease affecting domestic and feral (wild) pigs. The disease has not been detected in the United States; however, APHIS is committed to working with State and industry partners to keep the disease out of the country.

The Dominican Republic is currently reporting a significant outbreak of ASF. While ASF is not known to occur in Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands, they are in proximity to the Dominican Republic. Frequent passenger travel and international mail shipments occur between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as frequent small-scale commercial agricultural trade. Thus, APHIS identified several pathways for the possible introduction of ASF from the Dominican Republic to Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands. Moreover, there are known commercial and feral pig populations in both territories, and there were no restrictions on the interstate movement of live swine,

swine germplasm, swine products, and swine byproducts from Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands into the continental United States. Accordingly, APHIS suspended interstate movement of live swine, swine germplasm, and processed swine products and byproducts through issuance of a Federal Order (DA-2021-0002)¹ on September 17, 2021. In situations where a disease risk is sufficiently severe and fast-moving so that the regular regulatory process cannot provide adequate relief, APHIS employs Federal Orders to set trade restrictions quickly to control, eradicate, or prevent a disease threat.

Since the issuance of the Federal Order, APHIS has established sufficient mitigations to allow the movement of certain swine products and swine byproducts under specified conditions that mitigate the risk of spreading ASF through interstate commerce. As a result, on December 2, 2021, APHIS issued a Federal Order (DA-2021-0003)² to allow interstate movement of certain swine products and byproducts from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands under certain conditions. To certify compliance with this Federal Order and restriction guidelines for the interstate movement of swine products and byproducts from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, commercial producers must meet the requirements as listed in the Federal Order or complete a VS Form 16-3, an application for a permit to import or transport controlled material or organisms or vectors.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

- (1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

¹ https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/fed-order-suspend-swine-from-pr-vi.pdf.

² https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/fo-asf-signed.pdf.

are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Commercial producers of swine products and byproducts and State animal health officials.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 22.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 2.

Estimated annual number of responses: 40.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 60 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of February 2022.

Anthony Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

[FR Doc. 2022-04207 Filed 2-28-22; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-34-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RBS-21-BUSINESS-0037]

Inviting Applications for Value-Added Producer Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces that the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency) is accepting applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program. Approximately \$17 million is currently available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 along with about \$2.75 million in COVID-19 relief funds carried over from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the FY 2021 Appropriations Act) for a total of \$19.75 million in funding. The Agency may also utilize any funding that becomes available through enactment of the FY 2022 appropriations. The Agency will publish the program funding level on the Rural Development website, <https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/federal-funding-opportunities>. The COVID-19 relief funds allow for a reduced cost-