

Docket number USDA–2023–0007. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any questions about this notice should be sent to Wes Hanson, Office of Energy and Environmental Policy via email: [wes.hanson@usda.gov](mailto:wes.hanson@usda.gov), or telephone: 202–425–1596.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Energy and Environmental Policy (OEEP) operates within the Office of the Chief Economist at USDA and functions as the Department-wide focal point on agriculture, rural, and forestry-related climate change activities. OEEP ensures that USDA is a source of objective, analytical assessments of the effects of climate change and proposed response strategies.

The original 2014 report *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Fluxes in Agriculture and Forestry: Methods for Entity-Scale Inventory* was developed in response to the 2008 Farm Bill, Section 2709, which states that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall prepare technical guidelines that outline science-based methods to measure the carbon benefits from conservation and land management activities. This report provides scientifically rigorous, Department-wide guidelines for quantifying GHG emissions and carbon sequestration at the farm-, forest-, and entity-scale. The guidelines are intended for use with landowners, nongovernmental organizations, and other groups assessing increases and decreases in GHG emissions and carbon sequestration associated with changes in land management. The report and associated materials, including an erratum published in 2019, are available at: [https://www.usda.gov/oce/climate\\_change/estimation.htm](https://www.usda.gov/oce/climate_change/estimation.htm). The report also serves as the foundation for COMET-Farm (<http://cometfarm.nrel.colostate.edu>), a field-scale tool developed by USDA and Colorado State University that provides detailed estimates of the on-farm benefits accrued from the implementation of conservation practices.

Updates to the technical guidelines are primarily focused on adding new quantification methods for management practices that have an adequate body of research to support their GHG benefits, revising the methods where appropriate to reflect the state of the science, improving the accuracy of farm-scale GHG flux estimates, reducing ambiguity in how users select a given method, and improving the usability of the report by

reorganizing the chapters to make the methods easier to access.

USDA currently requests public comment on the following:

1. *Input on the usability, and the level of detail provided for the methods, practices, and technologies for quantifying of GHG emissions and carbon sequestration at the entity-scale.*

1a. Is the overall flow of the report easy to follow and navigate?

1b. Is there an appropriate level of detail included for background information, and for each method?

1c. Are the methods easily followed [consider the format of the report, language or instructions used, background information provided (or not provided), etc.]?

1d. Are the method descriptions adequate for estimation of emissions at the entity scale? If not, list additional details that are needed to implement the approaches.

1e. Are the activity practice data sufficiently described for compiling this information from farm and ranch operations?

1f. Are the graphics provided useful, or are there changes that would increase clarity or accuracy?

1g. Are the data gaps provided complete or are there additional promising research that you recommend be included?

1h. There are some differences in the entity-scale methods compared to methods used in the national inventory (often due to the level of complexity and availability of entity-level data). Do you have any concerns about these differences?

1i. Is the purpose of the report and its update laid out clearly? If not, please provide any suggestions to make this more accessible to all audiences.

1j. Is the definition of an entity clearly defined?

1k. Are the system boundaries appropriate?

2. *Information to improve the accuracy of the guidelines.*

2a. If you are familiar with the methods provided in the original 2014 report, feel free to provide comment on the updated methods and presentation and whether the updates provide benefits.

2b. Where provided, are the methods descriptions for estimating uncertainty adequate? If not, please elaborate on the missing information or need for further details to quantify uncertainty.

3. *Information to improve the usability of the methods.*

3a. Has the reorganization of the report chapters improved the flow of the chapters, and the usability of the technical guidelines?

3b. Are there additional improvements that could be made to improve the usability of the technical guidelines?

3c. What specific changes or improvements could be made to the COMET-Farm online tool to improve the implementation of the USDA technical guidelines?

Please provide information including citations and/or contact details to the address listed above.

**Seth Meyer,**

*Chief Economist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement

#### Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers

**AGENCY:** Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hybrid meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers (ACMF) will be convened and accessible in-person and virtually. During this public meeting, the ACMF will consider USDA programs, services, and policies, and how they impact minority farmers. The ACMF seeks to recommend action-oriented strategies that maximize the participation of minority farmers in USDA programs and services.

**DATES:** The ACMF public meeting is scheduled for June 27–29, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. eastern daylight time (EDT)—each day.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting Pre-Registration:* The public is asked to pre-register for the meeting by June 26, 2023, at <https://ems8.intellor.com/?do=register&t=1&p=848053>.

*Your pre-registration should include:* your name; organization or interest represented; if you plan to give oral comments; and if you require special accommodations. USDA will also accept day-of registrations throughout the meeting. Time will be allotted at the end of each morning and afternoon for comments from those attending in person or virtually. USDA will allow as many individual and organizational comments as time permits.

**Oral Comments:** Persons or organizations may register for one speaking slot per day. All persons wanting to make oral comments during the in-person meeting may check-in each day at the registration table beginning 8:30 a.m. EDT.

**Written Comments:** Written comments for consideration during the public meeting are requested by or before 3 p.m. EDT, June 26, 2023. The ACMF prefers that all written comments be submitted electronically via the pre-registration link or emailed to: [acmf@usda.gov](mailto:acmf@usda.gov). However, written comments may also be submitted (*i.e.*, postmarked) via first class mail to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section (below) prior to the deadline. Written comments will be accepted up to 7 days after the public meeting.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** All written public comments received by June 29, 2023, will be compiled for committee members' review. Please visit: <https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/advisory-committee-on-minority-farmers> to review the agenda, meeting documents (notices), and summary minutes for this meeting.

**Location:** The ACMF public advisory meeting will be held at the Westin Savannah Harbor, 1 Resort Drive, Savannah, Georgia. Public attendees may register upon arrival beginning 8:30 a.m. each day. Public parking is available onsite for \$20.00 per day.

**Virtual Participation:** Public participants may also view the committee proceedings and presentations via Webex at <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/848046>. Meeting ID and passcode is not required.

The call-in numbers and code for listen-only access are as follows:

U.S. Toll Free: 888-251-2949.

U.S. Toll: 215-861-0694.

Access Code: 8624 273#.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. R. Jeanese Cabrera, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 0601, Room 524-A, Washington, DC 20250; Phone: (202) 720-6350; Email: [acmf@usda.gov](mailto:acmf@usda.gov). Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the FCC Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) at 7-1-1 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., eastern daylight time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established pursuant to section 14008 of the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110-246, 122 Stat. 1651, 2008 (7 U.S.C.

2279), to ensure that socially disadvantaged farmers have equal access to USDA programs. The Secretary selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons to recommend solutions to the challenges of minority farmers and ranchers. The members also advise the Secretary on implementation of section 2501 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (the 2501 Program); maximizing the participation of minority farmers and ranchers in USDA programs; and civil rights activities within the Department relative to participants in its programs.

**Agenda:** Following on from the public meeting held in Tucson, AZ, the ACMF will review and revisit those agency documents, accompanying transcripts, subsequent research, and public comments, on USDA programs, services, and policies. During the upcoming meeting, the ACMF will focus on overarching topics distilled from prior presentations, updated research, and planning discussions, to consider and build final recommendations in the following order: Farm Service Agency (county committees; heirs' property); Rural Development (section 504 Dilapidated Housing; Health Care Infrastructure); Agricultural Marketing Services (community-based support; funding for food and other services; outreach and dissemination of information; specific requests of AMS subject matter experts); United States Department of Agriculture around these topics relevant for all agencies: Outreach and Communications—Build and Expand—*Better and Smarter* to effectively reach and engage more people in hard-to-reach places and situations; eliminate systemic and transactional barriers (particularly those that are unique to 1890s); and manage through impediments to build or rebuild rural infrastructure (*e.g.*, hospitals, healthcare centers, power grids) and encouraging youth engagement in agriculture. And finally, the ACMF will consider recommendations for alternative means by which the USDA may more equitably manage its internal processes, incorporate efficiencies to make those processes more user-friendly for new minority farming or ranching businesses, and deliver enhanced support for those farmers and ranchers with existing operations in minority farming communities.

Dated: June 6, 2023.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

[Docket No.: RHS-23-MFH-0012]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Rural Rental Housing Program; OMB Control No.: 0575-0189

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces its' intention to request a revision of a currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by August 8, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search Field" box, labeled "Search for dockets and documents on agency actions," enter the following docket number: (RHS-23-MFH-0012), and click "Search." To submit public comments, select the "Comment" button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the "Commenter's Checklist" (optional). Insert your comments under the "Comment" title, click "Browse" to attach files (if applicable). Input your email address and select an identity category then click "Submit Comment." Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MaryPat Daskal, Chief, Branch 1, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-7853. Email [MaryPat.Daskla@usda.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Daskla@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies the