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Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated between 8 and 35 minutes per respondent per survey.

Respondents: Farmers, ranchers, farm managers, and farm contractors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,800 hours. This will include burden for both the initial mailing and phone follow-up to non-respondents, as well as publicity and instruction materials mailed out with questionnaires.

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, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological, or other forms of information technology collection methods.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.


R. Renee Picanso,
Associate Administrator.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Renee Picanso, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–4333. Copies of this information collection can be obtained without charge from David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, at (202) 690–2388 or at ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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OMB Number: 0535–0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to revise and extend an information collection for 3 years.

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Comment Request

Title: State Telecommunications Modernization Plan

OMB Control Number: 0572–0104
Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This information collection requirement stems from passage of the Rural Electrification Loan Restructuring Act (RELRA, Pub. L. 103–129) on November 1, 1993, which amended the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. (the RE Act). RELRA requires that a State Telecommunications Modernization Plan (Modernization Plan), covering at a minimum the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrowers in the state, be established in a state or RUS cannot make hardship or concurrent cost-of-money and Rural Telephone Bank (RTB) loans for construction in that state. It is the policy of RUS that every State has a Modernization Plan which provides for the improvement of the State’s telecommunications network. A proposed Modernization plan must be submitted to RUS for approval. RUS will approve a proposed Modernization Plan if it conforms to the provisions of 7 CFR part 1751, subpart B.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 350 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 350.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720–7853, FAX: (202) 720–4120.

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.

Dated: May 15, 2015.

Brandon McBride,
Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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President’s Export Council, Subcommittee on Export Administration; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The President’s Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration (PECSEA) will meet on June 9, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3407, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues NW., Washington,