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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent To Request an Early Revision and Extension of 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 this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Bee and Honey Survey. Revision to burden hours will be needed due to a change in the size of the target population, sample design, and the expansion of the questionnaire to accommodate changes to the scope of the survey to include some economic questions.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 23, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0153, by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [ombofficer@nass.usda.gov](mailto:ombofficer@nass.usda.gov).

Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 720-6396.

- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

**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 and related instructions can be obtained without charge from David Hancock, NASS-OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 690-2388 or at [ombofficer@nass.usda.gov](mailto:ombofficer@nass.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Bee and Honey Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0153.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* June 30, 2016.

*Type of Request:* Intent to revise and extend a currently approved information collection for a period of three years.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production, livestock products, prices, and disposition; as well as economic statistics, environmental statistics related to agriculture, and also to conduct the Census of Agriculture. This request for renewal of the Bee and Honey Survey (0535-0153) will expand the historic collection to collect additional data to respond to the increased demand for data relating to honey bees.

As pollinators, honey bees are vital to the agricultural industry for producing food for the world's population. Ad hoc surveys showed a dramatic rise in the number of disappearances of honey bee colonies in North America in late 2006; disappearances ranged from 10-15 percent annual colony loss in some areas to greater than 30 percent in other areas. Often called Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), the condition occurs when worker bees from a beehive or a European honey bee colony abruptly disappear, with minimal mortality evident near the hive and an intact queen and food supply readily available. The cost for maintaining and replenishing of honey bee colonies is exacerbated in a climate of higher than expected losses. Further data is needed to accurately describe the costs associated with pest/disease control, wintering fees, and replacement worker and queen bees. The USDA and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with other relevant Federal partners, are scaling up efforts to address the decline of honey bee health with a goal of ensuring the recovery of this critical subset of

pollinators. NASS supports the Pollinator Research Action Plan, published May 19, 2015, which emphasizes the importance of coordinated action to identify the extent and causal factors in honey bee mortality.

NASS will collect Colony Loss data under the OMB approval number 0535-0255. Under the expanded Bee and Honey Survey (0535-0153), NASS will collect information on the number of colonies, honey production, stocks, prices, and basic economic data from beekeepers in all 50 States. Findings from the expanded Bee and Honey Survey can be paired with results from the Colony Loss program to more wholly describe the economics of beekeeping.

The survey will use two questionnaire versions. Operations with five or more colonies will receive the expanded bee and honey questionnaire and operations with less than five colonies will receive a shorter version of the questionnaire. Collecting data from operations with less than five colonies will help better compare their experiences to larger operations. These surveys will provide data needed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other government agencies to administer programs. State universities and agriculture departments also use the enhanced data from this survey.

*Authority:* 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 as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320.

NASS also complies with OMB Implementation Guidance, "Implementation Guidance for Title V of the E-Government Act, Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA)," **Federal Register**, Vol. 72, No. 115, June 15, 2007, p. 33362.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per

response for operations with five or more colonies. Operations with less than five colonies will receive the shorter questionnaire which is estimated to average 10 minutes per response. Publicity materials and instruction sheets will account for 5 minutes of additional burden per respondent. Respondents who refuse to complete a survey will be allotted 2 minutes of burden per attempt to collect the data.

*Respondents:* Farmers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 31,500.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* With an estimated response rate of approximately 80%, we estimate the total burden to be approximately 9,000 hours.

*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.

Signed at Washington, DC, August 13, 2015.

**R. Renee Picanso,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## **BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

### **Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Change Notice**

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday, August 24, 2015, 11:15 a.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20237.

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Closed Meeting of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

**SUMMARY:** The Broadcasting Board of Governors (Board) previously announced a special session, originally scheduled for August 19, 2015, to

discuss and approve a budget submission for Fiscal Year 2017. The meeting date had to be changed, and the Board will now meet in a special session, to be conducted telephonically, at the date and time listed above.

According to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11, section 22.1, all agency budgetary materials and data are considered confidential prior to the President submitting a budget to Congress. In accordance with section 22.5 of Circular A-11, the BBG has determined that its meeting should be closed to public observation pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act and BBG policies, the meeting will be recorded and a transcript of the proceedings, subject to the redaction of information protected by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), will be made available to the public. The publicly-releasable transcript will be available for download at [www.bbg.gov](http://www.bbg.gov) within 21 days of the date of the meeting.

Information regarding member votes to close the meeting and expected attendees can also be found on the Agency's public Web site.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Oanh Tran at (202) 203-4545.

**Oanh Tran,**

*Director of Board Operations.*

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## **COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

### **Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Montana Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Montana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. (MDT) on Thursday, September 10, 2015, via teleconference. The purpose of the planning meeting is for the Advisory Committee to finalize its selection of a civil rights issue for further study.

Members of the public may listen to the discussion by dialing the following Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1-888-437-9445; Conference ID: 2651219. Please be advised that before being placed into the conference call, the

operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and an email address (if available) prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free phone number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-977-8339 and provide the FRS operator with the Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1-888-437-9445, Conference ID: 2651219. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by Monday, October 12, 2015. Written comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13-201, Denver, CO 80294, faxed to (303) 866-1050, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at [ebohor@usccr.gov](mailto:ebohor@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (303) 866-1040.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=259> and clicking on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

#### **AGENDA:**

Welcome and Introductions  
Norma Bixby, Chair  
Civil Rights Discussion and Select Issues for Further Study  
Montana State Advisory Committee Administrative Matters  
Malee V. Craft, Designated Federal Official (DFO)

**DATES:** Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. (MDT)

**ADDRESSES:** To be held via teleconference:

Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1-888-437-9445, Conference ID: 2651219.

TDD: Dial Federal Relay Service 1-800-977-8339 and give the operator the above conference call number and conference ID.