

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request 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 Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR) program. Revision to burden hours will be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and questionnaire length.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 12, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES:

- *Email:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov. Include the docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (855) 838-6382.

- *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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR).

OMB Control Number: 0535-0254.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2017.

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

Abstract: NASS began collecting data for the Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR) in the latter half of 2014. This replaced a portion of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program (0607-0476) which was conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau previously. The CIR was discontinued on April 30, 2012. The previous approval (0607-0476) was for 47 different surveys.

Data from the agricultural instruments are used to generate four separate publications. These surveys supply data users with important information on the utilization of many of the crops, livestock, and poultry produced in the United States. NASS collects crop data on acres planted and harvested, production, price, and stocks for these crops (grains, oilseeds, cotton, nuts, etc.), along with livestock data on the number of animals and poultry produced, slaughtered, prices, and the amount of meat kept in cold storage. The CAIR data series provides data users with vital information on how much of these commodities were processed into fuels, cooking oils, flour, fabric, etc. These data are needed to provide a more complete picture of the importance of agriculture to the American population.

In order to maintain a complete and comprehensive list of operations, NASS also conducts an Operation Profile periodically to add new operations to the survey population and remove operations that no longer meet the criteria to be included in this group of surveys. Completing the Operation Profile also serves as a training tool for operations, helping to ensure consistent, accurate, and complete data are reported monthly/annually. These surveys will be conducted as a part of the Census of Agriculture and are mandatory as defined under Title 7, Sec. 2204(g).

| Publication No. * | Form No. * | Survey title | Reporting status | Frequency | Methodology |
|-------------------|--------------|--|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| M311N | M311N | Operation Profile | Voluntary | Annual | Universe. |
| M311J | M311C | Animal & Vegetable Fats and Oils | Mandatory | Monthly | Universe. |
| | M311C | Dry Mill Producers | Mandatory | Monthly | Universe. |
| | M311C | Wet Mill Producers | Mandatory | Monthly | Universe. |
| M313P | M311H | Cotton in Private Storage** | Mandatory | Annual | Universe. |
| | M313P | Cotton and Manmade Fibre Staple | Mandatory | Monthly | Universe. |
| MQ311A | MQ311A | Flour Milling Products | Mandatory | Quarterly | Universe. |

* The Form numbers and publication numbers appear on the surveys previously conducted by the Census Bureau.

** Cotton in Private Storage is published in the September publication only.

Primary users of these data include government and regulatory agencies, business firms, trade associations, and private research and consulting organizations. The USDA World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB) uses the data in many of their indexes. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) use the data in the estimation of components of gross domestic product (GDP) and the estimate of output for productivity analysis, respectively. Many government agencies, such as the Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, Bureau of

Economic Analysis, and International Trade Administration use the data for industrial analysis, projections, and monitoring import penetration. NASS proposes to make the following changes to the previously approved questionnaires:

M311N—Animal and Vegetable Fats and Oils (Combined Questionnaire)

—Flaxseed.

- Crush—delete.
- Cake and meal—delete.
- Oil refining—crude—delete.
- Oil refining—once refined—delete.
- Oil—offsite stocks—delete.

—Olives

- Crush—delete.

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| M313P—Cotton, Manmade Fiber, Staple | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oil—refined—delete. ○ Oil—offsite stocks—delete. —All Other Primary Fats and Oils such as babassu, oiticica, etc.—delete. —Fatty Acids—delete. —Glycerin—crude—delete. —Glycerin—refined—delete. —All Other Products (blood meal, plasma, etc.)—delete. —Total upland cotton—delete. —Upland Cotton destroyed—delete. —Extra Long Staple cotton destroyed—delete. —Estimated burden minutes to complete, reduced to 10 minutes. |
| M311H—Cotton In Private Storage | —No changes. |
| MQ311A—Flour Milling Products | —No changes. |
| M311C—Dry Mill Producers | —No changes. |
| M311C—Wet Mill Producers | —No changes. |

The National Agricultural Statistics Service will use the information collected only for statistical purposes and will publish the data only as aggregated totals.

Authority: The Census of Agriculture and subsequent follow-on censuses are required by law under the “Census of Agriculture Act of 1997,” 7 U.S.C. 2204(g). 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 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 8–40 minutes per response. Publicity materials and instruction sheets will account for about 15 minutes of additional burden per respondent, annually.

Respondents: The target population will consist of managers of processing facilities that produce oils and fats from animals, grains, oilseeds, nuts, tree fruits or vegetables; or operations that

are involved in the storing, rendering, or marketing of these products. Managers of ethanol plants, cotton gins, and flour mills will also be included in the target population for this group of surveys.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,600 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, including 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, February 21, 2017.

Hubert Hamer,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm’s workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

[2/11/2017 through 3/7/2017]

| Firm name | Firm address | Date accepted for investigation | Product(s) |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Cooper Gear and Manufacturing, Inc. | 310 Mill Street, Anderson, MO 64831. | 2/13/2017 | The firm manufactures gears and splines. |
| The Steinlite Corporation | 1015 Main Street, Atchison, KS 66002. | 2/23/2017 | The firm manufactures metal fabricated grain moisture meters (2 in production) and a metal mill to grind solids. |
| D & N Machining, Inc | 18320 Highway 71, South, Greenwood, AR 72936. | 2/24/2017 | The firm manufactures CNC machined component parts. |
| National Wiper Alliance, Inc ... | 875 Warren Wilson Road, Swannanoa, NC 28778. | 2/27/2017 | The firm manufactures nonwoven wipes and materials. |