

to promulgate regulations and guidelines to develop and oversee a program to produce hemp in the United States. The 2018 Farm Bill directs that this will include state and tribal plans, and a USDA plan for those States, including territories of Indian tribes, that choose not to submit their own plan. The 2018 Farm Bill amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (AMA) by adding Subtitle G (sections 297A through 297D of the AMA). Section 297B of the AMA requires the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) to evaluate and approve or disapprove State or Tribal plans regulating the production of hemp. Section 297C of the AMA requires the Secretary to establish a Federal plan for producers in States and territories of Indian Tribes not covered by plans approved under section 297B. Lastly, section 297D of the AMA requires the Secretary to promulgate regulations and guidelines relating to the production of hemp, including sections 297B and 297C, in consultation with the U.S. Attorney General.

States or Tribes wanting primary regulatory authority over the production of hemp within their borders may submit plans to USDA for approval. These plans outline how the State or Tribe will monitor and regulate production. As instructed in the Farm Bill, this regulation provides procedures and guidance for state and tribal governments submitting plans to USDA for approval. USDA will approve plans which comply with the Domestic Hemp Production Program regulations.

The interim final rule (IFR) was published on October 31, 2019. A System of Record Notice (SORN) was published on January 16, 2020. The U.S. Domestic Hemp Program (USDA Hemp Program) established a system of records under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) which is required by law. On January 19, 2021, USDA published a final rule (FR) for the USDA Hemp Program which became effective on March 22, 2021. The FR incorporated modifications based on public comments and lessons learned during the 2020 growing season.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is being collected to accurately manage the USDA Hemp Program. States and Tribes with USDA approved programs, USDA producers, and laboratories all provide necessary information for the program.

Description of Respondents: Hemp producers, States and Tribal governments with approved hemp production plans; Laboratory personnel.

Number of Respondents: 21,781.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Monthly; Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 9,826.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2026-0496]

Notice of Request for Revision To and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Restrictions on Importation of Live Poultry, Poultry Meat, and Other Poultry Products From Specified Regions

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and 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 a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with regulations for the importation of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from specified regions.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 13, 2026.

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

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS-2026-0496 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-2026-0496, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at 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 about the restrictions on importation of live poultry from specified regions, contact Dr. Nestor Montiel, Senior Staff Veterinary Medical Officer, Veterinary Services, Strategy and Policy, Live Animal Imports, 210 Walnut St., Room 891, Des Moines, IA 50309; (301) 851-4028;

nestor.a.montiel@usda.gov. For information about the restrictions on imports of poultry meat and other poultry products from specified regions, contact Dr. Lynett Bryant, Senior Staff Veterinary Medical Officer, Veterinary Services, Strategy and Policy, Animal Product Imports, 920 Main Campus Dr., Venture II, Raleigh, NC 27606; (301) 851-3300; lynette.d.williams@usda.gov. For more information on the information collection reporting process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851-2528 or email APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Restrictions on Importation of Live Poultry, Poultry Meat, and Other Poultry Products from Specified Regions.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0228.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the authority of the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into and dissemination within the United States of livestock diseases and pests. To carry out the mission, APHIS regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States. The relevant regulations are contained in 9 CFR parts 93 through 94.

Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and for enhancing the United States' ability to compete in the world market of animal and animal product trade. The APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) program administers regulations intended to prevent the introduction of animal diseases into the United States. The regulations in parts 93 and 94 place certain restrictions on the import of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from certain regions to prevent an incursion of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), Newcastle disease (ND), or other exotic poultry diseases into the United States.

To ensure live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products from these areas do not pose a risk of bringing HPAI, ND, or other exotic poultry diseases into the United States, APHIS requires the following information collection activities: reports that the poultry have been offered for importation; health certificates, certificates of origin; recordkeeping; cooperative service agreements; and certificates for shipment back to the United States.

We are asking OMB to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years. APHIS has amended this information collection by increasing the number of Respondents, Responses, and Total Burden Hours reported; however, APHIS has moved the following Forms to the new VS Permit Common Forms information collection:

- *VS Form 17-129*: Application for Import or In-Transit Permit (for Live Animals, Animal Semen, Animal Embryos, Birds, Poultry, and Hatching Eggs).
- *VS Form 17-29*: Application for Import or In-Transit Permit (for Live Animals, Animal Semen, Animal Embryos, Birds, Poultry, and Hatching Eggs).

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 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 1.0 hours per response.

Respondents: Foreign animal health authorities; importers of live poultry, poultry meat, and other poultry products; pet bird owners; and zoological facilities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 4,272.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 17.

Estimated annual number of responses: 74,650.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 74,653 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 12th day of May 2026.

Kelly Moore,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2026-0101]

General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; Solicitation for Membership

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture is soliciting nominations for the election of regional members and their alternates for the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

DATES: Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before June 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please submit completed nomination forms to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Savannah Busby, Acting Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, USDA, 1506 Klondike Road, Suite 301, Conyers, GA 30094; phone: (770) 922-3496; email: savannah.busby@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Conference Committee (the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is the Secretary's Advisory Committee on poultry health. The Committee serves as a forum for the study of matters relating to poultry health and, as necessary, makes specific recommendations to the Secretary concerning ways the U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) may assist the industry in addressing these matters. The Committee assists the Department in planning, organizing, and conducting the Biennial Conference of the NPIP. The Committee recommends whether new proposals should be considered by the delegates to the Biennial Conference and serves as a direct liaison between the NPIP and the United States Animal Health Association.

The Committee consists of an elected member-at-large who is an NPIP participant and an elected member (and alternate) from each of the six U.S. regions represented on the Committee. Terms will expire for three current regional members in August 2026. We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals to replace the members and alternates from the South Atlantic (Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia), West North Central (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota), and South Central (Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas).

Member selection is determined by a majority vote of the NPIP delegates from the respective regions. There must be at least two nominees for each position. Persons interested in serving on the Committee or nominating another individual to serve must submit a nomination with information and a complete Form AD-755, which is available on the internet at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755-advisory-committee-commodity-board-background-information.pdf> or may be obtained by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs).