

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for 3 years.

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 0.195 hours per response.

Respondents:

- Upland gamebird operations (defined as chukars, pheasants, quail, Hungarian partridges, and guineas) with inventories of at least 500 head.

- Representatives of large duck companies.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 2,812.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 4.

Estimated annual number of responses: 9,320.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,816 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 28th day of July 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-2020-0021]

Bayer/Monsanto: Determination of Nonregulated Status for MON 87429 Maize Genetically Engineered for Dicamba, Glufosinate, Quizalofop, and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid (2,4-D) Resistance With Tissue-Specific Glyphosate Resistance Facilitating the Production of Hybrid Maize Seed

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our determination that MON 87429 maize, which was developed using genetic engineering for dicamba, glufosinate, quizalofop, and 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid resistance with tissue-specific glyphosate resistance facilitating the production of hybrid maize seed, is no longer considered regulated. Our determination is based on our evaluation of information and data Bayer/Monsanto submitted in its petition for a determination of nonregulated status, available scientific data, the plant pest risk assessment, and public comments received in response to a previous notice announcing the availability of the petition for nonregulated status and a draft plant pest risk assessment. This notice announces the availability of our written determination and supporting documents.

DATES: This change in regulatory status is recognized as of August 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may read the petition, our determination referenced in this notice, and supporting documents by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS-2020-0021 in the Search field.

- Our reading room, located in 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: Mr. Alan Pearson, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, USDA, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., AP100, Beltsville, MD 20740; (301) 851-3944; email: alan.pearson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the plant pest provisions of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701-7772, 7781-7786) and the regulations in 7 CFR part 340, "Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests," APHIS regulates, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such organisms and products are considered "regulated articles."

The regulations in § 340.6(a) provide that any person may submit a petition to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) seeking a determination that an article should not be regulated under 7 CFR part 340.

APHIS received a petition (APHIS Petition Number 19-316-01p) from Monsanto Company, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Bayer Crop Science (Bayer/Monsanto), seeking a determination of nonregulated status for MON 87429 maize (corn), which has been developed using genetic engineering for dicamba, glufosinate, quizalofop, and 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) resistance with tissue-specific glyphosate resistance facilitating the production of hybrid maize seed. The petition provides information in support of petitioners' position that MON 87429 is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk and therefore should not be regulated under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

As part of our decision-making process regarding the organism's regulatory status, APHIS prepared a draft plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) to assess the plant pest risk of the organism.

On May 8, 2020, APHIS published the Bayer/Monsanto petition in the **Federal Register** seeking public comment for a period of 60 days (85 FR 27354-27355; Docket No. APHIS-2020-0021). APHIS received 4,112 comments on the petition. On April 28, 2021, APHIS published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the **Federal Register** seeking public comment for a period of 30 days (86 FR 22384-22386; Docket No. APHIS-2020-0021). APHIS received 3,069 comments on the NOI.

On March 22, 2024, APHIS published the draft PPRA and draft EIS in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 20424-20425, APHIS-2020-0021) and accepted public comments from March 22, 2024, through May 6, 2024. APHIS received

9,600 comments on the draft EIS and one comment on the draft PPRA. However, on August 18, 2025, APHIS published a withdrawal of the NOI (90 FR 40050; Docket No. APHIS–2025–0029). Therefore, consistent with this August 18, 2025 **Federal Register** notice, APHIS terminated work on the EIS.

Based on APHIS' evaluation in the PPRA of information and data submitted by Bayer/Monsanto in its petition, available scientific data, and public comments received in response to the petition and draft PPRA, APHIS has determined that MON 87429 is unlikely to pose a greater plant pest risk than the unmodified comparator and therefore is no longer subject to our regulations in 7 CFR part 340 governing the introduction of certain organisms developed using genetic engineering.

Copies of the signed determination, PPRA, and response to comments, as well as the previously published petition and supporting documents, are available as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** sections of this notice.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of July 2026.

Kelly Moore

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection: Land Exchanges

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the USDA Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension without revision of a currently approved information collection, Land Exchanges.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 5, 2026 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to an extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail to Monte Senor, Realty Specialist, Lands, Minerals, and Geology, Forest Service, PO Box 948, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.

Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to SM.FS.WO_LandStaff@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monte Senor, Realty Specialist, Lands, Minerals, and Geology, at 970–319–5161. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the hearing impaired may call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays. Copies of the proposed information collection and related materials are available from the contact listed above upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Land Exchanges.

OMB Number: 0596–0105.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2027.

Type of Request: Extension without revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Land exchanges are discretionary, voluntary real estate transactions between the Secretary of Agriculture (acting by and through the Forest Service) and a non-Federal exchange party (or parties). Land exchanges can be initiated by a non-Federal party (or parties), an agent of a landowner, a broker, a third party, or a non-Federal public agency.

If the authorized officer agrees to proceed with an exchange proposal, all prospective parties must execute an Agreement to Initiate as required by Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 254, subpart A—section 254.4—Agreement to Initiate. The Agreement to Initiate document specifies the preliminary and non-binding intentions of the non-Federal land exchange party and the Forest Service in pursuing a land exchange. The Agreement to Initiate must contain, among other information, the description of properties being considered in the land exchange, an implementation schedule of action items, identification of the party responsible for each action item, as well as target dates for completion of each action item.

After the authorized officer decides to approve the exchange under 36 CFR 254.13, the Forest Service and the non-Federal land exchange party may enter into a binding Exchange Agreement, pursuant to Title 36 CFR part 254, subpart A, section 254.14—Exchange Agreement. Its legally binding effect is subject to the conditions specified in 36 CFR 254.14(b). The Exchange Agreement documents the conditions that must be met to complete the exchange. The Exchange Agreement must contain identification of parties, description of lands and interests to be

exchanged, identification of all reserved and outstanding interest, stipulation of any necessary cash equalization, terms regarding responsibility for hazardous substances on the involved non-Federal lands, the agreed-upon values of the involved lands, and all other terms and conditions necessary to complete the exchange.

The Forest Service collects the information from the non-Federal party (or parties) necessary to complete the Agreement to Initiate and the Exchange Agreement. The information is collected by Forest Service personnel from parties involved in the exchange via telephone, email or in person. Data from this information collection is unique to each land exchange and is not available from other sources. No standardized forms are associated with this information collection.

Estimate of Annual Burden

Agreement to Initiate: 3 hours.

Exchange Agreement: 1 hour.

Type of Respondents: Non-Federal party (or parties) that can include landowners, agents of landowners, brokers, a third party or a non-Federal public agency.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.826.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 88.

Comment Is Invited: Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Lisa Northrop,

Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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