

activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204 which specifies that “The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . .”. The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to provide data users with timely and reliable agricultural production and economic statistics, as well as environmental and specialty agricultural related statistics. To accomplish this objective, NASS relies on the use of diverse surveys that show changes within the farming industry over time.

The primary functions of the National Agricultural Statistics Services’ (NASS) are to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, and prices and to collect information on related environmental and economic factors. The Field Crops Production Program consists of probability field crops surveys and supplemental panel surveys. NASS will use surveys to collect information through a combination of the internet, mail, telephone, and personnel interviews. The general authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is requesting a substantive change to the Field Crops Production information collection request (OMB No. 0535–0002). This revision adds two questions to the January and June Sugarcane Inquiry questionnaires, to more accurately capture sugarcane production changes. NASS is also requesting to use text message and email reminders for respondents who have opted to receive these messages, which results in an increase in 483 burden hours. There are no other changes to the survey methodology or procedures previously approved.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS collects information on field crops to monitor agricultural developments across the country that may impact on the nation’s food supply. The Secretary of Agriculture uses estimates of crop production to administer farm program legislation and import and export programs. Collecting this information less frequently would eliminate the data needed to keep the Department abreast of changes at the State and national level.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 426,675.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 140,289.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by November 2, 2026 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Title: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs to Request a New Lifecycle Certification Form.

OMB Control Number: 0524–0052.

Summary of Collection: The USDA SBIR/STTR Programs are administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) of the USDA. NIFA exercises overall oversight for the policies and procedures governing SBIR/STTR grants awarded to the U.S. small business community. In 1982, the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grants Program (Pub. L. 97–219, 96 stat. 217), 15 U.S.C. 638, was authorized. In 1992, the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Grants Program was authorized by the Small Business Research and Development Enhancement Act (15 U.S.C. 638). In 2026, the Small Business Innovation and Economic Security Act reauthorized the SBIR and STTR programs through September 30, 2031.

Need and Use of the Information: USDA uses the SBIR/STTR Funding Agreement Certification form to ensure SBCs meet specific eligibility requirements for a Small Business Innovation and Research or Small Business Technology Transfer award. The form asks applicants to certify a series of ten statements in order to ensure the grantee is complying with specific program requirements during the life of the funding agreement. If SBC is majority-owned by venture capital companies, hedge funds, or private equity firms, then they will be required to fill out an eight-question form in addition to the SBIR/STTR Funding Agreement Certification. The small business concern may be required to update the SBIR/STTR Funding Agreement Certification form to assure continued eligibility and compliance when changes in the SBC apply.

Description of Respondents: Individuals/Business-for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 180.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 93.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Administration

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: State of Nebraska SNAP Demonstration Project

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: This notice invites the public to comment on the State of Nebraska's proposed demonstration project under section 17(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008. The Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) will take appropriate action as necessary in response to comments, including authorizing or refusing to authorize the proposed project.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be submitted to FNA by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- All written comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure. FNA will make the written comments publicly available on the internet via <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shiela Corley, Acting FNA Administrator, at SM.FN.RPMDHQ-WEB@usda.gov with subject line of "NE SNAP Demonstration Project".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 17(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2026(b), authorizes FNA to approve demonstration projects to test changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that may increase programmatic efficiency and improve the delivery of SNAP benefits to raise levels of nutrition among eligible households. If approved, this proposed demonstration project would be implemented by the State, and FNA would carefully review the results of the project based on the State's evaluation data. All relevant documents, including the State's demonstration project request, can be found in the supporting document section. Additionally, to support implementation and ensure transparency, FNA created a central web page on May 21, 2025, to post State agencies' project requests and approvals and provide exact implementation timelines. That web page is accessible at

the following address: <https://www.fna.usda.gov/snap/waivers/foodrestriction>.

Discussion of Demonstration Project

State of Nebraska Demonstration Project Request

Following the vacatur of Nebraska's demonstration project and four others in *Aragon v. Rollins*, No. 26–0861 (D.D.C. June 22, 2026), the State of Nebraska submitted a new request to conduct a demonstration project to amend the SNAP definition of food for purchase to exclude "soda, soft drinks, and energy drinks" with a proposed implementation date of December 1, 2026. In addition, the State requested to also exclude "candy" with a proposed implementation date of March 1, 2027. The State formally requested to conduct this project on September 1, 2026. The State's project request can be found in the supporting document section and on the FNA website on the following page: <https://www.fna.usda.gov/snap/waivers/foodrestriction/nebraska>.

Request for Public Comments: FNA is considering whether to approve Nebraska's proposed demonstration project. Although not required by statute, interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the State of Nebraska's proposed demonstration project. FNA is particularly interested in comments regarding the state's proposed plan for implementation and operation of the demonstration project. FNA will consider any comments submitted by November 2, 2026 and take appropriate action, including authorizing or refusing to authorize the project. In light of the district court's decision in *Aragon*, FNA will issue a separate **Federal Register** notice authorizing or refusing to authorize the project; although Nebraska has requested a December 1st implementation date, any notice authorizing the project would issue at least ten days before the project's implementation date. Further information related to the implementation of the demonstration project is included on the FNA website (<https://www.fna.usda.gov/snap/waivers/foodrestriction>) and the State's website (<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Healthy-Choices-Waiver.aspx>).

Shiela Corley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Administration, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

[Docket Number: 260928–0003; RTID 0607–XC087]

Notice of Data Sharing Activity

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Data Sharing Activity.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) of the Department of Commerce intends to share business data with the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) of the Department of Commerce. BEA will use select data from the Census Bureau's economic surveys to achieve efficiencies and increased accuracy in the preparation of U.S. economic statistics. The Census Bureau will share data collected through surveys that request voluntary response and that impose no legal obligation to supply information. Only authorized BEA employees who have sworn to uphold the confidentiality provisions of Title 13 will have access to Census Bureau data.

DATES: The effective date for data sharing is October 2, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information concerning this notice, contact Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Associate Director for Economic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233–6010, Telephone: 301–763–9844; by email at Lisa.E.Donaldson@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA) allows the Census Bureau to share business data for statistical purposes with BEA. The Census Bureau and BEA are providing this notice to ensure compliance with the *Implementation Guidance for Title V of the E-Government Act, Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA Implementation Guidance)*, Paragraph VII.B., which requires designated statistical agencies to generally inform respondents about the intention to share business data.

Both the Census Bureau and BEA are primary statistical agencies within the Department of Commerce and "designated statistical agencies" under CIPSEA (44 U.S.C. 3576(e)). BEA and the Census Bureau are authoritative sources on economic data and statistics, including principal economic