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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.

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Agricultural Research Service

Title: Peer Review Related Forms for the Office of Scientific Quality Review.

OMB Control Number: 0518–0028.

Summary of Collection: The Office of Scientific Quality Review (OSQR) oversees peer review of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) research plans in response to Congressional mandate in the Agricultural Research Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–185, section 103d). The ARS peer-review panels are comprised of scientists who review current scientific research projects and who have expert knowledge in the fields being reviewed. The OSQR oversees the process of panel member selection, their personal documentation and certification for review, and the recording, and transmittal of panel reviews.

Need and Use of the Information: ARS will collect the information using the following forms:

- ARS–199A, Ad Hoc Peer Review of ARES Research Project
- ARS–200PA, Confidentiality Agreement
- ARS–202P, Chair & Panelist Information Form
- ARS–209P, OSQR Expense Report
- ARS–223P Panel Recommendation on ARS Research Project Plan
- ARS–225P, Panelist Peer Review of ARS Research Project
- ARS–231 Reviewer Comment Form

The information collected is used to manage travel and stipend payments to panel reviewers and provide well-organized feedback to ARS’s researchers about their projects. If information were not collected, ARS would not meet the administrative or legislative requirements of the Peer Review Process as mandated by Public Law 105–185; section 103(d).

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 185.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Weekly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 763.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden 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 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 these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by November 2, 2026. 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.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: Field Crops Production—Substantive Change.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0002.

Summary of Collection: General authority for these data collection

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.

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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.

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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.