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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 required 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 5, 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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displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Emergency Conservation Program and Biomass Crop Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0082.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency (FSA), in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Forest Service, and other agencies and organizations, provides eligible producers and landowners cost-share incentives and technical assistance through several conservation and environmental programs to help farmers, ranchers, and other eligible landowners and operators conserve soil, improve water quality, develop forests, and rehabilitate farmland severely damaged by natural disasters authorized under the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2201–2205). FSA provides emergency funds for sharing with agricultural producers the cost of rehabilitating farmland damaged by natural disaster, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

FSA is also managing the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) authorized by Section 9010 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–79), which amends Title 1X of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. BCAP regulations outlined the legislations parameters, program definitions and process for: (1) Establishing BCAP project areas; (2) Matching payment opportunity for eligible material owners and qualifying biomass conversion facilities; (3) Contracting acreage for producers in BCAP project areas; and (4) Establishment and annual production payments for producers in BCAP projects areas.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information using several forms. The collected information will be used to determine if the person, land, and practices are eligible for participation in the respective program and to receive cost-share assistance. Also, information collection from eligible biomass owners, biomass conversion facilities, and producers meeting the requirements for matching payments, annual production payment assistance, establishment payments and BCAP project area designation is

necessary in order to ensure the financial accountability needed to operate and administer the BCAP. Without the information, FSA will not be able to make eligibility determinations and compute payments in a timely manner.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 12,427.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Farm Loan Program, General Program Administration.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0238.

Summary of Collection: Farm Loan Program (FLP) in the Farm Service Agency provides loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment and finance agricultural production to comply the regulation of 7 CFR part 761, General Program Administration.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collections are submitted by applicants and borrowers to the local FSA office serving the county in which their business is headquartered. The information is necessary to provide supervised credit as legislatively mandated and is used by FSA to:

- Ensure that when loan funds or insurance proceeds are used for construction and development projects, work is completed according to applicable State and local requirements, and in a manner that protects the Government's financial interest.

- Ensure that the loan repayment plan is developed using realistic data, based on the operation's actual history and any planned improvements.

- Identify potential concerns limiting the success of the operation and develop a loan assessment outlining the course of action to be followed, to improve the operation so that commercial credit is available.

The general nature of a loan from FSA is very similar to that of any conventional commercial creditor. However, FSA applicants and borrowers tend to pose more of an economic risk of loss than those operations financed by commercial credit sources, as applicants must document that no other source of credit is available at the time of application. Legislation requires FSA to actively supervise these borrowers and provide credit counseling, management advice, and financial guidance. Also, FLP provides either a prompt payment or standard guarantee plan to sellers who enter a land contract with a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers to comply with the regulation of 7 CFR part 763, Land Contract Guarantee Loan but have not received any requests for land contract.

FLP is mandated to provide supervised credit; therefore, failure to collect the information, or collecting it less frequently, could result in the failure of the farm operation or loss of agency security property.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 66,041.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 158,263.

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Departmental Collection Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology et.al, Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, as amended by Pub. L. 106–36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). On August 25, 2026, the Department of Commerce published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting public comment on whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments identified in the docket(s) below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. See *New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology et al.; Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments* 91 FR 54847, August 25, 2026. We received no public comments.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. We know of no instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order.

Docket No.	Applicant	Instrument
25–067	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	JXA–IHP200F Field Emission Electron Probe MicroAnalyzer (EPMA).
25–074	University of Illinois	FaunaScan MR2 Portable Radar System.
26–003	Washington University in St. Louis	Externally Adjustable Four-Probe Stage.
26–004	University of Washington	Walk Away Specimen Professor (WASP).
26–005	University of Illinois	Pico Emerald Laser System with Laser Head, Control Unit and Chiller.
26–006	Washington State University	JEOL F–200 STEM featuring dual EDS detectors, a Gatan ClearView 16MP Camera, a Gatan Alpine Direct Electron Detector.
26–007	University of Iowa	Zantiks MWP Z2S.
26–015	Rector & Visitors of the University of Virginia	Transmission Electron Microscope with Lorentz lens and Bi-Prism.
26–016	University of Illinois	Multimesh Terahertz Filter System.
26–020	University of Chicago	ASWAXS Flight Tube.
26–024	University of Buffalo	Transmission Electron Microscope—Thermo Scientific FEI Talos F200i.
26–025	University of Alaska	MICADAS.
26–028	Wesleyan University	High Performance Photoluminescence Lifetime and Steady-State Spectrometer.
26–030	The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	Side Bounce Monochromator (SBM).
26–033	Virginia Commonwealth University	Cryo-System for Kerr Microscopy and Heating System.
26–038	University of Nevada at Reno	CytoSub Deep.
26–043	Rush University Medical Center	Laser Microtome.
26–045	Battelle Memorial Institute, Pacific Northwest Division	Treble+ Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) Interrogator.
26–046	The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	Surface Diffractometer with Double Crystal Deflector (DCD).