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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

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 13, 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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Farm Loan Program (FLP) Online Loan Application.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0317.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) currently exploring broader IT Modernization efforts to enhance program delivery. As part of the broader IT modernization effort, the existing OLA platform may be incorporated into a new fully integrated lending platform for USDA to push out to the applicants and borrowers. In April 2026, further OLA expansion occurred to accept requests from legal entity applicants. As it relates to available loan types, OLA is only available for Farm Ownership Loans and Operating Loans requests. It is not available for Youth Loans, Emergency Loans, or the Indian Tribal Land Acquisition Loan Program. As it relates solely to the automated form FSA–2001 completed via the OLA experience, the burden hours were projected to decrease from the paper FSA–2001 "Request for Direct Loan Assistance" form due to the intuitive design of the online application software. FSA provides loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment and finance agricultural production authorized under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1921 and Pub. L. 87–128), as amended. Direct loan making information collection requirements include debt verifications, employment & income verification, and actual financial and production records of the operation.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA is collecting the information that is necessary to thoroughly evaluate the applicant's request for a direct loan to ensure that: the applicant meets the established program eligibility requirements; their cash flow projections used in determining loan repayment are based on the actual financial and production history of the operation and a loan is adequately secured. FSA is mandated to provide supervised credit, failure to collect the information, or collecting it less frequently, could result in the failure of the farm operation or loss of FSA security property. If the information were not collected, or collected less frequently, FSA would be unable to

meet the congressionally mandated mission of the loan programs.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals/Households; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 668.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (when applying for loans).

Total Burden Hours: 1,152.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Ball Horticultural Company:

Determination of Nonregulated Status for Red Flower Petals African Marigold (*Tagetes erecta*) Event pBALL123–022–BE113 3

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our determination that African marigold (*Tagetes erecta*) event pBALL123–022–BE113, which was developed using genetic engineering to produce red flower petals, is no longer considered regulated. Our determination is based on our evaluation of information and data submitted by Ball Horticultural Company 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 October 14, 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–2026–0001 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 Avenue, AP100-3-W5-1151, Beltsville, MD 20705; (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," Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (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." Section 340.6(a) of the regulations (7 CFR 340.6(a)) provides that any person may submit a petition to APHIS seeking a determination that an article should not be regulated under 7 CFR part 340.

APHIS received a petition (APHIS Petition Number 25-205-01p) from Ball Horticultural Company (BHC) seeking a determination of nonregulated status for African marigold (*Tagetes erecta*) event pBALL123-022-BE113, designated as pBALL123, which has been developed using genetic engineering to produce red flower petals. The petition provides information in support of petitioners' position that pBALL123 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.

APHIS published the petition and draft PPRA in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 6179, APHIS-2026-0001) and accepted public comments from February 11, 2026, through April 13, 2026. APHIS received 3 comments by the close of the comment period that were posted to the docket. APHIS received comments from a horticultural industry organization, a non-governmental organization, and an

unaffiliated individual. Of the 3 comments posted to the docket, two were in support of deregulation of pBALL123, and one was in opposition.

Determination

Based on APHIS' evaluation in the PPRA of information and data submitted by BHC in its petition, available scientific data, and public comments received in response to the petition and draft PPRA, APHIS has determined that pBALL123 is unlikely to pose a greater plant pest risk than the nonmodified comparator and therefore is no longer subject to the 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 8th day of October 2026.

Kelly Moore,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID: FSA-2026-0496]

Information Collection Requests; Disaster Assistance—General; Critical Customer Data

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the revision of the following currently approved information collection requests: Disaster Assistance—General (0560-0170) and Critical Customer Data (0560-0265).

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by December 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by this method: *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to: www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID FSA-2026-0496. Follow the

online instructions for submitting comments.

You may also send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Rena Russell-Spruell (Disaster Assistance—General) or Tyler Gilkey (Critical Customer Data).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Disaster Assistance—General, Rena Russell-Spruell, (202) 720-3265; rena.russell.spruell@usda.gov. For Critical Customer Data, Tyler Gilkey, 402-437-5895, tyler.gilkey@usda.gov. Individuals with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY mode)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection Requests

Title: Disaster Assistance—General.
OMB Control Number: 0560-0170.
Expiration Date: January 31, 2027.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Disaster Assistance-General information collection is needed to establish county eligibility for Secretarial disaster designations, which make emergency loans available to eligible farmers and ranchers and may also be used to qualify counties for other disaster assistance programs if required by statute or a program's regulations. The regulations in 7 CFR part 759 define the responsibilities of the Secretary of Agriculture in making disaster designations, the types of incidents that can result in a disaster designation, and the factors used in making disaster designations. Secretarial disaster designations must be requested in writing from a State governor (or authorized representative), Indian Tribal Council, or the FSA State Executive Director (SED) unless a county qualifies through the Fast Track process for drought using data from the U.S. Drought Monitor. For each county included in a request, the FSA county office and the County Emergency Board (CEB) will complete a Loss Assessment Report (LAR) that includes information about crop losses due to the disaster. If the LAR does not indicate a 30 percent or greater loss of at least one crop in the