

of the USGSA. To ensure that exporters of high-quality specialty grains comply with this waiver, FGIS is asking exporters to maintain records generated during their normal course of business that pertain to these shipments and make these documents available to the FGIS upon request. FGIS has no other means available to monitor the grain industry's compliance with provisions of this waiver.

Need and Use of the Information: To comply with the waiver of the mandatory inspection and weighing requirement, FGIS is asking exporters of high quality specialty grains transported in containers to maintain records generated during their normal course of business that pertain to these shipments and make these documents available to FGIS upon request. Experience has shown that the U.S. grain industry maintains grain contracts that specify quality parameters agreed to by buyers and sellers of grain. FGIS believes that grain contracts would provide sufficient information to determine if exporters of high-quality specialty grain are complying with the waiver. This information collection requirement is essential for FGIS to enforce provisions set forth in the USGSA. FGIS intends to request copies of the relevant documents annually to ensure compliance with this waiver. FGIS also will require exporters to maintain records for a 3-year period.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 240.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: National Organic Program: Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE).

OMB Control Number: 0581–0321.

Summary of Collection: The National Organic Program (NOP) is authorized by the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended, (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*). The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) administers the NOP. Under the NOP, AMS oversees national standards for the production and handling of organically produced agricultural products. The NOP is issuing a final rule to amend its regulations.

The OFPA authorizes the improvement and strengthening of organic production and handling production standards (7 U.S.C. 6513(c)) to strengthen oversight and enforcement of the production, handling, and sale of organic agricultural products. The NOP identified the need for many of the

amendments as part of its direct experience in administering this program, particularly via complaint investigations and audits of certifying agents. Other final amendments are based on recent amendments to the OFPA included in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018; the recommendations of a 2017 Office of Inspector General audit; multiple recommendations of the federal advisory committee to the NOP, the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB), from 2002 to 2018; and industry stakeholder feedback.

This final rule strengthens enforcement with amendments and new requirements to the USDA organic regulations. The amendments in this final rule are intended to: (1) strengthen organic control systems; (2) improve organic import oversight; (3) clarify organic certification standards; and (4) enhance supply chain traceability. Specific provisions require: a new group of handlers, brokers and traders, to become certified as organic in order to trade or broker certified organic products; additional information on nonretail labels; new procedures to strengthen traceability; the use of federated organic certificates; unannounced on-site inspections; import certificates on all imported product; additional inspector training and qualifications; more review of foreign conformity systems; and the development and expansion of electronic data and document management systems governing organic certification of operations and traceability through transactions and trade, and clarified compliance and appeals processes for certifying agents and organic operations.

Need and Use of the Information: In general, the information collected is used by USDA, State program governing officials, and certifying agents. It is created and submitted by accredited certifying agents, certified organic producers and handlers, those seeking or maintaining accreditation or certification, organic inspectors, State and foreign program officials, and parties interested in changing the National List. Additionally, accredited certifying agents, certified organic producers and handlers, those seeking accreditation or certification, and State and foreign program officials have procedures and space for recordkeeping.

Description of Respondents: Businesses or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 51,091.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 231,617.

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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 approval 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 27, 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.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: 7 CFR 1951–R, Rural Development Loan Servicing.

OMB Control Number: 0570–0015.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Development (RD) Loan Servicing was legislated in 1985 under Section 1323 of

the Food and Security Act of 1985. This action is needed to implement the provision of Section 407 of the Health and Human Services Act of 1986, which amended Section 1323 of the Food and Security Act of 1985. Subpart R of 7 CFR part 1951 contains regulations for servicing and liquidating loans made by Rural Development under the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) and the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) to eligible intermediaries and applies to ultimate recipients and other involved parties.

Need and Use of the Information: Rural Development has determined that the financial reporting requirements are necessary to provide the Agency with current information in order to monitor the program, to make various reporting requirements to Congress, and for program innovation and expansion under the Government's Performance Review.

Servicing of the IRP is administered by RBCS in Washington, DC, which will be the primary user of the information collected, which is vital to RBS for prudent loan servicing, credit decisions, and reasonable program monitoring.

Description of Respondents: Non-profit corporations, public agencies, Tribal councils and cooperatives.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,276.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Solicitation Request for Applications for Memberships to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board and Citrus Disease Subcommittee (CDS)

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Solicit applications for memberships for the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board and Citrus Disease Subcommittee (CDS).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

announces the opening of the solicitation for applications to fill vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board and the Citrus Disease Subcommittee (CDS) for Fiscal Year 2027.

DATES: Visit the NAREEE Advisory Board website: <https://nareeeab.ree.usda.gov/membership> to review a complete list of the Board and committee and subcommittee membership categories. If you wish to be considered for the seats listed above, electronic applications should be submitted by close of business on Monday, November 30, 2026. Applications submitted through the mail should be postmarked no later than Monday, November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please submit a complete nomination package with the nominee's name, resume or CV, completed and signed Form AD-755, and any letters of support or recommendation must be submitted via one of the following methods: (1) Email to NAREEE@usda.gov; or (2) By mail delivery service to Attention, Richard Derksen, NAREEE Advisory Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6020, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Derksen, Deputy Director, Office of the Chief Scientist, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6020, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255; email: rich.derksen@usda.gov. NAREEE Advisory Board website: <https://nareeeab.ree.usda.gov/>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Board members serve without compensation, but may be allowed reimbursement for travel expenses, including per diem, authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703 of the Federal Travel Regulation for persons employed intermittently in government service to attend meetings or conduct board-related business away from their homes or regular places of business.

Applications: Please note, individuals may not serve on more than one USDA Federal Advisory Committee. Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists, appointed to committees to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government (e.g., as Special Government Employees), are ineligible to serve.

Applications from individuals from across the agricultural sector—including scientists, educators, producers, interest group advocates, and other industry experts, are welcome to self-nominate and apply for a vacant position on the Advisory Board. Applications for membership to the CDS should

represent stakeholders and have knowledge of citrus industry opportunities and barriers, especially citrus diseases. All applicants will be carefully reviewed for their relevant experience, expertise, and leadership. Appointed members will serve one-, two-, or three-year terms to properly stagger term rotation. All applicants will be vetted before selection.

Instructions: To apply, submit the following: a resume/curriculum vitae (CV) (required); form AD-755 (required), a cover letter (optional); and letters of recommendation (optional). Resumes/CVs should be no longer than five (5) pages and should include the following information: the position for which you are applying; current and past organization affiliations; areas of expertise; education; career positions held; and any other notable, relevant positions held. Previous applicants/members who wish to be considered must reapply. The application may be found on the USDA website: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755-advisory-committee-commodity-board-background-information.pdf>.

Applicant Selection: Appointments to the NAREEE Advisory Board and its committees and subcommittees will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. The selection is based on how well the applicants meet the required qualifications and the current needs of the Board and its committees/subcommittees. It is anticipated that the members will start serving on the Advisory Board and/or the subcommittee in Fiscal Year 2027.

USDA will consider Committee Membership appointments, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable laws, to ensure the needs of all Americans are served.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs).