

engineered organism will pose a risk to agriculture or the environment if grown in the absence of regulations by APHIS. The information is also provided to State departments of agriculture for review, and made available to the public and private sectors on the Internet to ensure that all sectors are kept informed concerning any potential risks posed through the use of genetic engineering technology.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 121.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 3,308.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 19, 2014.

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 regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the

submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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.

Economic Research Service

Title: A Pilot Generic Clearance To Conduct Experimental Economic Research.

OMB Control Number: 0536-0070.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the Economic Research Service (ERS) is to provide economic and social science research, analysis for public and private decisions on agriculture, food, natural resources, and rural America, and to disseminate data under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a) and 7 U.S.C. 2026(a)(1). ERS envisions to conduct experimental economic research to further an ongoing initiative that would use insight from behavioral economic to provide economic intelligence, research, and analysis to inform agricultural resource and conservation policies. ERS plans on using a number of research techniques including laboratory and field techniques, exploratory interviews, pilot experiments, and respondent debriefing to develop and implement state-of-the-art research methodologies to better inform and advance scientific understanding for its customers in response to both specific requests and in anticipation of future need. This request is being sought as a continuing pilot of the concept of using a generic approval mechanism for the type of experiments listed above. As such, experiments will be limited to two topic areas: Conservation and nutrition. ERS does not intend to use the information collected under this approval for purposes of developing or evaluating policy. ERS does not intend to invoke CIPSEA for the collection, but instead intends to protect respondent information under the Privacy Act of 1974 and the E-Government Act of 2002.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collected from experiments will allow ERS to develop and implement state-of-the-art research methodologies to better inform and advance scientific understanding for its customers in response to both specific request and to anticipation of future need. ERS will use a number of research techniques, as appropriate to the

individual investigation. These include laboratory and field techniques, exploratory interviews, pilot experiments, and respondent debriefing.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 6,900.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7,025.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0038.

Summary of Collection: The Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) program is authorized by Section 3205 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171). Regulations governing the program appear at 7 CFR part 1487. Section 3205 provides that the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a program to address unique barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops. The program was reauthorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014, which became effective on February 7, 2014. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) administers the program for the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS collects data for fund allocation, program management, planning and evaluation. FAS will collect information from applicant desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of requests for funds. The program could not be implemented without the submission of project proposals, which provide the necessary information upon which funding decisions are based.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,600.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2014-0089]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Reporting, Herd Monitoring, and Management of Swine Enteric Coronavirus Diseases

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the reporting, herd monitoring, and management of swine enteric coronavirus diseases.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0089>.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2014-0089, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0089> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 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: For information on the reporting, herd monitoring, and management of swine enteric diseases, contact Dr. Troy Bigelow, Senior Staff Veterinarian-Swine, Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services, VS, APHIS, 210 Walnut Street, Room 891, Des Moines, IA 50309; (515) 284-4121. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Kimberly Hardy, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting, Herd Monitoring, and Management of Swine Enteric Coronavirus Diseases.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0416.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is authorized, among

other things, to prohibit or restrict the interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the dissemination within the United States of animal diseases and pests of livestock and to conduct programs to detect, control, and eradicate pests and disease of livestock. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population. APHIS has delegated the authority for prevention of animal diseases to Veterinary Services (VS).

On June 5, 2014, VS issued a Federal Order to establish reporting, herd monitoring, and management requirements for two swine enteric coronavirus diseases (SECD). Porcine epidemic diarrhea virus was identified in the United States in May 2013, and has spread to at least 31 States. In February 2014, a related virus, porcine delta coronavirus, was identified in 13 States. Infections with these swine enteric coronaviruses can cause significant morbidity and mortality, particularly in young piglets. In fact, since identification of the porcine epidemic diarrhea virus, it has caused approximately 7 million piglet deaths. These two swine enteric coronavirus diseases are transmitted by the fecal-oral route from infected swine or contaminated materials. Only swine are affected. These diseases do not affect other animals or people, and are not a food safety concern. However, the U.S. swine population has minimal immunity against these coronaviruses; therefore, the entire population remains at risk.

Porcine epidemic diarrhea virus minimally affected trade when it was first confirmed in May 2013. However, as the spread of the disease drew media attention, negative trade impacts increased. Unfortunately, trading partners are beginning to restrict the export of not only live animals, but also animal-derived products, such as blood products and other byproducts. While no restrictions have been imposed on pork meat exports, some U.S. trading partners have begun to discuss such restrictions. The lack of sufficient information to describe the current disease situation and to outline specific Federal and State Government actions taken to control the disease only increases our trading partners' concern.

The Federal Government, States, herd veterinarians, and industry have collaborated to manage these infections in the United States. This collaboration includes certain information collection activities that were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on an emergency basis. These information collection activities are