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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 28, 2010.

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.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Imported Seed and Screening.
OMB Control Number: 0579-0124.

Summary of Collection: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for preventing plant diseases or insect pests from entering the United States, preventing the spread of pests not widely distributed in the United States, and eradicating those imported pests when eradication is feasible. The Plant Quarantine Act and the Federal Plant Pest Act authorizes the Department to carry out this mission. Under the authority of the Federal Seed Act of 1939, as amended, the USDA regulates the importation and interstate movement of certain agricultural and vegetable seeds. The Plant Protection & Quarantine Division of USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has established a seed analysis program with Canada that allows U.S. companies that import seed for cleaning or processing to enter into compliance agreements with APHIS. This program eliminates the need for sampling shipments of Canadian-origin seed at the border, and allows certain seed importers to clean seed without the direct supervision of an APHIS inspector. APHIS will collect information using forms PPQ 925, Seed Analysis Certificate and PPQ 519, Compliance Agreement.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information from PPQ 925 and PPQ 519 to ensure that imported seeds do not pose a health threat to U.S. agriculture. If the information were not collected there would be no way of preventing noxious weeds from entering the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,168.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 9,588.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Commercial Transportation of Equines to Slaughter.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0160.

Summary of Collection: Sections 901-905 of the Federal Agriculture

Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to issue guidelines for regulating the commercial transportation of horses to slaughter by persons regularly engaged in that activity within the United States. To fulfill this responsibility, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) established regulations in title 9, part 88 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The minimum standards cover among other things the food, water, and rest provided to these horses while they are in transit; and to review other related issues that may be appropriate to ensuring that these animals are treated humanely. Implementing these regulations entails the use of information collection activities such as providing business information, completing an owner-ship certificate and continuation sheet, and maintaining records of the owner/shipper certificate and continuation sheet.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect the following information: (1) Shipper's name and address and the owner's name and address; (2) description of the transporting vehicle, including the license plate number; (3) a description of the horse's physical characteristics, including its sex, coloring, distinguishing marks, permanent brands, electronic means of identification, or other characteristics that can be used to accurately identify the horse; (4) the number of the USDA back tag that has been applied to the horse for identification purposes; (5) a statement of the animal's fitness to travel, which must indicate that the horse is able to bear weight on all four limbs, is able to walk unassisted, is not blind in both eyes, is older than 6 months of age, and is not likely to give birth during the trip; (6) a description of anything unusual with regard to the physical condition of the horse, such as a wound or blindness in one eye, and any special handling needs; (7) the date, time, and place the horse was loaded on the conveyance; and (8) a statement that the horse was provided access to food, water, and rest prior to transport. This information is helpful in those instances in which APHIS must conduct a trace back investigation of any possibly stolen horses or because of disease.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 4,203.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency (RMA), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) this notice announces the Risk Management Agency's intention to request an extension and revision to a currently approved information collection for Notice of Funds Availability—Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business, August 2, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *By Mail to:* David Wiggins or Jay Howard-Brock, Civil Rights and Community Outreach, USDA/RMA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6714-S, Stop 0809, Washington, DC 20250-0809.

- *E-Mail:*

David.Wiggins@rma.usda.gov, or
Jacquea.Howard-Brock@rma.usda.gov.

All comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact David Wiggins or Jay Howard-Brock, Civil Rights and Community Outreach, USDA/RMA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6714-S, Stop 0809, Washington, DC 20250-0809, telephone (202) 690-4789 or 202-690-2686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Funds Availability—Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program.

OMB Number: 0563-0066.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation administers cooperative agreements that will be used to provide outreach and assistance to under-served agricultural producers such as women, limited resource, socially disadvantaged and other traditionally under served farmers and ranchers (under-served agricultural producers). With this submission, RMA seeks to obtain OMB's approval for an information collection project that will assist RMA in operating and evaluating these programs. The primary objective of the information collection projects is to enable RMA to better evaluate the performance capacity and plans of organizations that are applying for funds for cooperative agreements for the Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program.

This information collection package will be used for evaluating applications and awarding partnership agreements, applicants are required to submit materials and information necessary to evaluate and rate the merit of proposed projects and evaluate the capacity and qualification of the organization to complete the project.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per response for new applications and 4 hours for renewal applications.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Education institutions, community based and cooperative organizations, and non-profit organizations.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 120.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated annual number of responses: 120.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,160 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection information; (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, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

collection technologies, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 27, 2010.

William J. Murphy,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business—Cooperative Service

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

AGENCY: Rural Business—Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Notice announces the availability of \$45.1 million in program level to support rural microentrepreneurship in rural America and solicits applications for funds available under the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program to provide direct loans, technical assistance grants, and technical assistance-only grants to microdevelopment organizations to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. The Agency will make awards on a quarterly basis. In the event, as expected in the first quarter, all program funds are not awarded in a quarter, the remaining funds will be carried over to the subsequent quarter.

DATES: Applications for participating in this Program will be accepted on an ongoing basis, but will be awarded on a quarterly basis. For Fiscal Year 2010, applications must be received by July 16, 2010 for consideration for award under Fiscal Year 2010 and September 30, 2010 for consideration for award for funds available in Fiscal Year 2010, but not obligated.

ADDRESSES: Applications and forms may be obtained from any Rural Development State Office. Applicants must submit an original complete application to the USDA Rural Development National Office and provide a copy of the application package to the USDA Rural Development State Office in the state where the applicant's project is located. The National Office address and a list of the USDA Rural Development State Offices addresses and telephone numbers are listed below.

Note: Telephone numbers listed are not toll-free.