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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the Cooperative Marketing Associations (CMA's) program.

**DATE:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 8, 1998 to be assured consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Goff, Agricultural Program Specialist, Price Support Division, USDA, FSA, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., STOP 0512, Washington, DC 20250-0512, telephone (202) 720-5396; e-mail James\_Goff@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This notice announces CCC's intention to request an extension for and revision to the currently approved information collection in support of the CMA program. Changes are being proposed to the CMA regulations which will substantially reduce the reporting burden of cooperatives in obtaining and maintaining CMA approval status. In conjunction with the regulation, changes two existing forms are being deleted and two others are being revised to reflect the new reporting requirements.

*Title:* 7 CFR Part 1425, Cooperative Marketing Associations.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0040.

*Expiration Date:* February 28, 2000.

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

*Abstract:* This information is needed to administer the CMA program. The information will be gathered from applicant cooperatives to determine whether they may be approved to participate in the CMA program and from existing CMA's to determine whether their approval status may be continued. Cooperatives are required to meet certain requirements to ensure the integrity of the program so that:

- (1) only cooperatives are approved to participate in the CMA program; and
- (2) CCC is assured commodity loan proceeds and loan deficiency payments will be paid to eligible producer members of the cooperatives.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.757 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Agricultural marketing cooperatives.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 36.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 41.61.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 4,130 hours.

Proposed topics for comments are: (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; or (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. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to James Goff, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-Farm Service Agency-Price Support Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., STOP 0512, Washington, D.C. 20250-0512; telephone (202) 720-5396; e-mail James\_Goff@wdc.fsa.usda.gov. Copies of the information collection

may be obtained from James Goff at the above address.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 27, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request a reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection. Since the previous information collection package has expired, an emergency information collection package clearance is being sought by the Department. This information collection is used in support of conservation programs which offer flexible assistance for threats to soil, water, grazing lands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat, involve the purchase of conservation easements on farms with prime, unique, or other productive soil for the purpose of protecting topsoil by limiting nonagricultural uses of the land, and address other natural resource concerns, such as nonpoint source pollution, water quality protection or improvement, and wetland restoration, protection, and creation, as authorized