

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Cotton Ginnings Survey. Revision to burden hours may be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 16, 2007 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0220, by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [gmcbride@nass.usda.gov](mailto:gmcbride@nass.usda.gov).

Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: (202) 720-6396.

- Mail or Hand Delivery: Mail or deliver any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Cotton Ginning Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0220.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 2007.

*Type of Request:* To revise and extend a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition. NASS's Cotton Ginnings survey reports provide cotton ginnings statistics from August through February by State to aid in forecasting cotton production. Data collected consists of bales of cotton ginned to date, cotton to be ginned, lint cotton produced, cottonseed produced, cottonseed sold to oil mills, cottonseed used for other uses, number of gins by type, bales produced by county of origin, and cottonseed prices received by producers. The forecasting procedure involves calculating a weighted percent ginned to date as well as an allowance for cross-state movement and bale weight adjustments. Production by State allows adjustments for year-end State and county estimates. Total pounds of

lint cotton produced is used to derive an actual bale weight which increases the precision of production estimates.

*Authority:* These data will be collected under authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978).

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Cotton Ginner.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,000 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, April 20, 2007.

**Joseph T. Reilly,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**National Agricultural Statistics Service**

**Notice of Intent To Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection comprising the Nursery and Christmas Tree Production Survey and the Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey. Revision to burden hours may be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 16, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0244, by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [gmcbride@nass.usda.gov](mailto:gmcbride@nass.usda.gov).

Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: (202) 720-6396.

- Mail: Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Hand deliver to: Ginny McBride, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Nursery and Christmas Tree Production Survey and Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0244.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 2007.

*Type of Request:* To revise and extend a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock

production, prices, and disposition, as well as environmental statistics. This includes estimates of production and value of key nursery products and chemical use by nursery and floriculture production operations.

- As nursery production continues to be one of the fastest growing segments of American agriculture, the Nursery Production and Christmas Tree Survey will update the production and economic contribution of the nursery industry to U.S. agriculture every 3 years by conducting a census of nursery and greenhouse operations with sales over \$10,000 in the 17 major producing States. These operations will receive the production questionnaire by mail with telephone and personal interview follow-up for non-response.

- The Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey, also conducted every 3 years, measures chemical use related to the production of nursery and floriculture crops in six major producing States. The resulting publication, part of the NASS series on Agricultural Chemical Usage, summarizes rates of application, total amount of active ingredients applied, and use of pest management practices. NASS collects on-farm chemical use data to enhance the quality of information used in the evaluation of issues related to agricultural chemicals, including pesticide registrations. Pest management data are used to measure integrated pest management adoption levels and evaluate the impact of alternative pesticide regulations, policies, and practices. A sample of nursery and floriculture operations with sales over \$10,000 in the major States will be personally interviewed, since chemical use data are not accurately collected by telephone or mail.

- A separate nursery production survey is conducted every year only in Oregon.

**Authority:** These data will be collected under authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995).

**Estimate of Burden:** Based on previous data collected, the Nursery and Christmas Tree Production Survey questionnaire is expected to average 35 minutes per respondent. Based on

previous data, the Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey questionnaire is estimated questionnaire average 45 minutes per respondent.

**Respondents:** Producers of nursery, greenhouse, and floriculture products.

**Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:** (Nursery Production Survey at 13,000 respondents  $\times$  annual frequency of 1/3) + (Chemical Use Survey at 4,200  $\times$  frequency of 1/3) + (Oregon Production Survey at 700  $\times$  frequency of 1.0) = approximately 6,500.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 4,000 hours.

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**Comments:** Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be included in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, April 20, 2007.

**Joseph T. Reilly,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

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

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and

extension of a currently approved information collection, the Aquaculture Surveys. Revision to burden hours may be needed due to changes in the size of the target population, sampling design, and/or questionnaire length.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 16, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0150, by any of the following methods:

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Aquaculture Surveys.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0150.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 2007.

*Type of Request:* To revise and extend a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition. The Aquaculture Surveys collect information on trout and catfish; trout surveys include water surface acreage and sales, and catfish surveys include inventory, water surface acreage, sales, catfish processed, and catfish feed. Survey results are used by government agencies in planning farm programs.

- Twenty States are in the trout growers survey. In January, previous year trout sales data are collected from farmers, and distributed fish data are collected from State and federal hatcheries.
- Eleven States are in the catfish growers survey. Data are collected from farmers in January for January inventory, water surface acreage, and previous year sales. In addition, farmers in the four major catfish producing States are surveyed in July for mid-year inventory and water surface acreage.
- All twenty catfish processing plants across the nation are in the catfish processing survey. Plants are surveyed monthly for amount purchased, prices paid, amount sold, prices received, and end-of-month inventories.