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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 25, 1997.

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), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: CCC Conservation Contract—Addendum.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0174.

Summary: Information collected allows a respondent to apply for conservation benefits, submit performance data for payment and record conservation decisions.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to carry out the conservation program including designation of priority areas for funding.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households; Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 27,575.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time only.

Total Burden Hours: 684,200.

EMERGENCY PROCESSING OF THIS SUBMISSION HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY May 16, 1997.

Donald Hulcher,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Farm Service Agency

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

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request extension of a currently approved information collection that requests a payee's identifying number used by CCC and FSA to issue payments or other disbursements. The programs under which payments are made are authorized by the Agricultural Act of 1970, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, the Food Security Act of 1985, and the Federal

Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 1, 1997 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Darin Coté, Agricultural Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Ave, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-2415, (202) 720-8129.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Payer's Request for Identifying Number.

OMB Number: 0560-0121.

Expiration Date: June 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: In order to provide the Internal Revenue Service with proper identification for the processing of tax returns, all producers who receive CCC and FSA program payments must provide FSA with a social security, employer, or IRS identifying number. Form CCC-343, Payer's Request for Identifying Number, will collect this information without regard to whether the payee is required to file a tax return or is covered by social security.

The county FSA office prepares a CCC-343 for each producer who has not furnished a producer ID number. Once the ID number is obtained and provided to the county FSA office, the producer is not requested to provide this information again. FSA does not make any program payment until a producer furnishes a social security, employer, or IRS identifying number.

The Agency cost estimates are \$6,210 for data collection. Identification of producers allows FSA to provide IRS with identifying numbers for tax collection purposes. Section 6676 of the Internal Revenue Code provides a penalty for failure to furnish an identifying number to a payer required to report such number to the Service.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .08 hours (5 minutes) per response.

Respondents: Individual producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 250 hours.