

conducted under the United States Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51b), the Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act of 1927 (7 U.S.C. 473c), and the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622h) and regulations appear at 7 CFR part 28.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the Acts and to provide the cotton industry the type of information they need to make sound business decisions. The information collected is the minimum required. Information is requested from growers, cooperatives, merchants, manufacturers, and other government agencies.

The information collected is used only by authorized employees of the USDA, AMS. The cotton industry is the primary user of the compiled information and AMS and other government agencies are secondary users.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.07 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Cotton merchants, warehouses, and gins.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 993.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.91.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,893.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 141.30.

*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 of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Shethir M. Riva, Director, Research and Promotion, Cotton and Tobacco Program, AMS, USDA, 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22406, telephone (540) 361-2726, facsimile (540) 361-1199, or email at [Shethir.Riva@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Shethir.Riva@ams.usda.gov). All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 18, 2016.

**Elanor Starmer,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

**DATES:** The Committee meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, and from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. There will be an opportunity for public questions and comments at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. All times mentioned herein refer to Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee meeting will take place at the United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. On Tuesday November 8, 2016 the meeting will be held in the Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, Room 107A. On Wednesday, November 9, 2016 the meeting will be held in the South Building, Room 3109. Written comments may be filed before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person identified herein at: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 5029, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hubert Hamer, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, telephone: 202-720-2707, eFax: 855-493-0445, or email: [HQOA@nass.usda.gov](mailto:HQOA@nass.usda.gov). General information about the committee can also be found at [www.nass.usda.gov/about\\_nass](http://www.nass.usda.gov/about_nass).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, which consists of 20 members appointed from 7 categories covering a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests, has scheduled a meeting on November 8 and 9, 2016. During this

time the Advisory Committee will discuss topics including the status of NASS programs, Census of Agriculture Updates, Census of Agriculture Program Plans, Country Estimates and Farm Structure panels, and Respondent Relation Issues.

The Committee meeting is open to the public. The public is asked to pre-register for the meeting at least 10 business days prior to the meeting. Your pre-registration must state the names of each person in your group, organization, or interest represented; the number of people planning to give oral comments, if any; and whether anyone in your group requires special accommodations. Submit registrations to Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, via eFax: 855-493-0445, or email: [HQOA@nass.usda.gov](mailto:HQOA@nass.usda.gov). Members of the public who request to give oral comments to the Committee must arrive at the meeting site by 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Written comments by attendees or other interested stakeholders will be welcomed for the public record before and up to two weeks following the meeting. The public may file written comments by mail to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 5029 South Building, Washington, DC, 20250-2000. Written comments can also be sent via eFax: 855-493-0445, or email: [HQOA@nass.usda.gov](mailto:HQOA@nass.usda.gov). All statements will become a part of the official records of the USDA Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics and will be kept on file for public review in the office of the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Signed at Washington, DC, October 5, 2016.

**R. Renee Picanso,**

*Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.*

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### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

#### Notice of Intent To Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.