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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Extend and Revise 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 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) intention to request extension and revision of a currently approved information collection, the Respondent Information Evaluation.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 9, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4117 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2001, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Respondent Information Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0231.

Expiration Date of Approval: 09/30/01.

Type of Request: To Extend and Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The National Agricultural Statistics Service is continuing a coordinated effort to increase the cooperation of survey respondents in our information collections. This effort will include the ongoing development of a program to educate agricultural producers about the functions of NASS

and the uses of survey data. As a major part of this education program, we will emphasize to data providers the importance of unbiased NASS estimates and the potential consequences if these estimates were unavailable. Ways to disseminate this message will also be investigated and tested. Data users will be surveyed to gain insight into uses of NASS data. Data providers will be surveyed to obtain their opinions of how NASS survey data are used.

These data will be collected under the 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.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for the collection of information from data users is estimated to average 10 minutes per response; burden for data providers is estimated to average 2 minutes per response.

Respondents: Subscribers to NASS commodity reports (data users) and agricultural producers (data providers).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 700 report subscribers and 9,000 producers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 455 hours.

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

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. Comments may be sent to: Ginny McBride, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture,

Room 5330B South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024 or gmcbride@nass.usda.gov. 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, May 22, 2001.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Sea Grant Program Application Requirements for Grants, for John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowships, and for Designation as a Sea Grant College or Regional Consortia.

Form Number(s): NOAA Forms 90-1, 90-2, and 90-4.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0362.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 580.

Number of Respondents: 91.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes for a NOAA Form 90-1, 20 minutes for a NOAA Form 90-2, 15 minutes for a NOAA Form 90-4, 20 hours for an application for designation as a Sea Grant College or Regional Consortia, and 2 hours for an application for a Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship.

Needs and Uses: Applications are required for designation of an institution of higher education as a Sea Grant College, and for the designation of regional consortia, institutes, laboratories, or state and local agencies as Sea Grant Programs. Applications are also required in order to be awarded a Dean John A. Knauss Fellowship for Marine Policy. Grant monies are available for funding activities that help to attain the objectives of the Sea Grant Program. In addition to the SF-424 and

other standard grant application requirements, three additional forms are required with a grant application. These are the Sea Grant Control Form, the Project Record Form, and the Sea Grant Budget Form (used in place of the SF-424a or 424c).

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion, annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 25, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2002 Economic Census—Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey (VIUS)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) should be directed to Kimberly Moore, Census Bureau, Room 2744, Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 457-2797 (or via the Internet at Kimberly.P.Moore@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant, and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The Economic Census, conducted under authority of Title 13 U.S.C., is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic Census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business and the general public. The 2002 Economic Census will cover virtually every sector of the U.S. economy.

The 2002 Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey, a component of the Economic Census, will produce basic statistics (number of trucks, annual miles, and average miles per truck) on the physical and operational characteristics of the nation's private and commercial truck population. It also will yield a variety of subject statistics including trucks by major use, fuel type, miles per gallon, and products carried. The Census Bureau will publish truck results at the state and national level.

Primary strategies for reducing burden in the Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey data collection include employing a stratified random sample to use the least number of sampling units required to produce reliable statistics, providing check boxes with ranges in lieu of requiring specific responses, and utilizing a short form for light trucks with homogeneous characteristics.

II. Method of Collection

The Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey will survey a sample of private and commercial trucks registered in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Government-owned trucks will not be sampled. Trucks will be divided into 5 different groups: "pick-up," "van," "single-unit light," "single-unit heavy," and "truck tractors." All trucks will be selected at random with probabilities of selection varying by group and state. For

each selected truck, a questionnaire will be mailed to the owner identified in the truck registration record. The owner will be asked to respond only for the truck identified by the registration information imprinted on the questionnaire, regardless of whether or not it is still in their possession.

Mail selection procedures will distinguish the following groups of trucks:

A. Light Trucks

A sample of "pickups" and "vans" (including panel trucks, minivans, and sport utility vehicles) will be selected. We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2002 will include approximately 32,000 light trucks out of an overall estimated universe of over 70 million privately and commercially registered light trucks.

B. Medium and Heavy Trucks

Selection procedures will assign all single-unit trucks (excluding those in the pickup and van strata) with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 26,000 pounds or less to the "single-unit light" group, the remaining single unit trucks to the "single-unit heavy" group, and truck tractors to the "truck tractor" group. We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2002 will include approximately 103,500 medium and heavy trucks out of an overall estimated universe of over 6 million privately and commercially registered medium and heavy trucks.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number:

TC-9501 Light Trucks.

TC-9502 Medium and Heavy Trucks.

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: Individuals, Farms, Businesses and other for-profit institutions, Non-profit institutions, Small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

TC-9501 (Light Trucks): 31,851.

TC-9502 (Medium and Heavy Trucks): 103,503.

Total Number of Respondents: 135,354.

Estimated Time Per Response:

TC-9501 (Light Trucks): .4 hours.

TC-9502 (Medium and Heavy Trucks): .7 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

TC-9501 (Light Trucks): 12,740.

TC-9502 (Medium and Heavy Trucks): 72,452.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 85,192.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

TC-9501 (Light Trucks): \$231,868.

TC-9502 (Medium and Heavy Trucks): \$1,318,626.