



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 19, 2017

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 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), New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C.; New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental 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 by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION]. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

TITLE: Honey and Honey Bee Surveys

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0535-0153

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) primary function is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, products, prices and disposition. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. Domestic honeybees are critical to the pollination of U.S. crops, especially fruits, some nuts, vegetables and some specialty crops. Africanized bees, colony collapse disorder, parasites, diseases, and pesticides threaten the survival of bees. Programs are provided by federal, State and local governments to assist in the survival of bees and to encourage beekeepers to maintain bee colonies.

With this renewal NASS is incorporating the two surveys (operations with fewer than 5 colonies and operations with 5 or more colonies) conducted under the 0535-0255 Colony Loss collection with the honey production surveys included in this docket. NASS is also revising the title of this collection to Honey and Honey Bee Surveys.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: NASS will collect information on the number of colonies, honey production, stocks, and prices from beekeepers with five or more honey bee

colonies and from a sampling of beekeepers that have less than five colonies. The survey will provide data needed by the Department and other government agencies to administer programs and to set trade quotas and tariffs. Without the information agricultural industry would not be aware of changes at the State and national level.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Farms

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 19,025

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: Annually

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 10,274

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