



## 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 Agricultural Resource Management Phase 3 Economic Surveys.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0275, by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [ombofficer@nass.usda.gov](mailto:ombofficer@nass.usda.gov). Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.
- eFax: (855) 838-6382.
- Mail: Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: NASS OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-2024.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Hand deliver to: NASS OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jody R. McDaniel, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-2707. Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from NASS OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-2206 or at [ombofficer@nass.usda.gov](mailto:ombofficer@nass.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Agricultural Resource Management Phase 3 Economic Surveys.

**OMB Control Number:** 0535-0275.

**Expiration Date of Current Approval:** June 30, 2026.

**Type of Request:** To revise and extend a currently approved information collection for a period of three years.

**Abstract:** The Agricultural Resource Management Surveys (ARMS) are the primary source of information for the U.S. Department of Agriculture on a broad range of issues related to production practices, costs and returns, and contractor expenses. Data are collected at both the whole-farm level and for selected commodities.

The ARMS Phase 3 Economic Surveys are the only annual source of information available for objective evaluation of many critical issues related to agriculture and the rural economy. These include annual whole-farm financial data sufficient to estimate income by type of operation, loan commodities, operator household income, credit, farm structure and organization; as well as marketing information and other economic data related to input usage, production practices, and crop substitution possibilities.

Data from ARMS are used to produce estimates of net farm income by type of commercial producer as required in 7 U.S.C. 7998, as amended, and estimates of enterprise production costs as required in 7 U.S.C. 1441(a), as amended. ARMS data are also used to develop the Prices Paid Index, a component of the Parity Index referenced in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended. These indexes are used to

calculate the annual federal grazing fee rates under the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 and Executive Order 12548, and as promulgated in regulations at 36 CFR 222.51, as amended.

In addition, ARMS data support estimates of sector-wide production expenditures and other income components used by the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) to construct national income and value-added estimates. These are transmitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, for use in calculating Gross Domestic Product (GDP), in accordance with a 1956 agreement between the Office of Management and Budget and the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce to publish a single set of farm income estimates.

**Authority:** 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. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (at 44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320.

All NASS employees and NASS contractors must also fully comply with all provisions of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2018, Title III of Pub. L. No. 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35. CIPSEA supports NASS's pledge of confidentiality to all respondents and facilitates the agency's efforts to reduce burden by supporting statistical activities of collaborative agencies through designation of NASS agents, subject to the limitations and penalties described in CIPSEA.

**Estimate of Burden:** The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 22 minutes per respondent.

**Respondents:** Farmers, ranchers, farm managers, farm contractors, and farm households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** Approximately 48,500 respondents will be sampled annually.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** Approximately 71,000 hours per year.

**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, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological or other forms of information technology collection methods.

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

Signed at Washington, D.C., December 10, 2025

**Jody R. McDaniel,**  
*Associate Administrator.*

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