



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reinstatement

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 are requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website

[www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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.

**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

*Title:* National Animal Health Monitoring System; Equine 2026 Study.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0269

*Summary of Collection:* The agency is seeking a reinstatement of this OMB control number. Collection and dissemination of animal health information is mandated by 7 U.S.C. 8301, The Animal Health Protection Act of 2002. The Department of Agriculture is responsible for protecting the health of our Nation's livestock, poultry and farmed aquaculture populations by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases in these populations and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible. In connection with this mission, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) operates the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS), which collects, on a national basis, statistically valid and scientifically sound data on the prevalence and economic importance of diseases of livestock, poultry and farmed aquaculture. As part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. livestock population, NAHMS will conduct a national data collection for equids through a national study, the Equine 2026 Study.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Through the reinstatement of this information collection, APHIS will collect information using questionnaires and consent forms. The collected data will be used to: (1) establish national and regional estimates for equine health, biosecurity and management for owner/operator, veterinary, and industry references; (2) predict or detect national and regional trends in disease emergence and movement; (3) address emerging issues; (4) aid in disease preparedness; (5) provide estimates of both outcome (disease or other parameters) and exposure (risks and components) variables that can be used in analytic studies in the future by NAHMS ; (6) provide input into the design of surveillance systems for specific diseases; and (7) provide parameters for animal disease spread model

Without the aforementioned data, the U.S.' ability to detect trends in equine management and health status, and the ability to use that information in preparedness and response to equine diseases would be reduced or nonexistent.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit. State partners.

*Number of Respondents:* 6,545.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Other (one time).

*Total Burden Hours:* 10,225

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