DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
National Agricultural Library

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Collect Information

AGENCY: National Agricultural Library, Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, this notice announces the National Agricultural Library’s intent to request an extension of the currently approved information collection form related to the Animal Welfare Information Center’s (AWIC) workshop, Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act. This workshop registration form requests the following information from participants: Contact information, affiliation, and database searching experience. Participants include principal investigators, members of Institutional Animal Care and Use committees, animal care technicians, facility managers, veterinarians, and administrators of animal use programs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 13, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Sandra Ball, Information Technology Specialist, USDA, ARS, NAL Animal Welfare Information Center, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Room #404-C, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Submit electronic comments to: sandra.ball@ars.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Ball, Information Technology Specialist; Phone: (301) 504–6212 or Fax: (301) 504–7125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Workshop Registration, Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act.
OMB Number: 0518–0033.
Expiration Date: 07/31/2012.
Type of Request: To extend currently approved data collection form.

Abstract: This Web-based form collects information to register respondents in the workshop, Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act. Information collected includes the following: Preference of workshop date, signature, name, title, organization name, mailing address, phone and fax numbers, and email addresses. Six questions are asked regarding: database searching experience, membership on an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, and goals for attending the workshop.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response.

Respondents: Principal investigators, members of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees, animal care personnel, veterinarians, information providers, and administrators of animal use programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1.6 hours.

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 the 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 respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. 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.


Edward Knipling,
Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

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 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 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2012, and from 7 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012. There will be an opportunity for
public questions and comments at 1 p.m. on March 30, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hubert Hamer, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, Telephone: (202) 690–8141, Fax: (202) 690–1311, or email: hubert.hamer@nass.usda.gov.

**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 March 29–30, 2012. During this time the Advisory Committee will discuss topics including the launch of the NASS National Operations Center, Annual NASS Program Priorities, Computer Assisted Personal Interview Technology Applications, Census of Agriculture Updates, Census Follow-on Survey Plans, and Cultural Transformation Initiatives.

The Committee meeting is open to the public. The public may file written comments to the USDA Advisory Committee contact person before or within a reasonable time after the meeting. 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, on February 2, 2012.

Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator.

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