

(LMAAP) is administered and implemented under the general direction and supervision of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) through its State and County Committees. Authorizing legislation for LMAAP provides for the re-establishment of farmers' purchasing power by making payments in connection with the normal production of any agricultural commodity for domestic consumption. The objective of the LMAAP program is to make direct payments to producers of sheep and lamb operations to help them weather the current economic crisis, as well as, help improve their production efficiencies and the marketability of lamb meat during the period from July 21, 1999, through July 31, 2003.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information using form FSA 383 for program years 2–4 for the sheep and lamb operations. The information obtained from the form is needed to verify commodity and producer eligibility and calculate payment amounts. Without the information from the producers, FSA would be unable to administer the program to provide direct payments to the sheep and lamb operations.

Description of Respondents: Farm; individuals or households; business or other-for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 63,100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: annually.

Total Burden Hours: 351,257.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Bioenergy Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0207.

Summary of Collection: To encourage bioenergy producers to expand agricultural markets by promoting increased bioenergy production, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), in accordance with the 2002 Act, will make incentive cash payments for FY 2003 through FY 2006 to bioenergy producers who increase their production of bioenergy (fuel grade ethanol and biodiesel) from eligible commodities over previous fiscal year bioenergy production. CCC will use its authority under section 5 of the CCC Charter Act, 15 U.S.C. 714c, to make biodiesel production eligible for the Program that would not be eligible solely under the bioenergy provisions of the 2002 Act to support the biodiesel industry. Bioenergy producers will enter into an agreement with CCC establishing their eligibility to receive program payments. The information will be collected by either mail or fax.

Need and Use of the Information: CCC will collect information from bioenergy producers that request payments under

the Bioenergy Program to ensure the benefits are paid only to eligible bioenergy producers for eligible commodities. Failure to collect this information as outlined would make it difficult to ensure that payments to producers are made in accordance with the provisions of the regulations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting: annually; quarterly; other (850 multi-year).

Total Burden Hours: 1,100.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Designation of Burley Tobacco Sales & Annual Waiver To Release Information Restricted by the Privacy Act.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0217.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (1938 Act) states a primary purpose of the Federal tobacco program will be “* * *. to control effectively the orderly marketing * * *. of tobacco and “* * *. to promote, foster, and maintain an orderly flow of such supply * * *. Historically, 99 percent of all burley tobacco was marketed at auction warehouses. The large majority of burley tobacco is now being sold non-auction directly to manufacturers. Without the collection of designation information for burley tobacco, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) would not know where the tobacco would be sold or how many pounds would be sold outside the traditional auction market system. FSA will collect information using FSA–808, Designation of Burley Tobacco Sales and Request for Marketing Cards and MQ–60, Annual Waiver to Release Information Restricted by the Privacy Act.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect the pounds, locations, and marketing cards information from the forms. FSA will also collect information to assign tobacco graders as needed to auction warehouses in order to grade tobacco that is delivered for sale.

Description of Respondent: Individuals or households; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 150,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: annually.

Total Burden Hours: 187,504.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Telecommunications System Construction Policies and Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0059.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act), 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, was amended in 2002

by title IV, Rural Broadband Access, by Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, which authorizes Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to provide loans and loan guarantees to fund the cost of construction, improvement, or acquisition for facilities and equipment for the provision of broadband service in eligible rural communities in the States and territories of the United States. Title VI of the RE Act requires that loans are granted only to borrowers who demonstrated that they will be able to repay in full within the time agreed. RUS has established certain standards and specification for materials, equipment and construction to assure that standards are maintained; loans are not adversely affected, and loans are used for intended purposes.

Need and Use of the Information:

RUS has developed specific forms for borrowers to use when entering into contracts for goods of services. The information collected is use to implement certain provisions of loan documents about the borrower's purchase of materials and equipment and the construction of its broadband system and is provided on and as needed basis or when the individual borrower undertakes certain projects. The standardization of the forms has resulted in substantial savings to borrowers by reducing preparation of the documentation and the costly review by the government.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 238.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 3,123.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1728, Electric Standards and Specifications for Materials and Construction.

OMB Control Number: 0572–New.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, (RE Act) in sec. 4 (7 U.S.C. 904) authorizes and empowers the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans in several States and Territories of the United States for rural electrification and the furnishing and improving of electric energy to persons in rural areas. RUS' Administrator is authorized to provide financial assistance to borrowers for purposes provided in the RE Act by guaranteeing loans made by the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, the Federal Financing Bank, and other lending agencies. These loans are for a term of up to 35 years and are secured by a first mortgage on the borrower's electric