

of the payment limitation required for the respective program. Without the date, FSA cannot determine whether the individual or the entity requesting program benefits is eligible and or in compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements of payment eligibility and payment limitation. FSA and the National Appeals Division also use the information on review in the event an appeal is filed by the producer regarding any of the determinations.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 123,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Other (as needed).

Total Burden Hours: 237,871.

Farm Service Agency

Title: End-Use Certificate Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0151.

Summary of Collection: Public Law 103-181, Section 321(f) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act mandates that the Secretary of Agriculture shall implement, in coordination with the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protections, a program requiring that end-use certificates be included in the documentation covering the entry into the United States of any wheat originating from Canada. The end-use certificate program was designed to ensure that Canadian wheat does not benefit from USDA or CCC-assisted export programs.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected on the end-use certificate is used in conjunction with USDA's domestic origin compliance review process during quarterly audits of contractors involved in foreign food assistance programs. The form FSA-750 "End-Use Certificate for Wheat" is used by approximately 200 importers of Canadian wheat to report entry into the United States. Form FSA-751, "Wheat Consumption and Resale Report" is used by millers and exporters to report final disposition of Canadian wheat in the U.S.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 421.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 4,520.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation (7 CFR Part 12).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0185.

Summary of Collection: The Food Security Act of 1985 as amended by the Federal Agriculture Conservation and

Trade Act of 1990 and the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act), and the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 (the 2003 Act) provides that any person who produces an agricultural commodity on a field that is predominately highly erodible, converts wetland, or plants an agricultural commodity on converted wetland after December 23, 1985, shall be ineligible for certain program benefits. These provisions are an attempt to preserve the nation's wetland and to reduce the rate at which the conversion of highly erodible land occurs which contributes to the national erosion problem. In order to ensure that persons who request benefits subject to the conservation restrictions get technical assistance needed and are informed regarding the compliance requirements on their land, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects information using several forms from producers with regard to their financial activities on their land that could affect their eligibility for requested USDA benefits.

Need and Use of the Information: Information must be collected from producers to certify that they intend to comply with the conservation requirements on their land to maintain their eligibility. Additional, information may be collected if producers request that certain activities be exempt from provisions of the statute in order to evaluate whether the exempted conditions will be met. The collection of information allows the FSA county employees to perform the necessary compliance checks and fulfill USDA's objectives towards preserving wetlands and reducing erosion.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 251,153.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Animal & Poultry, Animal/Poultry Products, Certain Animal Embryos, Semen, and Zoological Animals.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0040.

Summary of Collection: Title 21 U.S.C. authorizes sections 111, 114, 114a, 114-1, 115, 120, 121, 125, 126, 134a, 134f, and 134g of 21 U.S.C. These authorities permit the Secretary to prevent, control and eliminate domestic diseases such as brucellosis and tuberculosis, as well as to take actions to prevent and to manage exotic diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest. Disease prevention is

the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) ability to compete in exporting animals and animal products. To fulfill this mission APHIS must collect pertinent information from those individuals who import animals and poultry, animal products, zoological animals, or animal germplasm into the United States. APHIS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information from foreign animal health authorities seeking to engage in the regionalization process. The information includes such data as the last reported outbreak of a given animal disease in the region, the trading practices engaged in by the region, and the intensity of the disease surveillance activities occurring in the region. This vital information helps APHIS to ensure that these imports pose a negligible risk of introducing exotic animal diseases into the United States. If the information was not collected, it would cripple or destroy APHIS ability to protect the United States from exotic animal disease incursions.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 169,921.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 64,870.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Federal Plant Pest and Noxious Weeds Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0054.

Summary of Collection: The Plant Protection and Quarantine Program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing plant pests and noxious weeds from entering the United States, preventing the spread of pests and weeds not widely distributed in the United States, and eradicating those imported pests and weeds when eradication is feasible. APHIS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to evaluate the risk associated with the proposed movement of plant pest noxious weeds, and soil. APHIS will also collect information to monitor operations at facility to ensure permit conditions are being met. The information is used to determine whether a permit can be issued, and also to develop risk-mitigating conditions for the proposed movement. If the information were not collected,