

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7,000.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Disaster Assistance—General (7 CFR part 1945–A).

OMB Number Control: 0560–0170.

Summary of Collection: Subtitle C of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 1972, as amended, authorizes emergency loss (EM) loans for the purpose of assisting farmers and ranchers who have suffered weather-related physical and production losses in areas declared by the President, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, or named for physical loss loans by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator. For EM production loss loan, applicants must show a 30% loss in at least one basic farming enterprise. For physical losses, applicants must show that property damaged or destroyed is essential to the continued operation of the farming or ranching operations. Applicant must be unable to obtain commercial credit or recover from the disaster and meet the specific eligibility and repayment requirements. FSA will collect information to evaluate requests for a Secretarial natural disaster designation.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect information to determine whether sufficient losses have been suffered to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation, determine whether extenuating circumstances exist to grant a natural disaster designation under the Secretary's discretionary authority. The information will be used by FSA to process State Governor requests for Secretarial natural disaster designations.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,889.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,452.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Federal Collection Methods for Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0446.

Summary of Collection: The Debt Collection Improvement (DCIA), Food Stamp (FSA) and Privacy Act require that State agencies advise debtors of the intended referral to the Treasury Offset Program (TOP). TOP is a method used to collect debts owed for over-issued food stamp recipient claims. TOP offers debtors an opportunity to repay the claim, and offer debtors an opportunity to request a review of the validity of the collection action.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is used to operate

Federal offset. State agencies collect this information to offset debts as a result of over-issuance of recipient claims.

Without the information, compliance with the DCIA would not be possible and departmental participation in TOP would be jeopardized.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individual or households; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 279,119.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 56,123.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Consumer Study.

OMB Control Number: 0584–NEW.

Summary of Collection: Under Subtitle D of the National Agriculture Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3171–3175), the Secretary of Agriculture is required to develop and implement a national food and human nutrition research and extension program, including the development of techniques to assist consumers in selecting food that supplies a nutritionally adequate diet. The Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP) has the authority to develop materials to aid the public in selecting food for good nutrition; coordinate nutrition education promotion and professional education projects with the Department; and consult with the Federal and State agencies, the Congress, universities, and other public and private organizations and the general public regarding food consumption and dietary adequacy.

Need and Use of the Information: CNPP will collect information using 8 focus group sessions with women ages 20–40 years. The information collected will help to expand the knowledge base concerning the public's perceived relationship between portion size, counting calories, and a healthy weight. The information collected will also assist CNPP in its efforts to develop campaign messages and materials to help Americans achieve or maintain a healthy weight through increased awareness of how much they eat.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1,280.

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

Total Burden Hours: 432.

Risk Management Agency

Title: General Administrative Regulations; Subpart V Submission of Policies, Provisions of Policies, and Rates of Premium.

OMB Control Number: 0563–New.

Summary of Collections: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

amends the procedures for the submission of policies, plans of insurance, or other rates or premium by insurance companies, entities or other persons. Public Law 96–365 provided for nationwide expansion of a comprehensive crop insurance program. The Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, expanded the role of the crop insurance to be the principal tool for risk management by producers of farm products and required that the crop insurance program operate on an actuarially sound basis.

Need and Use of the Information: The Board will review an applicant's submissions to determine if the interests of agricultural producers and taxpayers are protected; the submission is actuarially appropriate; appropriate insurance principles are followed; the requirements of the Act are met; and that sound, reasonable and appropriate underwriting principals are followed. If the information is incomplete, the submission will be disapproved.

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

Number of Respondents: 210.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting; Other.

Total Burden Hours: 57,000.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1703, subparts D, E, F, and G, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0096.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the Department of Agriculture and is authorized by Chapter 1 of subtitle D of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990. The purpose of the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant program is to improve telemedicine services and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals and rural residents.

Need and Use of the Information: The various forms and narrative statements required are collected from eligible applicants such as rural community facilities, schools, libraries, hospitals, and medical facilities. The purpose of this information is to determine such factors as: eligibility of the applicant; the specific nature of the proposed project; the purposes for which loan and grant funds will be used; project financial and technical feasibility; and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.