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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 19, 2003.

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 regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *Pamela\_Beverly\_OIRA\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806; and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

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.

### Foreign Agricultural Service

*Title:* CCC's Export Enhancement Program (EEP) and CCC's Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP).

*OMB Control Number:* 0551-0028.

*Summary of Collection:* The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) collects information from U.S. exporters in order to determine the exporters' eligibility for the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) and the Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP). Program applicants can fax information in or applicants may register over the Internet.

*Need and of the Information:* FAS will use the information collected from U.S. exporters to determine whether an exporter has the experience necessary to perform under the proposed agreements. Other information is collected to determine compliance during the period of the agreement and to ensure that compensation in the appropriate amount is made. Without the application and related information, FAS would be unable to properly qualify U.S. exporters for EEP and DEIP.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 95.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,803.

### Farm Service Agency

*Title:* Power of Attorney.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0190.

*Summary of Collection:* Individuals or authorized representatives of entities wanting to appoint another to act as their attorney must complete FSA-211, "Power of Attorney" form. The FSA-211 serves as evidence that the grantor has appointed another to act on their behalf for certain Farm Service Agency (FSA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), and Risk Management Agency (RMA) programs and related actions giving the appointee legal authority to enter into binding agreements on the grantor's behalf.

*Need and use of the Information:* FSA will collect information to verify an individual's authority to sign and act or another in the event of errors or fraud that requires legal remedies. The information collected on the FSA-211 is limited to the grantor's name, signature, and identification number, the grantee's

name, address, and the applicable FSA, CCC, and RMA programs. Failure to collect and maintain the data collected on the form will limit or eliminate USDA's ability to accept an individual's signature on behalf of another individual or entity.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 519,653.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Other (Once).

*Total Burden Hours:* 129,913.

### Forest Service

*Title:* Forest Industries Data Collection System.

*OMB Control Number:* 0596-0010.

*Summary of Collection:* The Forest and Range Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 require the Forest Service (FS) to evaluate trends in the use of logs and wood chips, to forecast anticipated levels of logs and wood chips, and to analyze changes in the harvest of the resources. Forest product and other wood-using industries are important to state, regional, and national economies. In most southern states, the value of rounded timber products is ranked either first or second in relation to other major agricultural crops. The importance and value of the timber products industry is significant in other regions of the United States as well.

*Need and use of the information:* FS will collect information using questionnaires to monitor the types, species, volumes, sources, and prices of the timber products harvested throughout the Nation. The data will be used to develop specific economic development plans for new forest-related industries and to assist existing industries in identifying raw material problems and opportunities. If the information were not collected, data would not be available for sub-state, state, regional, and national policy makers and program developers to make decisions related to the forestland on a scientific basis.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,110.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,696.