

participants, acreage and location, crop and commodities. If information is not collected, FSA will not be able to identify and determine eligible participants and crops being planted or produced, or provide assistance to agricultural producers who as a result of natural disaster have suffered catastrophic losses of agricultural crops or commodities.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or household; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 291,500.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Monthly; Other (bi-weekly and bi-monthly); Third party disclosure.

Total Burden Hours: 2,143,562.

Agricultural Research Service

Title: Peer Review Related Forms for the Office of Scientific Quality Review.

OMB Control Number: 0518-0028.

Summary of Collection: The Office of Scientific Quality Review (OSQR) is an organizational unit of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) reporting to the Associate Administrator with primary responsibility for planning and facilitating high quality scientific and technical peer review of all agency prospective research project plans. The Research Title of the 1998 Farm Bill, Pub. L. 105-185 section 103(d), set forth new requirements for peer reviews of ARS research projects. ARS must obtain panel peer reviews of each research project at least once every five years.

Need and Use of the Information: ARS will collect the following information: Confidentiality agreement, panelist information, peer review of an ARS research project, critique of ARS research project, panelist expense report, and panelist invoice. The information is used to manage the travel and stipend payments to panel reviewers and provide well-organized feedback to ARS's researchers about their projects. If information were not collected, ARS would not meet the administrative or legislative requirements of the Peer Review Process as mandated by Public Law 105-185.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Farms; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 135.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Weekly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,407.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1956-C, Debt Settlement—Community and Business Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0124.

Summary of Collection: Rural Housing Service (RHS) is a credit agencies for agricultural and rural development for the United States Department of Agriculture and offers supervised credit to develop improve and operate family farms, modest housing, essential community facilities, and business and industry across rural America. 7 CFR 1956-C, Debt Settlement—Community and Business Programs provides policies and procedures as well as a mechanism for debt settlement in connection with Community Facilities loans and grants, Water and Waste Disposal loans, direct Business and Industry loans, Indian Tribal Land Acquisition loans and Irrigation and Drainage. The debt settlement program provides the delinquent client with an equitable tool for the compromise, adjustment, cancellation, or charge-off of a debt owed to the Agency.

Need and Use of the Information: The field offices will collect information from applicants, borrowers consultants, lenders, and attorneys to determine eligibility, financial capacity and derive an equitable resolution. This information collected is similar to that required by a commercial lender in similar circumstances. Failure to collect the information could result in improper servicing of these loans.

Description of Respondents: Not for profit institutions; Individuals, Households; Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 813.

Rural Business—Cooperative Service

Title: CFG 1942-G, "Rural business Enterprise Grants and Television Demonstration Grants".

OMB Control Number: 0570-0022.

Summary of Collection: Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act authorizes Rural Business Enterprise Grants to facilitate the development of small and emerging private businesses, industry and related employment for improving the economy in rural communities. Television Demonstration Grants (TDG) are available to statewide, private nonprofit, public television systems to provide information on agriculture and other issues of importance to farmers and other rural residents. This regulation, 7

CFR Part 1942-G, Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) that covers the administration of this program including eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria to make funding selection decisions.

Need and Use of the Information: RBS will use this information to determine (1) eligibility; (2) the specific purposes for which grant funds will be utilized; (3) time frames or dates by which actions surrounding the use of funds will be accomplished; (4) who will be carrying out the purposes for which the grant is made; (5) project priority; (6) applicants experience in administering a rural economic development program; (7) employment improvement; and (8) mitigation of economic distress of a community through the creation or salvation of jobs or emergency situations. If the information were not collected, RBS would not be able to determine the eligibility of applicant(s) for the authorized purposes. Collecting this information infrequently would have an adverse effect on the Agency's ability to administer the grant program.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Farms; Business or other for profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 720.

Frequency of Responses: Record-keeping; Reporting: Monthly; On Occasion; Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 22,395.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Tuberculosis Testing for Imported Cattle.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0224.

Summary of Collection: Under the authority of Title 21, U.S.C., the Secretary of Agriculture is permitted to prevent, control and eliminate domestic diseases such as tuberculosis, as well as to take actions to prevent and to manage exotic diseases such as foot-and-mouth, rinderpest, and other foreign diseases. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the ability of U.S. producers to compete in the global market of animal and animal product trade. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published an interim rule that added additional requirements concerning the importation of certain cattle into the United States. APHIS will collect information using form VS 17-129, "Application for Import or In Transit Permit."

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information from the permit application regarding the type, number, and identification of the