

and identification, feeding practices, biosecurity procedures, use of veterinary services, source of health information, and vaccination and treatment practices.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection activity for the national Sheep 2001 study.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning these information collection activities. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.82564 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Industry personnel, private veterinary practitioners, company and independent producers, academicians, State veterinary medical officers, State public health officials, and other interested parties involved with animal health and management practices in the United States.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 10,731.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 10,731.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 8,860 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of June 2001.

**Bobby R. Acord,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

[FR Doc. 01-16401 Filed 6-28-01; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-34-U**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) intends to request an extension for a currently approved information collection procedure for Sugar Import Licensing Programs described in 7 CFR part 1530.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before August 28, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver comments to Richard J. Blabey, Director, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard J. Blabey, at the address above, or telephone at (202) 720-2916 or e-mail at Blabey@fas.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* The Reinforced Sugar Re-Export Program, The Sugar Containing Products Re-Export Program, and the Polyhydric Alcohol Program.

*OMB Number:* 0551-0015.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 2001.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the Sugar Import Licensing Program is to permit entry of raw cane sugar exempt from the sugar tariff-rate quota for re-export in refined form or in a sugar containing product or for the production of certain polyhydric alcohols. These programs are in use by as many as 400 licensees currently eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR part 1530, licensees are required to submit the following: (1) "Application for a license" information required for participation as outlined in sections

1530.104; (2) "Regular reporting" of import, export, transfer, or use for charges and credits to licenses under section 1530.109; and (3) "miscellaneous submission" of bonds or letters of credit under section 1530.107, appeals to determinations by the licensing authority under section 1530.12, or requests to the licensing authority for waivers under section 1530.113. In addition, each participant must maintain records on all programs reports as set forth in section 1530.110. The information collected is used by the licensing authority to manage, plan, evaluate and account for program activities. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper operation of these programs.

*Estimate of Burden:* (1) "application for a license" would require 20 hours per response; (2) "regular reporting" would require between 10 and 15 minutes per transaction. The number of transactions per respondent will vary; (3) "miscellaneous submission" would require between 1 or 2 hours per bond or letter of credit, 2 to 10 hours per waiver request, and 10 to 100 hours per appeal.

*Respondents:* Sugar refiners, manufacturers of sugar containing products and producers of polyhydric alcohol.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* New/Renew License: 1; Regular reporting: 75 transactions, average; Miscellaneous: Bonds/letters of credit: 50; Waiver requests: 20; Appeals: 0.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours on Respondents:* 8,230 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568.

*Request for Comments:* The public is invited to submit comments and suggestions to the above address regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information. Comments on issues covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act are most useful to OMB if received within 30 days of publication of the Notice and Request for Comments, but should be submitted no later than 60 days from the date of this publication to be assured of consideration. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record. Persons with disabilities who

require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 25, 2001.

**Mary T. Chambliss,**

*Acting General Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

[FR Doc. 01-16444 Filed 6-28-01; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-10-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality will meet to continue discussing critical air quality issues in relation to agriculture. There will be emphasis on obtaining a greater understanding about the relationship between agricultural production and air quality. These meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The meetings will be Wednesday, July 18, 2001, and Thursday, July 19, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Natural Resources Conservation Service, at the address below, on or before July 12, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado 80202; telephone: (303) 893-3333, in the Silver room. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to George Bluhm; University of California; Land, Air, and Water Resources; 151 Hoagland Hall, Davis, California 95616-6827.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions or comments should be directed to George Bluhm, Designated Federal Official, telephone: (530) 752-1018; fax: (530) 752-1552; e-mail: bluhm@crocker.ucdavis.edu.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information about the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality, including any revised agendas for the July 18th and 19th meeting produced after this **Federal Register** Notice is published, may be found on the World

Wide Web at <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/faca/aaqtf.html>.

### Draft Agenda of the July 18 and 19 Meeting

Welcome to Denver, Colorado  
Colorado State Official

Approve minutes of the Washington, DC, March 27-28, 2001, AAQTF meeting.

EPA Update

National Academy of Sciences Scientific Assessment request

Status of the Agricultural Burning policy

Status of the Voluntary Compliance policy

Status of the CERCLA/EPCRA recommendation

Subcommittee business

Research Priorities and Oversight Subcommittee

ARS Agricultural Air Quality Research efforts

CSREES Agricultural Air Quality efforts / Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems

Emissions Factors Subcommittee

*Discussion:* An Emission Factor, What is it? Who creates it? How is it changed?

Emission Factor Survey

Title V Permit Subcommittee

Title V Deferral Recommendation

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Subcommittee

Action Plan

Priority for Actions

Voluntary/Incentive Based Program Subcommittee

Agricultural Burning Subcommittee

New Topics

Aerobic and Anaerobic Bioremediation for Treating Animal Waste

Biomass to Energy Panel

E-diesel, diesel reformulated

Carbon Sequestration

Next Meeting, time/place

Public Input (Time will be reserved

before lunch and at the close of each daily session to receive public comment. Individual presentations will be limited to 5 minutes)

### Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may present oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify George Bluhm no later than July 12, 2001. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting that person should submit 25 copies to George Bluhm no later than July 12, 2001.

### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting please feel free to contact George Bluhm.

USDA prohibits discrimination in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or disability. Additionally, discrimination on the basis of political beliefs and marital or family status is also prohibited by statutes enforced by USDA. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternate means for communication of program information (braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2000 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination to USDA, write Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 15, 2001.

**Pearlie S. Reed,**

*Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

[FR Doc. 01-16376 Filed 6-28-01; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-16-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grant Program (VADG) (Independent Producers)

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of application deadline and clarification of previous notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) extends the second round (June 27, 2001) deadline for submitting applications for grant funds to help independent producers enter into value-added activities under section 231(a) of the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 announced in a notice of funds availability (NOFA) published March 6, 2001, at 66 FR 13490. This action is also taken to provide additional information that clarifies the definition of independent