

pest risk and, therefore, should not be regulated under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

According to our process<sup>2</sup> for soliciting public comment when considering petitions for determination of nonregulated status of organisms developed using genetic engineering, APHIS accepts written comments regarding a petition once APHIS deems the petition complete. On April 16, 2020, APHIS announced in the **Federal Register**<sup>3</sup> (85 FR 21170–21171, Docket No. APHIS–2019–0084) the availability of the Agrivida petition for public comment. APHIS solicited comments on the petition for 60 days ending June 15, 2020.

APHIS received 13 comments during the comment period. They were from the agricultural, academic, and private sectors. Eleven comments were in support of Agrivida's petition, while two expressed objections to crops developed or modified through genetic engineering in general.

After public comments are received on a completed petition, APHIS evaluates those comments and then provides a second opportunity for public involvement in our decision-making process. According to our public review process (see footnote 2), the second opportunity for public involvement follows one of two approaches, as described below.

If APHIS decides, based on its review of the petition and its evaluation and analysis of comments received during the 60-day public comment period on the petition, that the petition involves an organism that raises no substantive new issues, APHIS will follow Approach 1 for public involvement. Under Approach 1, APHIS prepares and announces in the **Federal Register** the availability of APHIS' preliminary regulatory determination along with its draft EA, preliminary finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and its draft plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) for a 30-day public review period. APHIS will evaluate any information received related to the petition and its supporting documents during the 30-day public review period. If APHIS determines that no substantive information has been

received that would warrant APHIS altering its preliminary regulatory determination or FONSI, or substantially change the analysis of impacts in the EA, our preliminary regulatory determination will become final and effective upon notification of the public through an announcement on our website. No further **Federal Register** notice will be published announcing the final regulatory determination.

Under Approach 2, if APHIS decides, based on its review of the petition and its evaluation and analysis of comments received during the 60-day public comment period on the petition, that the petition involves an organism that raises substantive new issues, APHIS first solicits written comments from the public on a draft EA and draft PPRA for a 30-day comment period through the publication of a **Federal Register** notice. Then, after reviewing and evaluating the comments on the draft EA and draft PPRA and other information, APHIS will revise the draft PPRA as necessary. It will then prepare a final EA, and based on the final EA, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision document (either a FONSI or a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement).

For this petition, we will be following Approach 1.

As part of our decision-making process regarding an organism's regulatory status, APHIS prepared a PPRA to assess the plant pest risk of the organism, and an EA to evaluate potential impacts on the human environment. This will provide the Agency and the public with a review and analysis of any potential environmental impacts that may result if the petition request is approved.

APHIS' draft PPRA compared the pest risk posed by the Maize Event PY203 with that of the unmodified variety from which it was derived. The draft PPRA concluded that PY203 maize is unlikely to pose an increased plant pest risk compared to the unmodified corn.<sup>4</sup>

The draft EA evaluated potential impacts that may result from the commercial production of PY203 maize, to include potential impacts on conventional and organic corn production; the acreage and area required for U.S. corn production; agronomic practices and inputs; the physical environment; biological resources; human health and worker safety; animal health and welfare; and socioeconomic impacts. No significant

impacts were identified with the production and marketing of PY203 maize.

The draft EA was prepared in accordance with (1) NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

We are making available for a 30-day review period our preliminary determination, draft EA, preliminary FONSI, and draft PPRA. The preliminary determination, draft EA, preliminary FONSI, and draft PPRA are available as indicated under **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above. Copies of these documents may also be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

After the 30-day review period closes, APHIS will review and evaluate any information received during the 30-day review period.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of June 2021.

**Michael Watson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

[Docket No. FCIC–21–0006]

#### Notice of Request for Renewal and Revision of the Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Renewal and revision of the currently approved information collection.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) are requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a revision of a currently approved paperwork package associated with the Acreage and Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative (ACRSI).

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business August 23, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> On March 6, 2012, APHIS published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 13258–13260, Docket No. APHIS–2011–0129) a notice describing our public review process for soliciting public comments and information when considering petitions for determinations of nonregulated status for organisms developed using genetic engineering. To view the notice, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter APHIS–2011–0129 in the Search field.

<sup>3</sup> To view the notice, its supporting documents, and the comments that we received, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter APHIS–2019–0084 in the Search field.

<sup>4</sup> Maize is the botanical term used globally for the cereal plant *Zea mays*. In the United States maize is commonly referred to as corn. Both terms are used interchangeably in this document.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this information collection request. In your comments, include the date, volume, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**, and the title of rule. You may submit comments by any of the following methods, although FCIC prefers that you submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID FCIC–21–0006. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Todd Anderson, United States Department of Agriculture, FSA, DAFP, PDD, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Mail Stop 0570, Washington, DC 20250–0570; or David Zaroni, RMA, United States Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, MO 64133–6205.

All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change and publicly available on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Todd Anderson, United States Department of Agriculture, FSA, DAFP, PDD, Washington, DC 20250–0570, (202) 720–9106; or David Zaroni, RMA, United States Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, MO 64133–6205, (816) 926–6142.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Acreage/Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative (ACRSI).

*OMB Number:* 0563–0084.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* October 31, 2021.

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

*Abstract:* The currently approved information collection of OMB Number 0563–0084 is up for renewal and we are requesting an extension for 3 years. FSA and RMA are requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the information collection request associated with ACRSI. FSA and RMA have established the procedures, processes, and standards to simplify commodity and acreage reporting by producers, eliminate or minimize duplication of information collection by multiple agencies, and reduce the burden on producers, allowing producers to report this information through FSA county office service centers, insurance agents, or through precision ag technology capabilities. FSA and RMA implemented a streamlined reporting solution to establish a common data collection and reporting capability that supports USDA's programs.

RMA is continuing to improve the existing Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved information collections for RMA, 0563–0053, Multiple Peril Crop Insurance, acreage information, generally collected from the respondent during a personal visit to the FSA Service Center and again from the respondent during a personal visit with the insurance agent.

The forms are still available to accommodate respondents with no internet access and those who wish to continue to personally visit the FSA Service Center and insurance agent to report this common information.

Information reported to the common data collection and reporting capability (otherwise known as the Clearinghouse) are shared by both FSA and RMA, as well as other USDA agencies, such as NRCS and NASS that have the authority and need for such information. With continued ACRSI process enhancements, some or all of the commodity and acreage information in the existing approved information collections are reported through this solution. Furthermore, the information collected are the same as the information currently approved. Additionally, the respondent will continue to report their common information one time through a single source thereby reducing the respondent's burden of reporting such common information and eliminating the duplicate reporting that may be currently required. The information collected will continue to be the same as the information currently approved and are used in the same manner it would be used if reported separately to each agency. The producers are continuing to use their precision-ag systems, farm management information systems, or download data files to directly report certain commodity and acreage information needed to participate in USDA programs.

The information being collected may consist of, but not be limited to: Producer name, customer/tax ID, state, county, commodity name, commodity type or variety, intended use, date planted, planted acreage, and land location (which may include legal description, FSA farm number, FSA tract number, FSA field number, geospatial as-planted field boundaries, Resource Land Unit, etc.).

FSA and RMA continues to enhance the ACRSI process. The effectiveness and lessons learned from each phase informed changes and expansions in subsequent phases. The first phase was initiated in the fall of 2011 in Dickenson, Marion, McPherson, and Saline Counties in Kansas, and only for

the collection of information from producers regarding winter wheat. The second phase was implemented in the spring of 2015 in 30 counties of Illinois and Iowa covering 9 crops. The third phase was implemented in the fall of 2015 in all counties of 15 states covering 9 crops. The fourth phase was implemented in the spring of 2016 in all counties nationwide covering 13 crops and about 90 percent of reported acreage. The fifth phase was implemented in the fall of 2016 expanding nationwide coverage to 16 crops and about 93 percent of reported acreage. The sixth phase was implemented in the fall of 2017 expanding nationwide coverage to 25 crops and about 94 percent of reported acreage. Since that time, ACRSI has continuously added more crops and types that now covers over 97 percent of insurable acreage. The program will continue to add crops and types over time to stay current; however, there are no crops left to cross walk that have major acreage impacts.

RMA and FSA additionally piloted a process to allow external providers to submit required data from precision agriculture or farm management information systems. This 2018 Pilot used planting data from Nebraska producers that was disseminated to the Agencies through the ACRSI Clearinghouse process. At that point for FSA, continued post processing of the data was manually labor intensive. Pilot findings identified the need for further software development by FSA to continue to automate the processing of geospatial land location data to further enhance the ACRSI process to ensure statutory criteria are met for Federal crop insurance, FSA, and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) programs, the collection of commodity and acreage information is necessary. This is not a request for a change, addition, or deletion to the currently approved information collections.

However, the existing approved information collection will be updated, modified or eliminated, as applicable, to reflect the reduction in burden on the respondents as the ACRSI process is enhanced.

*Respondents:* Producers.  
*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents Utilizing the Web-Based Single Source Reporting System and Benefiting From Sharing Information Between Agencies:* 500,000.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.5.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents Utilizing the Web-Based Single Source Reporting System and Benefiting From Having That*

*Information Shared Between Agencies:* 187,500 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond through use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms to technology.

All comments in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval.

**Richard Flournoy,**

*Acting Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Davy Crockett-Sam Houston Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Davy Crockett-Sam Houston Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will conduct a virtual meeting by telephone conference. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with the Act. RAC information can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/specialprojects/racs>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 from 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time. All RAC meetings are subject to

cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held by teleconference. Please use the following information to access the call; dial 1-888-844-9904 using access code 2213326#. If you need assistance, please contact Michelle Rowe at 936-222-2487 for instructions.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Davy Crockett National Forest Ranger Station. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Rowe, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 936-553-3066 or via email at [lisa.rowe@usda.gov](mailto:lisa.rowe@usda.gov).

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the hearing-impaired (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Introduce the new Designated Federal Officer;
2. Discuss project priority list;
3. Discuss budget;
4. Vote on new project proposals; and
5. Discuss new RAC member solicitation.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by July 2, 2021 to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time to make oral comments must be sent to Jimmy Tyree, Designated Federal Officer, 18551 State Highway 7 East, Kennard, Texas 75847; by email to [jimmy.tyree@usda.gov](mailto:jimmy.tyree@usda.gov), or via facsimile to 936-655-2817.

**Meeting Accommodations:** If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the

section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: June 21, 2021.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Alaska Region Supplement to Forest Service Manual 2720: Special Uses; Outfitting and Guiding Permit for Strictly Point-To-Point Commercial Transportation to, From, and Within the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center Subunit of the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, is seeking public comment on a proposed revision to a directive supplement that would require an outfitting and guiding permit for strictly point-to-point commercial transportation to, from, and within the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center subunit of the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area (Visitor Center subunit) in the Alaska Region of the Forest Service (Alaska Region). Comment is also requested on the revision to the Forest Service's approved information collection for outfitting and guiding permits.

**DATE:** Comments must be received in writing by August 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed revision to the directive supplement is available at, and comments may be submitted electronically to, <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=ORMS-2314>. Written comments may be mailed to Jennifer Berger, Alaska Region Public Services Program Leader (RLM), P.O. Box 21628, Room 535b, Juneau, AK 99802-1628. All timely comments, including names and addresses, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-2314>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Berger, Alaska Region Public Services Program Leader, at 907-586-8843 or [jennifer.berger@usda.gov](mailto:jennifer.berger@usda.gov).