

Justification for Change to 0535-0248

Distillers Co-Products for Feed – Pre-Testing Generic Clearance of Survey Improvement Projects (0535-0248)

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is preparing to conduct testing of the Distillers Co-Products for Feed survey. NASS will be conducting both cognitive interviews and a mail out – mail back testing. The two different methods of testing are scheduled to be conducted in four States (Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Virginia). The test States were selected due to the availability of the different types of distillers co-products for feed and the different categories of animals (cattle on feed, beef cattle and calves, dairy cattle, hogs and pigs, broilers, hatchery supply meat type layers, table egg layers, hatchery supply egg type layers, pullets for laying flock replacement and turkeys) being raised in these States. The cognitive testing involves conducting 5 interviews in each of the States and the mail test involves contacting 15 respondents in each of the test States.

	Number of Respondents	Hours	Total Burden Hours
Cognitive Testing	20	1.0	20.0
Mail Out – Mail Back Testing ^{1/}	60	0.42	25.2
Instruction Letter ^{2/}	60	0.083	5.0
Totals	80		50.2

^{1/} Mail out questionnaire is estimated to take 25 minutes to complete.

^{2/} Instruction letter is estimated to take 5 minutes to read.

Out of the total burden hours approved for testing, NASS is requesting that 50.2 hours be allocated to the Distillers Co-Products for Feed survey testing.