

Change Request, Agricultural Surveys, OMB No. 0535-0213 Quality Control Form (revisions)

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is submitting this non-substantive change request for the Quality Control Forms (OMB Control Number 0535-0213) to address a couple of minor changes to this questionnaire.

With recent changes to the modes of data collection used by NASS, our Quality Assurance coordinator has requested these changes.

- Removal of survey-specific questions that asked the operator to provide data about their farm or ranch.
- Addition of questions on the:
 - o Interview length
 - o Mode of interview (i.e., telephone or personal visit)
 - o Use of iPad or paper (for in person interviews)
- Addition of a question for the field supervisor to state the final outcome of the quality control re-interview.

Currently NASS attempts approximately 3,000 quality control contacts per year and they average approximately 5 minutes each. There are no plans at this time to change either of these numbers.

In the future, NASS plans to include this form in their Electronic Data Reporting (EDR) System to allow field supervisors to document the reinterview electronically rather than on paper. The data would then be available for review and analysis by field and Headquarters staff.