

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**  
**1545-1975**  
**Schedule F (Form 1040)**

**1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

IRC sections 6011 and 6012 of the Internal Revenue Code require individuals to prepare and file income tax returns annually. Form 1040 and related schedules, are used by individuals to report their income subject to tax and compute their correct tax liability.

Schedule F is used to report gross income, expenses, and net profit or loss from operating a farm business as a sole proprietorship.

**2. USE OF DATA**

Schedule F will be used in computing the tax liability and in determining that the items claimed are properly allowable. It is also used for general statistical use.

**3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN**

We are offering electronic filing for Schedule F (Form 1040).

**4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION**

We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible.

**5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES**

We have attempted to minimize burden on small businesses and other small entities.

**6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES**

If the information is collected less frequently, the IRS

will be unable to determine, if profit or loss from farming being claimed are properly allowable.

**7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)**

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

**8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS**

Periodic meetings are held between IRS personnel and representatives of the American Bar Association, the National Society of Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and other professional groups to discuss tax law and tax forms.

During these meetings, there is an opportunity for those attending to make comments regarding Schedule F (Form 1040).

In response to the Federal Register notice (81 FR 2964), dated January 19, 2016, we received no comments during the comment period regarding Schedule F (Form 1040).

**9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS**

No payments or gifts are being provided.

**10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES**

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

**11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS**

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the

"Individual Master File (IMF)" system and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under: Treas/IRS 24.030 CADE Individual Master File, and Treas/IRS 34.037 IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Internal Revenue Service PIAs can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/uac/Privacy-Impact-Assessments-PIA> .

**12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION**

The burden estimate is as follows:

<u>Form</u>	<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>Time per Response</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Sch. F (Form 1040)	26,546	19 hours	504,374

**13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS**

There is no estimated total annual cost burden to respondents.

**14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

After consultation with various functions within the Service, we have determined that the cost of developing, printing, processing, distribution and overhead for the form is \$15,000,000.

**15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN**

The decrease in respondents and burden hours is due to the absorption of the business related burden into 1545-0123.

**16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION**

There are no plans for tabulation.

**17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE**

We believe that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading

taxpayers to believe that the revenue procedure will sunset as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the IRS intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

**18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

There are no exceptions.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.