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THROUGH: Hubert Hamer

 Administrator

 National Agricultural Statistics Service

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 NASS OMB Clearance Officer

SUBJECT: Emergency Clearance Request for Confidentiality Pledge Revision

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) requests emergency clearance approval for a change in NASS’s Confidentiality Pledge. Emergency clearance is needed because:

1. the collection of information is needed prior to the expiration of normal clearance procedures and is essential to the NASS’s mission and
2. NASS cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because the use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information or is reasonably likely to cause a statutory or court ordered deadline to be missed.

This change to NASS Confidentiality Pledge would affect all surveys conducted under NASS’s 32 active Information Collections (ICs), listed in Table 1 below. Attached to this memo are the Federal Register Notice (FRN) and abbreviated supporting statement that describe and justify the needed changes to the Confidentiality Pledge. The revised Confidentiality Pledge was approved by USDA’s Office of General Counsel (OGC).

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| **Table 1:** Active Information Collections, NASS |
| **OMB Number** | **Expiration Date** | **Information Collection Title** |
| 0535-0001 | 04/30/2019 | Cold Storage |
| 0535-0002 | 10/31/2018 | Field Crops Production |
| 0535-0003 | 07/31/2019 | Agricultural Prices |
| 0535-0004 | 01/31/2019 | Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys |
| 0535-0005 | 11/30/2017 | Livestock Slaughter |
| 0535-0007 | 01/31/2019 | Stocks Reports |
| 0535-0020 | 07/31/2018 | Milk and Milk Products |
| 0535-0037 | 08/31/2019 | Vegetable Surveys |
| 0535-0039 | 10/31/2019 | Fruit, Nuts, and Specialty Crops |
| 0535-0088 | 07/31/2018 | Field Crops Objective Yield |
| 0535-0093 | 11/30/2018 | Floriculture Survey |
| 0535-0109 | 03/31/2018 | Agricultural Labor |
| 0535-0140 | 01/31/2019 | List Sampling Frame Survey |
| 0535-0150 | 06/30/2017 | Aquaculture |
| 0535-0153 | 12/31/2018 | Honey Survey |
| 0535-0212 | 11/30/2018 | Mink Survey |
| 0535-0213 | 06/30/2017 | Agricultural Surveys Program |
| 0535-0218 | 07/31/2018 | Agricultural Resource Management and Chemical Use Surveys (ARMS) |
| 0535-0220 | 03/31/2017 | Cotton Ginnings |
| 0535-0226 | 10/31/2019 | Census of Agriculture |
| 0535-0243 | 08/31/2018 | Census of Agriculture Content Test |
| 0535-0244 | 11/30/2019 | Nursery Production Survey and Nursery and Floriculture Chemical Use Survey |
| 0535-0245 | 09/30/2017 | CEAP - NRI Conservation Tillage and Nutrient Management Survey |
| 0535-0248 | 04/30/2019 | Generic Clearance of Survey Improvement Projects |
| 0535-0249 | 12/31/2017 | Organic Production Survey |
| 0535-0251 | 05/30/2019 | Residue and Biomass Field Survey |
| 0535-0254 | 07/31/2017 | Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR) |
| 0535-0255 | 04/30/2018 | Colony Loss |
| 0535-0256 | 06/30/2018 | Feral Swine Survey |
| 0535-0257 | 10/31/2018 | Organic Certifier Census   |
| 0535-0258 | 11/30/2018 | Cost of Pollination Survey |
| 0535-0259 | 03/31/2019 | Local Foods Survey |