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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).

**Table 1:** Active Information Collections, NASS

<b>OMB Number</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Information Collection Title</b>
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

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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