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SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Approval for a New Information Collection
Request—Market Facilitation Program (MFP)

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is currently implementing the MFP. FSA is requesting emergency approval by August 20, 2018, to provide payments quickly to the producers. Under MFP, financial assistance will be made available with respect to certain agricultural commodities under section 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c) which authorizes CCC to assist in the disposition of surplus commodities and to increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic markets or by developing or aiding in the development of new and additional markets, marketing facilities, and uses for such commodities. The MFP payments will aid producers in the disposition of surplus commodities and aid in the expansion of domestic markets or aid in the development of new and additional markets and uses for the specific crops or commodities that are negatively impacted by actions of foreign governments.

The final rule and Notice of Funds Availability will be published in the Federal Register to notify applicants of MFP provisions. Up to 784,439 producers are expected to apply for MFP payments. The MFP application (form CCC-910) will be processed at the producer's FSA county office. Producers are also required to complete forms FSA-578, Report of Acreage; CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for Individual or Legal Entity; CCC-941, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information; and AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation Certification if not previously on file to receive payments.

If there are any questions or concerns, please call Mary Ann Ball at 202-720-4283.