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SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Approval for a New Information Collection
Package—Market Facilitation Program (MFP) 2019

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is currently implementing the new trade relief package Market Facilitation Program (MFP) for 2019 agricultural commodities. FSA is requesting emergency approval as soon as possible to provide payments quickly to the producers and to correspond with publication of the rule and the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the Trade Mitigation Program. Under MFP 2019, 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 2019 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 NOFA will be published in the Federal Register to notify applicants of MFP 2019 provisions. Up to 784,439 producers are expected to apply for payments under MFP 2019. The MFP 2019 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 (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation Certification if not previously on file to receive payments.

FSA is requesting emergency approval of a new information collection package as soon as possible, in order to quickly provide assistance to eligible producers. The collection will be merged with the approved information collection of OMB 0560-0292 for MFP.

If there are any questions or concerns, please call Deirdre Holder at 202-205-5851.