

Non-substantive Change Request

0535-0153 – Bee and Honey Survey

The Quarterly Colony Loss survey in Supporting Statement, Part A, Item 12, is listed as a quarterly survey for operations with five or more colonies. NASS plans to not collect Quarterly Colony Loss survey data in July 2019 for the annual Honey Bee Colonies report, which is still scheduled for release Aug. 1 at 3 p.m. ET. The report will contain data from Jan. 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019.

To stay within its resources, NASS reviewed the estimating programs against mission- and user-based criteria as well as the amount of time remaining in the fiscal year to meet its budget and program requirements while maintaining the strongest data in service to U.S. agriculture. The suspension is considered temporary as future budgets are not yet determined.

This non-substantive changes will reduce the overall 2019 average respondent burden by 907 hours.