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FROM: Jamie White

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SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Approval for a New Information Collection Package— Pandemic Live Indemnity Program (PLIP)

The request is for OMB review and emergency approval of a collection of information necessary to implement the PLIP assistance because we could not comply with normal clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act, and it is also essential to the mission of USDA to provide financial assistance as quickly as possible. USDA has directed FSA to implement additional PLIP provisions due to the feedback from local staff and the agricultural industry. These changes will provide PLIP assistance to livestock producers that suffered COVID related animal losses, to provide reimbursement for depopulation and disposal to ensure equitable producer treatment and to clarify certain provisions appearing in PLIP. FSA is implementing PLIP, as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA).

The Notice of Fund Availability will be published in the Federal Register to provide guidance and notify applicants of the sign-up period. Up to 1270 producers are expected to apply for payments under the PLIP provisions.

FSA needs to collect the information from applicants by completing the form FSA-620, PLIP Application for reimbursement of depopulation and disposal for eligible livestock to provide equitable producer treatment. Producers are also required do have the following forms on file with FSA: CCC-941, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information; AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation Certification for PLIP payments.

We are requesting emergency approval of a new information collection package, in order to quickly provide additional assistance to livestock producers and to complete PLIP.

If there are any questions or concerns, please call Deirdre Holder at 202-205-5851 or Mary Ann Ball at 202-720-4283.