

FRUIT, NUTS, AND SPECIALTY CROPS

OMB No. 0535-0039

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: Clearance is granted for one year while NASS and OMB work together to explore options to integrate non-response bias adjustment into the estimates generated by this collection.

NASS Response: NASS completed a Fruit and Nut Production and Disposition Inquiry Bias Analysis. The analysis is attached to this submission as a supplemental document.

A. JUSTIFICATION

1This submission is a request for approval of this long-running information collection for 3 years. There have been some changes to the commodities that are now included in this renewal along with the States included with each commodity. Four of the surveys that were previously funded through cooperative agreements with State Departments of Agriculture have been discontinued due to lack of funding for coming years.

1. **Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.**

The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, value, and disposition. Estimates of fruit, tree nuts, and specialty crops are an integral part of this program. These estimates support the NASS strategic plan to cover all agricultural cash receipts.

General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies that "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain ... by the collection of statistics ... and shall distribute them among agriculturists."

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.

Data reported on fruit, nut, and specialty crops are used by NASS to estimate crop acreage, yield, production, utilization, price, and value in States with significant commercial production. These estimates are essential to farmers, processors, importers and exporters, shipping companies, cold storage facilities and handlers in making production and marketing decisions. Estimates from these inquiries are used by market order administrators in their determination of expected crop supplies under federal and State market orders.

These data were used during the open trade negotiations with Canada and Mexico, which resulted in the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Since then the data has been used to measure the need for any adjustments to this agreement. The information was also used in the development of the United States – Mexico – Canada Agreement (USMCA), which was signed on November 30, 2018 and enacted on July 1, 2020.

Other government agencies also need these data. Estimates for these commodities are used by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) for crop insurance issues and by the Farm Services Agency (FSA) to determine disaster payments. The International Trade Commission has used these data to resolve anti-dumping investigations. Additionally, the information is used as base data for the Water Quality/Food Safety surveys.

Many of the larger bee and honey producers are dependent upon this data as they travel around the country leasing out their colonies to pollinate crops as they come into bloom.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.

Nearly all of the larger NASS information collections have been converted to Web-based data collection, what NASS calls Computer Assisted Web Interview or CAWI. Conversion of the numerous versions of the fruit, nut, and specialty crop questionnaires is progressing, where practical.

With the standardization of these questionnaires, NASS is planning to conduct more centralized surveys which will use fewer questionnaire versions and concentrate all data collections into fewer times during the year. This will help

to reduce the number and frequency of contacts per respondent. In 2019 - 2020 approximately 4.8% of the respondents, replied by internet.

The main portal for our on-line surveys is <http://www.agcounts.usda.gov>.

Once there, the respondents have to enter the valid survey code and their own user ID, which is printed on the label of the questionnaire that was mailed to them. This limits access to the system to only those farm operators who were selected to be in the survey.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.

NASS cooperates with State departments of agriculture and land grant universities to conduct agricultural surveys. This eliminates duplication of data gathering by more than one agency. For the commodities in this docket, if information is available from State agencies and other federal agencies, then NASS will use these administrative data to reduce burden on the public.

The NASS, National Operations Division, Frames Maintenance Group, located in St. Louis, Missouri is responsible for maintaining and updating our List Frame of all known farming operations. By monitoring data collection periods for each commodity, cross-referencing growers by commodity, and combining information for multiple commodities on a single questionnaire, duplication of data collection is eliminated. In addition, when the 2017 Census of Agriculture (0535-0226) was completed, the data were saved to our List Frame. Each year in the spring, NASS is able to adjust our stratified samples to better reflect changes in this industry. This keeps total respondent burden to the lowest possible level.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities (Item 5 of OMB Form 83-I), describe any methods used to minimize burden.

Information from growers can be provided with a minimum of difficulty and generally without having to consult their record books. Information from processors can be completed from normal day-to-day operating records. Administrative data is obtained for commodities that are State or federally regulated, thereby eliminating burden on growers and processors. Administrative data from other entities are used whenever possible. In instances where administrative data provides sufficient coverage and accuracy, we consider these opportunities to discontinue surveys and reduce burden.

To further reduce overall respondent burden, NASS utilizes stratified simple random sampling and multivariate probability proportionate to size sampling designs, where possible; rather than conducting a complete enumeration of any group of specialty commodity producers. These designs significantly reduce the burden on the smaller producers as they are designed to select relatively larger producers.

According to the Small Business Administration's definition of a small producer, approximately 55,100 operators or 85 percent of this population would be classified as small.

6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

Following the review of the different commodities after the 2017 Census of Agriculture, in 2019 NASS made adjustments, where possible, to reduce the frequency of data collections. Any further reductions in frequency of data collections would prevent USDA and the agriculture industry from being kept abreast of changes at the State and national level. The diversity of commodities included in this docket and the varying seasonality of each commodity warrants the frequency of data collection currently used by NASS. Data are collected for the different stages of production and consumption of the different commodities, for production, sales, prices, processing, and stocks.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly; requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;...

Historically, some surveys were conducted monthly during the growing season to keep USDA and the agriculture industry abreast of changes at the State and national level. Timing and frequency of the reports have evolved to meet the needs of producers, agribusinesses, and government agencies. Following a comprehensive review of the data obtained by the 2017 Census of Agriculture, NASS made some changes to the commodities and frequency of data collections in the previous approval.

Many of the fruit, nut and specialty crop surveys were conducted at times of the year that coincided with the crop growth cycle(s) and harvest or marketing periods. Some of these surveys have been consolidated into other fruit/nut surveys to help minimize the frequency at which NASS has to contact the respondents.

8. **Provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8 (d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments.**

The Federal Register Notice soliciting comments was published on June 30, 2020, on page 39162. NASS did not receive any public comments.

Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

USDA Data Users Meeting

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will hold its spring meeting on April 14, 2021. The virtual meeting will be open to the public.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) held its fall meeting on October 28, 2020. The video recording of the meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBhwyDBQth0&feature=youtu.be>. A written transcript from this meeting will be published when it is completed.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) held its spring meeting on April 21, 2020. Transcripts from the meeting can be found at https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Meeting/2020/Proceedings%20from%20the%20April%202020%20Meeting.pdf

NASS and partner agencies organize the annual meetings for USDA stakeholders. Other participating USDA agencies include the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Economic Research Service (ERS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), and the World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB). The U.S. Census Bureau also participates. Leaders from each agency can provide an overview of current issues and then respond to questions and comments.

Individuals who want to attend future meetings can register online at www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Meeting/. Summaries of previous meetings are available at the same web page.

NASS Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, which consists of 20 members appointed from seven categories covering a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests, hosted a meeting on November 14-15, 2018. During that time, the Advisory Committee discussed topics including the status of NASS programs, Census of Agriculture Updates, Census of Agriculture Program Plans, and the NASS Strategic Plan. The Committee meeting was open to the public. Notes from the meeting can be found at the following location.

https://www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/Advisory_Committee_on_Agriculture_Statistics/2019/ACAS%20November%202018%20Meeting%20Executive%20Summary.pdf

Members of the newly elected committee can be found at the following link and are attached to this renewal submission.

https://www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/Advisory_Committee_on_Agriculture_Statistics/2020/ACAS%20member_list_Sept%202020.pdf

In addition, NASS consults with the Extension Service, grower organizations, farmers, and other organizations on a regular basis, especially by our State and Regional Field Offices. In addition, NASS commodity statisticians will attend some of the various commodity meetings when possible.

Additional individuals that NASS talks with on a regular basis to get feedback and input on our data collections include:

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9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents.

There are no payments or gifts to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

Questionnaires include a statement that individual reports are confidential. U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1905; U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2276; and Public Law 107-347, Title V (CIPSEA) provide for confidentiality of reported information. All employees of NASS and all enumerators hired and supervised under a cooperative agreement with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) must read the regulations and sign a statement of compliance.

Additionally, NASS employees and NASS contractors comply with the OMB implementation guidance document, "Implementation Guidance for Title V of the E-Government Act, Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA)." CIPSEA supports NASS's pledge of confidentiality to all respondents and facilitates the agency's efforts to reduce

burden by supporting statistical activities of collaborative agencies through designation of NASS agents, subject to the limitations and penalties described in CIPSEA.

The following confidentiality pledge statement will appear on all NASS questionnaires.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your responses will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information, please visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality>.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form and aggregate the hour burdens in Item 13 of OMB Form 83-I. Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories.

The renewal has a sample size of 64,855, a total number of 74,410 responses and 31,603 burden hours. Average minutes per response for the fruit, nut and specialty surveys are based on the amount of data asked on each questionnaire and the time needed for telephone follow-ups. Total hours of burden is shown in the tables below.

Costs to the public of completing a questionnaire are assumed comparable to the hourly rate of those requesting the data. Reporting time of 31,603 hours are multiplied by \$37.47 per hour for a total cost to the public of \$1,184,164.41. NASS uses the Bureau of Labor Statistics' [Occupational Employment Statistics](#) (most recently published on March 31, 2020 for the previous May) to estimate an hourly wage for the burden cost. The May 2019 mean wage for bookkeepers was \$20.65. The mean wage for farm managers was \$38.63. The mean wage for farm supervisors was \$25.25. The mean wage of the three is \$28.18. To calculate the fully loaded wage rate (includes allowances for Social Security, insurance, etc.) NASS will add 33% for a total of \$37.47 per hour.

0535-0039 - Projected Respondent Burden for 2021 - 2023														
Category	Commodity	Sector	Survey Name	Sample Size	Waves of Data Collection	Resp. Count	Waves X Count	Min. / Resp	Burden Hours	Non-Resp Count	Waves X Count	Min / Non Resp.	Burden Hours	Total Burden Hours
Non-Citrus Tree Fruits	Apples, Peaches, Pears, Cherries, Plums, Nectarines, Apricots, Olives, Dates, Kiwi Macadamia Nuts	Mid-Season Indications (Growers)	Fruit Production Inquiry August	2,750	1	2,200	2,200	15	550	550	550	2	18	561
		End of Season Disposition (Growers)	Fruit and Nut Production and Disposition Inquiry	7,000	1	5,600	5,600	35	3,267	1,400	1,400	2	47	3,314
		Forecast (Grower)	Peach Production Inquiry	500	1	400	400	15	100	100	100	2	3	103
		Forecast (Grower)	Cherry Production Inquiry	900	1	720	720	15	180	180	180	2	6	186
		Forecast (Grower)	Apricot Production Inquiry	200	1	160	160	10	27	40	40	2	1	271
		Grower	Prune Crop Inquiry - EPA (California)	300	1	240	240	10	40	60	60	2	2	460
		Processor	Prune Crop Handler's Report - EPA (California)	Discontinued										
Citrus	Oranges, Lemmons, Grapefruits, and Mandarins	Growers and Processors	Citrus Survey (Jan, Apr, July, & Oct.)	900	4	720	2,880	10	480	180	720	2	24	504
		Processor	Citrus Processors Inquiry	20	1	16	16	10	3	4	4	2	0	16
			Citrus Price Inquiry	20	9	16	144	30	72	4	36	2	1	77
		Packinghouse	Citrus Packinghouse Survey	40	1	32	32	20	11	8	8	2	0	111
		Growers	Citrus Acreage Survey and Parcel Certification Sheets - EPA (California)	4,700	1	3,760	3,760	40	2,507	940	940	2	31	2,538

		Processor	Prune Crop Handler's Report - EPA (California)	Discontinued										
Citrus	Oranges, Lemmons, Grapefruits, and Mandarins	Growers and Processors	Citrus Survey (Jan, Apr, July, & Oct.)	900	4	720	2,880	10	480	180	720	2	24	504
		Processor	Citrus Processors Inquiry	20	1	16	16	10	3	4	4	2	0	3
			Citrus Price Inquiry	20	9	16	144	30	72	4	36	2	1	73
		Packinghouse	Citrus Packinghouse Survey	40	1	32	32	20	11	8	8	2	0	11
		Growers	Citrus Acreage Survey and Parcel Certification Sheets - EPA (California)	4,700	1	3,760	3,760	40	2,507	940	940	2	31	2,538
Category	Commodity	Sector	Survey Name	Sample Size	Waves of Data Collection	Resp. Count	Waves X Count	Min. / Resp	Burden Hours	Non-Resp Count	Waves X Count	Min / Non Resp.	Burden Hours	Total Burden Hours
	Grapes	Mid-Season Indications (Growers)	Grape Inquiry August	2,000	1	1,600	1,600	15	400	400	400	2	13	413
		End of Season Disposition (Growers)	Grape Production and Disposition Inquiry May	1,000	1	800	800	20	267	200	200	2	7	274
		End of Season (Processor)	Grape Processing Inquiry - May EPA (New England)	225	1	180	180	20	60	45	45	2	2	62

Grapes		Grower	Grape Production and Disposition Inquiry December - EPA (New England States)	225	1	180	180	20	60	45	45	2	2	62
	Wine Production and Vineyards	Grower	Missouri Grape Production and Utilization EPA	800	1	640	640	20	213	160	160	2	5	218
			Grape Variety Inquiry EPA (Texas)	1,100	1	880	880	15	220	220	220	2	7	227
			Grape Inventory Surveys - EPA	2,500	1	2,000	2,000	20	667	500	500	2	17	684
		Winery	Grape Crush & Purchase Inquiry - EPA (California)	Discontinued										
	Raisins	Processor	Raisin Crop Handler's Report - EPA (California)	Discontinued										
Category	Commodity	Sector	Survey Name	Sample Size	Waves of Data Collection	Resp. Count	Waves X Count	Min. / Resp	Burden Hours	Non-Resp Count	Waves X Count	Min / Non Resp.	Burden Hours	Total Burden Hours
Tree Nuts	Pecans	Mid-Season Indications (Growers)	Pecan Inquiry October and December (AP)	3,000	2	2,400	4,800	15	1,200	600	1,200	2	40	1,240
		Disposition (Growers)	Pecan Production and Disposition Inquiry Jan and Feb	3,000	2	2,400	4,800	15	1,200	600	1,200	2	40	1,240
		End of Season (Processor)	Pecan Shellers and Processors Inquiry	250	1	200	200	10	33	50	50	2	2	35
	Almonds	Handlers	Almond Price Inquiry	100	2	80	160	20	53	20	40	2	1	54
		Growers	Almond Forecast (Subjective)	600	1	480	480	10	80	120	120	2	4	84
		Growers	Almond Nursery Survey - EPA (California)	15	1	12	12	15	3	3	3	2	0	3
	Walnuts	Growers	Walnut Nursery Sales Survey - EPA (California)	25	1	20	20	15	5	5	5	2	0	5
		Handlers	Walnut Price Inquiry	100	1	80	80	10	13	20	20	2	1	14
			Walnut Crop Handlers Report - EPA (California)	Discontinued										
	Pistachios	Handlers	Pistachio Production and Price Inquiry	20	2	16	32	15	8	4	8	2	0	8
	Macadamias	Processors	Macadamia Nut Processor Report	20	1	16	16	15	4	4	4	2	0	4
		Processors	Macadamia Nut Loss Report	20	1	16	16	15	4	4	4	2	0	4

WACU	Combined Questionnaire	Growers	Grape, Almond, and Walnut Acreage and Raisin Harvest Method - and Parcel Sheets - EPA (California) - Even numbered years	16,000	0.67	8,576	8,576	40	5,717	2,144	2,144	2	71	5,788
Berries	Assorted Berries	Growers	Berry Production and Disposition Inquiry - May	3,500	1	2,800	2,800	25	1,167	700	700	2	23	1,190
	Cranberries	Growers	Cranberry Production Inquiry - Aug.	500	1	400	400	10	67	100	100	2	3	70
		Growers	Cranberry Production and Disposition Inquiry	500	1	400	400	15	100	100	100	2	3	103
Category	Commodity	Sector	Survey Name	Sample Size	Waves of Data Collection	Resp. Count	Waves X Count	Min. / Resp	Burden Hours	Non-Resp Count	Waves X Count	Min / Non Resp.	Burden Hours	Total Burden Hours
Specialty Commodities	Coffee	Growers	Coffee Production and Disposition Inquiry - Dec & Feb	500	2	400	800	20	267	100	200	2	7	274
	Hops	Growers	Hop Grower Survey - June	100	1	80	80	15	20	20	20	2	1	21
		Growers	Hop Acreage and Production - Aug Forecast	100	1	80	80	10	13	20	20	2	1	14
		Growers	Hop Grower Acreage and Production Inquiry - Nov	100	1	80	80	15	20	20	20	2	1	21
	Hawaii	Growers	Hawaii Tropical Specialties EPA	3,850	1	3,080	3,080	30	1,540	770	770	2	26	1,566
	Olives	Processors	Olives Received Survey (Weekly)	5	16	4	64	10	11	1	16	2	1	12
		Growers	Table Olive Crop Inquiry	350	1	280	280	10	47	70	70	2	2	49
	Maple Syrup	Growers	Maple Syrup Inquiry	3,500	1	2,800	2,800	10	467	700	700	2	23	490
			Maple Syrup Inquiry (French/English version for New England Office)	40	1	32	32	10	5	8	8	2	0	5
	Mushrooms	Growers	Mushroom Grower Inquiry	300	1	240	240	15	60	60	60	2	2	62

The sample sizes are multiplied by 80% to get the targeted Response Count. This is the target number of completed reports for each survey. The frequency of the surveys can vary with each survey, some are conducted monthly, some quarterly, some monthly-seasonal, some annually, weekly-seasonal, etc. The non-response count consists of the 20% that are expected to be refusals or inaccessible records. The minutes per response are the average amount of time it takes to complete each questionnaire. Non-respondents are allotted 2 minutes to glance over the pre-survey letter or the questionnaire they receive in the mail before deciding to refuse to complete the survey.

On page 3 of the table above, just after tree nuts, you will see a category for mixed which contains grapes, almonds and walnuts. The walnut data is collected only every other year. The OMB approval process is for a 3-year cycle, so the longer version of the questionnaire, which includes walnuts, will only be done once under this approval. Under the column for waves of data collection, we have done this as fractions (1/3 and 2/3) to allocate the burden hours for this 3 year approval request.

The surveys that are being sent to processors or handlers are generally a complete census of this population, since these are relatively small populations. On the grower surveys, we treated the largest producers as must records and included them all in our samples. For the medium and small size operations we selected a random sampling within each stratum for the target States. The estimate of burden for each of the surveys is based on a minimum target response rate of 80%.

- 13. Provide estimates of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information, (do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in items 12 and 14). The cost estimates should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component annualized over its expected useful life; and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component.**

There are no capital/start-up or ongoing operation/maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

- 14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government; provide a description of the method used to estimate cost which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (equipment, overhead, printing, and staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.**

The total cost to the federal government to conduct the fruits, nuts and specialty crops surveys and prepare estimates will remain at approximately \$4.5 million. Approximately \$3,375,000 will go to federal salaries (the fully loaded wage rate includes allowances for Social Security, insurance, etc.), \$790,000 will go to NASDA enumerators for data collection and \$335,000 will go to printing, postage, and other miscellaneous expenses.

NASS has several agreements with State Departments of Agriculture to conduct several of these surveys. These surveys are collected under the same methodology used on the other NASS surveys and are protected under the same confidentiality we have for all of our surveys. The costs for these surveys is incurred by the individual State cooperators and are calculated based on the costs of similar surveys conducted by NASS for the Federal Government.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I (reasons for changes in burden).

The new annual burden of 30,603 hours is up 5,533 hours from the previous inventory of 26,070 hours. The net increase is a result of program changes and adjustments. The program changes involve the discontinuation of four surveys that were previously conducted under cooperative agreements with the California State Department of Agriculture that will not be included in this renewal.

- Prune Crop Handlers Report
- Grape Crush and Purchase Inquiry
- Raisin Crop Handler's Report
- Walnut Crop Handlers Report

The adjustments come from minor changes to the target populations, with the exception of the increase in burden hours. The increase in burden hours is to accommodate a request from the California Department of Agriculture. The Grape, Almond and Walnut Acreage Survey, and Citrus Acreage Survey, which are conducted under cooperative agreements with NASS, will also include the respondents confirming parcel sheets that contain data the respondents reported in previous surveys. The burden for completing the questionnaire will remain the same as previously reported (10 and 20 minutes respectively). However, the burden minutes reflected in the table in item 12 above says 40 minutes. The extra minutes will be for the respondents to approve previously reported data contained on the parcel sheets.

Differences for Fruit and Nut Docket					
		New Request	Difference for Program Changes	Differences for Adjustments	Previous Approval
Burden and Responses Associated with Completed Reports	Responses	59,534	(3,040)	(1,656)	64,230
	Burden Hours	30,613	(2,179)	7,790	25,002
Burden and Responses Associated with Non - Completed Reports	Responses	14,876	(760)	(414)	16,050
	Burden Hours	990	(24)	(54)	1,068
Totals	Responses	74,410	(3,800)	(2,070)	80,280
	Burden Hours	31,603	(2,203)	7,736	26,070

- 16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.**

Questionnaires for all surveys in this information collection are returned to the State or Regional Field Offices and reviewed for reasonableness prior to keying into data processing media for summarization. State and/or Regional statisticians analyze survey results, recommend estimates or forecasts for their State(s), and transmit the data to Washington, D.C. State survey results are summarized nationally and by major regions or State groupings. Individual State recommendations are reviewed and changed, if necessary, to reach national and regional estimates.

Growers' disposition questionnaires are mailed soon after completion of harvest for non-storage crops or at the end of the marketing season for storage fruits. End-of-season estimates for all noncitrus crops are published in the January *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts Preliminary Summary*. The *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts Summary* report is issued the following July to show final utilization and value estimates for storage crops such as apples, grapes, pears, and tree nuts. Also included are miscellaneous crops in California and Hawaii for which final market records and processor data were not available in December. End-of-season citrus acreage, yield, production, price, and value estimates including final utilization and price data for the previous marketing season are published in the September *Citrus Fruits* release.

Orchard and Vineyard Inventory Surveys are issued as special reports. Generally, inventory surveys are conducted January through March. Bearing

acreage and yields per bearing acre are published by State and crop in the Citrus Fruits Summary and the Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts Preliminary Summary and final Summary.

These publications are available on-line immediately after release at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_Subject/index.php?sector=CROPS.

Once there, select the commodity group and then the item of interest.

From this same link, you can type in a specific State name, and be taken to a listing of specialty publications such as the ones in California for commodities such as almonds, olives, raisins, etc.

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/California/Publications/Specialty_and_Other_Releases/index.php.

A complete listing of the NASS data publications can be found at the following web site:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Reports_by_Release_Day/.

- 17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.**

There is no request for approval of non-display of the expiration date.

- 18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19, "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions" of OMB Form 83-I.**

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

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