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THROUGH: Ruth Brown
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FROM: Scott Marlow
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SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Approval for a New Information Collection Request
Emergency Grain Storage Facility Program (EGSFP)

FSA is requesting **EMERGENCY CLEARANCE** in order for FSA to implement EGSFP provisions to provide financial assistance to producers affected by the December 2021 tornadoes that passed through eleven counties in Kentucky, as well as destroyed a large commercial grain elevator limiting a producer's marketing and storage options, in the most expeditious and timely manner possible. Grain producers in Minnesota and South Dakota affected by the derecho (several thunderstorm and straight-line winds) that swept through these states and other identified states and eligible disaster events will also be eligible for EGSFP assistance. The Deputy Administrator of Farm Programs may determine other areas eligible for assistance.

The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) reallocated \$20 million under section 5(b) of the CCC Charter Act to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to provide financial assistance. EGSFP provides eligible producers with financial assistance needed to support producers or groups of producers in their efforts to build emergency storage capacity. Funds will be available until expended. EGSFP is being implemented through a Notice of Funds Availability which is expected to be released in March 2023, and FSA expects to begin collecting this information immediately after. If FSA went through the normal PRA process, FSA would be unable to collect this information until July 2023 at the earliest. Doing so would delay USDA's ability to provide relief to the effected producers.

The sign-up period for EGSFP payments will be from March 2023 to December 29, 2023. The Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) will be published in the Federal Register around on March 14, 2023, to provide guidance and notify applicants of the sign-up period. Up to 750 producers are expected to apply for payments under the EGSFP provisions.

FSA needs to collect the information from applicants, when the sign-up period announced in the NOFA, by completing the form FSA-413 to determine the applicant/co-applicant's emergency grain storage need and cost share requested to erect an emergency grain storage facility and/or

purchase grain drying/ handling equipment who are suffering from logistical challenges and disrupted market options due to adverse weather events as determined by DAFP, in December 2021, May, June and July 2022. The FSA-413 and FSA-413-1 will ensure the cost share payment calculations accurately reflects the applicant's need for on-farm storage capacity and drying/handling equipment, and will provide equitable producer treatment. Producers are also required to have the following forms on file with FSA: CCC-902I, Farm Operating Plan for an Individual; CCC- 902E, Farm Operating Plan for an Entity; CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities, if applicable.AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation Certification.

We are requesting emergency approval of a new information collection package to quickly provide additional assistance to impacted grain producers in identified areas.

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