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Dear Dr. Fixler and Ms. Burrell,

Thank you for the letter of support and sharing the specific uses that BEA has of the data. NASS evaluates our programs every five years following the Census of Agriculture to see what changes can be made to improve and strengthen our data to better serve the needs of our data users. Currently, we are only looking at three minor program changes to the prices docket:

- Addition of the Tobacco Price Inquiry. The Tobacco Price Inquiry is included in the Field Crops Information Collection Request (0535-0002).
- Removal of the biennial hay production and sales survey.
- Addition of collecting hay prices on the Cattle on Feed Survey. The Cattle on Feed questionnaire (OMB No. 0535-0213) has a total burden of 15 minutes on the questionnaire (6 minutes for cattle on feed questions, 9 minutes for hay prices).

All other changes to this group of surveys are just minor adjustments to the sample sizes due to changes in the target population since the previous approval in November 2023.

We will keep you informed of any future modifications.

Sincerely,

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