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General Comment

The core reason the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) is seeking to renew this information collection (OMB Number 0563-0053) is to continue legally collecting the data necessary for running the Federal crop insurance program.

Summary of the Administrative Need for Renewal:

Necessity for Administration: The abstract explicitly states: "The information collection requirements for this renewal package are necessary for administering the Federal crop insurance program."

Data is Programmatic: The data collected (producer applications, acreage, yields, loss notices, and company reports) is what the FCIC uses to perform its fundamental functions: "issue policies; establish and provide insurance coverage; compute liability, premium, subsidies, and losses; indemnify producers."

Legal/Regulatory Requirement: All federal agencies must periodically renew their authority from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue collecting information from the public, as mandated by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The current approval expires on March 31, 2026, so the renewal is required to prevent a lapse in the legal authority to collect this essential administrative data. The renewal request is essentially asking for a continued green light to perform the data-intensive administrative tasks needed to keep Multiple Peril Crop Insurance policies in force.

It is vital to continue.