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Comments in Response to *Notice of Intent to Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection*

Title: Honey Survey

OMB Control Number: 0535-0153

The following comments are being submitted in response to the February 14, 2013 *Federal Register* notice (FR number 2013-03221) announcing the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection, the Honey Survey. These comments are being submitted on behalf of the Western Integrated Pest Management Center and provide input about the Honey Survey from the University of Hawai'i.

Comments were received from a representative of the Hawai'i Apiary Program of the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture. Following the guidance in the *Federal Register* notice, we asked for input about the NASS estimate for the time required to complete the modified survey, any ways to enhance the quality and utility of the survey and suggestions to make data collection easier.

We received the following feedback:

- The estimate of 15 minutes to complete the modified is correct.
- A section of survey dedicated to colony health and colony losses is desired. (Respondent is aware that this would be a significant addition to the survey.)
- An on-line survey would certainly be more streamlined and efficient for the respondents.

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