

January 13, 2015

Mr. David Hancock
NASS Clearance Officer
National Agricultural Statistics Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Room 5336, South Building
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RE: Federal Register notice of November 17, 2014, for the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Field Crops Objective Yield Surveys (OMB Number: 0535-0088)

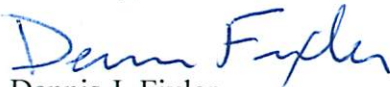
Dear Mr. Hancock:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) on the Field Crops Objective Yield Surveys. The data collected on these surveys are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses data from these forms to prepare pre-harvest estimates of farm income and product in the national income and product accounts. To prepare these estimates, BEA uses data from USDA's Economic Research Service that are based on the projected harvest information collected by NASS on these surveys.

Please keep BEA informed concerning any modifications to this form. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the form's approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9618 or by e-mail at Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,



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