

the years, into a highly efficient mechanism for implementing such programs at the local level. Therefore, it is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that the structure and operations of the agricultural stabilization and conservation county and community committees, as heretofore developed to enable such committees to meet the responsibilities assigned them under section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act [subsection (b) of this section], and related statutes and regulations, be preserved and strengthened."

1970 INCREASE IN RATES OF COMPENSATION OF PERSONS EMPLOYED BY COUNTY COMMITTEES

Adjustment by the Secretary of Agriculture, effective on the first day of the first pay period which begins on or after Dec. 27, 1969, of the rates of pay of personnel subject to this section with respect to individuals employed by county committees under subsec. (b) of this section, by the amounts of the adjustment for corresponding rates for employees subject to the General Schedule, set out in section 5332 of Title 5, which had been made by section 2 of Pub. L. 91-231 raising such rates by 6 percent, see Pub. L. 91-231, formerly set out as a note under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

1967 INCREASE IN RATES OF COMPENSATION OF PERSONS EMPLOYED BY COUNTY COMMITTEES

Pub. L. 90-206, title II, §210, Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 633, provided that: "The rates of pay of persons employed by the county committees established pursuant to section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) shall be increased by amounts equal, as nearly as may be practicable, to the increases provided by section 202(a) of this title [see section 5332(a) of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees] for corresponding rates of basic pay."

[Section 210 of Pub. L. 90-206 effective as of beginning of first pay period which begins on or after Oct. 1, 1967, see section 220(a)(2) of Pub. L. 90-206, set out as a note under section 5332 of Title 5.]

1966 INCREASE IN RATES OF COMPENSATION OF PERSONS EMPLOYED BY COUNTY COMMITTEES

Pub. L. 89-504, title I, §107, July 18, 1966, 80 Stat. 293, provided that: "The rates of compensation of persons employed by the county committees established pursuant to section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) shall be increased by amounts equal, as nearly as may be practicable, to the increases provided by section 102(a) of this title [amending section 1113(b) of former Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees] for corresponding rates of compensation."

1965 INCREASE IN RATES OF COMPENSATION OF PERSONS EMPLOYED BY COUNTY COMMITTEES

Pub. L. 89-301, §10, Oct. 29, 1965, 79 Stat. 1120, provided that: "The rates of compensation of persons employed by the county committees established pursuant to section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) shall be increased by amounts equal, as nearly as may be practicable, to the increases provided by section 2(a) of this Act [amending section 1113(b) of former Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees] for corresponding rates of compensation."

[Provision effective on first day of first pay period which begins on or after July 1, 1966, see section 109(2) of Pub. L. 89-504.]

1964 INCREASE IN RATES OF COMPENSATION OF PERSONS EMPLOYED BY COUNTY COMMITTEES

Pub. L. 88-426, title I, §122, Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 412, provided that: "The rates of compensation of persons employed by the county committees establish pursuant to section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) shall be increased by

amounts equal, as nearly as may be practicable to the increases provided by section 102 of this Act [amending section 1113(b) of former Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees] for corresponding rates of compensation in the appropriate schedule or scale of pay."

1962 INCREASE IN RATES OF COMPENSATION OF PERSONS EMPLOYED BY COUNTY COMMITTEES

Pub. L. 87-793, §1002, Oct. 11, 1962, 76 Stat. 865, provided that: "The rates of compensation of persons employed by the county committees established pursuant to section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) shall be increased by amounts equal, as nearly as may be practicable, to the increases provided by title II of this part [amending section 1113(b) of former Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees] for corresponding rates of compensation in the appropriate schedule or scale of pay."

1960 INCREASE IN RATES OF COMPENSATION OF PERSONS EMPLOYED BY COUNTY COMMITTEES

Pub. L. 86-568, title I, §115(a), July 1, 1960, 74 Stat. 302, provided that: "The rates of compensation of persons employed by the county committees established pursuant to section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) shall be increased by amounts equal, as nearly as may be practicable, to the increases provided by this title [amending section 1113(b) of former Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees] for corresponding rates of compensation in the appropriate schedule or scale of pay."

["Increases provided by this title", referred to above, means increases provided by title I of Pub. L. 86-568.]

TWO COUNTY COMMITTEES FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES IN MINNESOTA AND IOWA

Pub. L. 85-278, Sept. 2, 1957, 71 Stat. 601, provided: "That, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act [subsec. (b) of this section], two county committees shall be elected annually under such subsection for the counties of Otter Tail, Polk, and Saint Louis, in the State of Minnesota, and for the county of Pottawattamie, in the State of Iowa, and that the actions heretofore or hereafter taken by each of such committees shall be given the same effect in the area served by it as is given to the actions of the county committee in a county served by a single county committee."

§§ 590h-1, 590h-2. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section 590h-1, act June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 746 (the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1939), which authorized the utilization of certain agencies in administering the naval stores conservation programs and in making payments to gum naval stores producers, was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts.

Section 590h-2, act July 2, 1940, ch. 521, §9, 54 Stat. 729, which related to correction of certain inequities in agricultural adjustment or conservation payments, was omitted as executed.

§ 590h-3. Repealed. Pub. L. 88-534, §2, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 743

Section, act Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title V, §503, 68 Stat. 908, provided that nothing in section 590h(b) of this title or in any other law, shall be construed to authorize the imposition of limitations upon the number of terms for which members of county committees established under such section may be reelected. See section 590h(b) of this title.

**§ 590h-4. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title III, § 336(a)(2)(G), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1006**

Section, act Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 950, § 6(b), 70 Stat. 1033, provided conditions for payments of grants.

**§ 590i. Surveys and investigations; publication of information**

The Secretary is authorized to conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the conditions and factors affecting, and methods of accomplishing most effectively, the policy and purposes of section 590g(a) of this title. Notwithstanding any provision of existing law, the Secretary is authorized to make public such information as he deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, § 9, as added Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 104, § 1, 49 Stat. 1150; amended June 28, 1937, ch. 395, § 2, 50 Stat. 329; Pub. L. 97-375, title I, § 103(c), Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1819.)

AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-375 struck out requirement that the Secretary transmit to Congress a report on operations under this subchapter, including a statement by classes and amounts of expenditures and obligations, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

1937—Act June 28, 1937, inserted last sentence.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions respecting lands under jurisdiction of Department of the Interior, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 590a of this title.

**§ 590i-1. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 691 (the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1943), which related to furnishing photographs, mosaics, and maps required by the Soil Conservation Service, was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 434.  
 June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 560.  
 June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 973.  
 June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 744.  
 June 29, 1937, ch. 404, 50 Stat. 429.

**§ 590i-2. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 2, 1942, ch. 473, 56 Stat. 508 (the Department of the Interior Appropriation Act, 1943), which related to furnishing photographs, mosaics, and maps required in soil conservation operations of the Department of the Interior, was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provision was contained in prior appropriation act of June 28, 1941, ch. 259, 55 Stat. 306.

**§ 590j. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Agricultural commodity**

The term “agricultural commodity” means—

- (A) an agricultural commodity; and
- (B) any regional or market classification, type, or grade of an agricultural commodity.

**(2) Technical assistance**

**(A) In general**

The term “technical assistance” means technical expertise, information, and tools

necessary for the conservation of natural resources on land active in agricultural, forestry, or related uses.

**(B) Inclusions**

The term “technical assistance” includes—

(i) technical services provided directly to farmers, ranchers, and other eligible entities, such as conservation planning, technical consultation, and assistance with design and implementation of conservation practices; and

(ii) technical infrastructure, including activities, processes, tools, and agency functions needed to support delivery of technical services, such as technical standards, resource inventories, training, data, technology, monitoring, and effects analyses.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, § 10, as added Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 104, § 1, 49 Stat. 1150; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title II, § 2802(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1085; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title II, § 2802(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1813.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, § 2802(b), amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The term ‘agricultural commodity’ as used in this chapter means any such commodity and any regional or market classification, type, or grade thereof.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

**§ 590k. Availability of funds**

All funds available for carrying out this chapter shall be available for allotment to the bureaus and offices of the Department of Agriculture and for transfer to such other agencies of the Federal or State Governments, or to local public agencies, as the Secretary may request to cooperate or assist in carrying out this chapter, and for payments to committees or associations of producers in any region or regions to cover the estimated administrative expenses to be incurred by any such committee or association in cooperating in carrying out this chapter: *Provided*, That the Secretary may prescribe that all or part of such estimated expenses of any such committee or association may be deducted pro rata from the payments or grants made to the members thereof: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may make such payments in advance of determination of performance. Funds so transferred may be placed in a single account for each State.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, § 11, as added Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 104, § 1, 49 Stat. 1150; amended June 24, 1936, ch. 767, 49 Stat. 1915; Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 950, § 6(c), 70 Stat. 1033; Pub. L. 104-127, title III, § 336(a)(1)(B), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1005.)