

The provisions that were contained in all of the above repealed sections are covered generally by sections 341 to 343, 344 to 346, and 347a to 349 of this title.

§ 343d. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section, act June 29, 1935, ch. 338, title II, § 22, 49 Stat. 439, as amended, which related to additional appropriations for agricultural colleges, was transferred to section 329 of this title.

§§ 343d-1 to 343d-5. Repealed. June 26, 1953, ch. 157, § 2, 67 Stat. 86

Section 343d-1, act June 29, 1935, ch. 338, title II, § 23, as added June 6, 1945, ch. 175, § 1, 59 Stat. 231, authorized further additional appropriations, commencing with the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946 and continuing on an ascending scale until they amounted to \$12,500,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1948 and each subsequent fiscal year, further to develop the cooperative agricultural extension system inaugurated under sections 341 to 343, 344 to 346, and 347a to 349 of this title, and provided for their disposition.

Sections 343d-2 and 343d-3, act Oct. 26, 1949, ch. 753, §§ 1, 2, 63 Stat. 926, extended the provisions of former section 343d-1 of this title to Puerto Rico and for such purposes, authorized additional appropriations on an ascending scale until they should amount to \$401,090 annually.

Sections 343d-4 and 343d-5, act Oct. 27, 1949, ch. 768, §§ 1, 2, 63 Stat. 939, extended the provisions of former sections 343a, 343b, 343c and 343d-1 of this title to Alaska, and, for such purpose, authorized annual appropriations in amounts to be computed on the same basis as computations of appropriations to States, subject to annual estimates as to funds and amounts by the Secretary of Agriculture.

See, generally, sections 341 to 343, 344 to 346, and 347a to 349 of this title.

§ 343e. Repealed. Oct. 27, 1949, ch. 768, § 3, 63 Stat. 940

Section, act June 20, 1936, ch. 631, § 1, 3, 49 Stat. 1553, 1554, related to extension of benefits of former sections 343a and 343b of this title to Alaska. See notes thereunder.

§§ 343f, 343g. Repealed. June 26, 1953, ch. 157, § 2, 67 Stat. 86

Sections, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 878, §§ 1, 2, 50 Stat. 881, extended benefits of former section 343c of this title to Puerto Rico, and for such purpose, authorized appropriations, commencing with initial authorization of \$88,000 for the fiscal year beginning after August 28, 1937, and on an ascending scale thereafter, until they amounted to \$408,000 annually. See sections 341 to 343, 344 to 346, and 347a to 349 of this title.

§ 344. Ascertainment of entitlement of State to funds; time and manner of payment; State reporting requirements; plans of work

(a) Ascertainment of entitlement

On or about the first day of October in each year after June 26, 1953, the Secretary of Agriculture shall ascertain as to each State whether it is entitled to receive its share of the annual appropriation for cooperative agricultural extension work under this subchapter and the amount which it is entitled to receive. Before the funds herein provided shall become available to any college for any fiscal year, plans for the work to be carried on under this subchapter shall be submitted by the proper officials of each

college and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary shall ensure that each college seeking to receive funds under this subchapter has in place appropriate guidelines, as determined by the Secretary, to minimize actual or potential conflicts of interest among employees of such college whose salaries are funded in whole or in part with such funds.

(b) Time and manner of payment; related reports

The amount to which a State is entitled shall be paid in equal quarterly payments in or about July, October, January, and April of each year to the treasurer or other officer of the State duly authorized by the laws of the State to receive the same, and such officer shall be required to report to the Secretary of Agriculture on or about the first day of April of each year, a detailed statement of the amount so received during the previous fiscal year and its disbursement, on forms prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) Requirements related to plan of work

Each extension plan of work for a State required under subsection (a) of this section shall contain descriptions of the following:

(1) The critical short-term, intermediate, and long-term agricultural issues in the State and the current and planned extension programs and projects targeted to address the issues.

(2) The process established to consult with extension users regarding the identification of critical agricultural issues in the State and the development of extension programs and projects targeted to address the issues.

(3) The efforts made to identify and collaborate with other colleges and universities within the State, and within other States, that have a unique capacity to address the identified agricultural issues in the State and the extent of current and emerging efforts (including regional efforts) to work with those other institutions.

(4) The manner in which research and extension, including research and extension activities funded other than through formula funds, will cooperate to address the critical issues in the State, including the activities to be carried out separately, the activities to be carried out sequentially, and the activities to be carried out jointly.

(5) The education and outreach programs already underway to convey available research results that are pertinent to a critical agricultural issue, including efforts to encourage multicounty cooperation in the dissemination of research results.

(d) Extension protocols

(1) Development

The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop protocols to be used to evaluate the success of multistate, multi-institutional, and multidisciplinary extension activities and joint research and extension activities in addressing critical agricultural issues identified in the plans of work submitted under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) Consultation

The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop the protocols in consultation with the Na-