

Feb. 16, 1929, ch. 227, 45 Stat. 1212.  
 May 16, 1928, ch. 572, 45 Stat. 561.  
 Jan. 18, 1927, ch. 39, 44 Stat. 998.  
 May 11, 1926, ch. 286, 44 Stat. 523.  
 Feb. 10, 1925, ch. 200, 43 Stat. 844.

**§ 414a. Transfer of nonadministrative funds of Commodity Credit Corporation for classing and grading purposes**

On and after August 31, 1951, there may be transferred to appropriations available for classing or grading any agricultural commodity without charge to the producers thereof such sums from nonadministrative funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation as may be necessary in addition to other funds available for these purposes, such transfers to be reimbursed from subsequent appropriations therefor.

(Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 374, title I, 65 Stat. 239.)

**§ 415. Purchase of seeds and plants for distribution**

Purchase and distribution of vegetable, field, and flower seeds, plants, shrubs, vines, bulbs, and cuttings shall be of the freshest and best obtainable varieties and adapted to general cultivation.

(R.S. § 527; Apr. 25, 1896, ch. 140, 29 Stat. 106.)

AMENDMENTS

1896—Act Apr. 25, 1896, struck out “by the Department of Agriculture” and “trees”, and inserted “vegetable, field, and flower seeds” and “bulbs”.

**§ 415-1. Seed distribution**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall make competitive grants to eligible entities to carry out a seed distribution program to administer and maintain the distribution of vegetable seeds donated by commercial seed companies.

**(b) Purposes**

The purposes of this program include—

(1) the distribution of seeds donated by commercial seed companies free-of-charge to appropriate—

- (A) individuals;
- (B) groups;
- (C) institutions;
- (D) governmental and nongovernmental organizations; and
- (E) such other entities as the Secretary may designate;

(2) distribution of seeds to underserved communities, such as communities that experience—

- (A) limited access to affordable fresh vegetables;
- (B) a high rate of hunger or food insecurity; or
- (C) severe or persistent poverty.

**(c) Administration**

Paragraphs (4), (7), (8), and (11)(B) of subsection (b) of section 4501 of this title shall apply with respect to the making of grants under this section.

**(d) Selection**

An eligible entity selected to receive a grant under subsection (a) shall have—

(1) expertise regarding the distribution of vegetable seeds donated by commercial seed companies; and

(2) the ability to achieve the purpose of the seed distribution program.

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7523, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1272; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7523, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2034.)

CODIFICATION

The authorities provided by each provision of, and each amendment made by, Pub. L. 110-246, as in effect on Sept. 30, 2012, to continue, and the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the authorities, until the later of Sept. 30, 2013, or the date specified in the provision of, or amendment made by, Pub. L. 110-246, see section 701(a) of Pub. L. 112-240, set out in a 1-Year Extension of Agricultural Programs note under section 8701 of this title.

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment 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 a note under section 8701 of this title.

DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of this title.

**§ 415a. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section was from act June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 739, the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1939, and related to sale of practical forms of grades of wool and mohair. See section 415e of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

June 29, 1937, ch. 404, title I, 50 Stat. 424.  
 June 4, 1936, ch. 489, title I, 49 Stat. 1450.  
 May 17, 1935, ch. 131, title I, 49 Stat. 275.  
 Mar. 26, 1934, ch. 89, 48 Stat. 493.  
 Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 203, 47 Stat. 1458.  
 July 7, 1932, ch. 443, 47 Stat. 636.  
 Feb. 23, 1931, ch. 278, 46 Stat. 1268.  
 May 27, 1930, ch. 341, 46 Stat. 418.  
 Feb. 16, 1929, ch. 227, 45 Stat. 1212.  
 May 16, 1928, ch. 572, 45 Stat. 561.  
 Jan. 18, 1927, ch. 39, 44 Stat. 997.

**§ 415b. Wool standards; appropriation of certain funds**

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for expenditure by the Secretary of Agriculture, for the purposes stated in section 415c of this title, all funds prior to or on and after May 17, 1928, collected by suit, or otherwise, pursuant to appropriations for the completion of the work of the domestic wool section of the War Industries Board, and for enforcing Government regulations for handling the wool clip of 1918 as established by the wool division of said board, pursuant to the Executive order dated December 31, 1918, transferring such work to the Bureau of Markets, now a part of the Bureau of Agricul-

tural Economics of the Department of Agriculture, and for continuing as far as practicable the distribution among the growers of the wool clip of 1918 of all sums prior to or on and after May 17, 1928, collected or recovered with or without suit by the Government from all persons, firms, or corporations which handled any part of the wool clip of 1918, which he finds it impracticable to distribute among said growers, provided that not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended in any fiscal year.

(May 17, 1928, ch. 602, § 1, 45 Stat. 593.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

Functions of Bureau of Agricultural Economics transferred to other units of Department of Agriculture by Secretary's memorandum of Nov. 2, 1953.

#### § 415c. Use of funds for dissemination of information relating to standardization, grading, etc., of wool; charge for grading wool

The funds referred to in section 415b of this title may be used for the purpose of acquiring and diffusing among the people of the United States useful information relative to the standardization, grading, preparation for market, marketing, utilization, transportation, handling, and distribution of wool, and of approved methods and practices relative thereto, including the demonstration and promotion of the use of grades for wool in accordance with standards therefor which the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to establish. Said funds may be used for the grading of wool, and for such grading or other service rendered under sections 415b to 415d of this title reasonable fees may be charged, and provided further that on and after May 17, 1928, reasonable charges may be made for practical forms of grades for wool.

(May 17, 1928, ch. 602, § 2, 45 Stat. 593.)

#### § 415d. Rules and regulations for wool standards; deposit of receipts in the Treasury

The Secretary of Agriculture may make such rules and regulations as he deems advisable for carrying out any of the provisions of sections 415b to 415d of this title. All receipts under sections 415b to 415d of this title shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.

(May 17, 1928, ch. 602, § 3, 45 Stat. 594.)

#### § 415e. Farm or food products; sale of samples, practical forms, etc.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to sell samples, illustrations, practical forms, or sets of the grades recommended or promulgated by him for farm or food products, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, and the receipts therefrom shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title IV, § 401(a), 58 Stat. 738.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following Department of Agriculture appropriation acts:

June 28, 1944, ch. 296, 58 Stat. 454.

July 12, 1943, ch. 215, 57 Stat. 421.

July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 688.

July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 431.

June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 555.

June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 968.

#### § 416. Letting contract for packeting, etc., of seeds, etc., for distribution

The Secretary of Agriculture, after due advertisement and on competitive bids, is authorized to award the contract for the supplying of printed packets and envelopes and the packeting, assembling, and mailing of the seeds, bulbs, shrubs, vines, cuttings, and plants, or any part thereof, for a period of not more than five years nor less than one year, if by such action he can best protect the interests of the United States.

(May 11, 1922, ch. 185, 42 Stat. 517.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is from the Agriculture Department Appropriation Act, 1923.

#### § 417. Distribution of farmers' bulletins

In the distribution of farmers' bulletins, which shall be adapted to the interests of the people of the different sections of the country, an equal proportion of four-fifths shall be delivered to or sent out under the addressed franks furnished by Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, as such Senators, Representatives, or Delegates shall direct: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agriculture shall notify Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress of the title and character of each such bulletin, with the total number to which each Senator, Representative, and Delegate may be entitled for such distribution; and on the face of the envelope inclosing said bulletins shall be printed the title of each bulletin contained therein.

(June 30, 1906, ch. 3913, 34 Stat. 690.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is derived from an Appropriation Act for the Department of Agriculture, 1907. The last proviso of section relating to farmers' bulletins not called for in quotas of Senators and Representatives was omitted from the Code as obsolete in view of Attorney General's opinion, 27 Op. Atty. Gen. 288.

#### § 418. Annual report on work of agricultural experiment stations and of college extension work; publication and distribution

There shall be prepared by the Department of Agriculture an annual report on the work and expenditures of the agricultural experiment stations established under the Act of Congress of March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven [7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.], on the work and expenditures of the Department of Agriculture in connection therewith, and on the cooperative agricultural extension work and expenditures of the Department of Agriculture and of agricultural colleges under the Act of May eighth, nineteen hundred and fourteen [7 U.S.C. 341 et seq.], and there shall be printed annually eight