

section for any fiscal year that is in excess of the amount made available under this section for fiscal year 2001, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable—

(1) give equal consideration to—

(A) proposals submitted by organizations that were participating organizations in prior fiscal years; and

(B) proposals submitted by eligible trade organizations that have not previously participated in the program established under this subchapter; and

(2) give equal consideration to—

(A) proposals submitted for activities in emerging markets; and

(B) proposals submitted for activities in markets other than emerging markets.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title VII, §703, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §252, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 972; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title III, §3105(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 291; Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3104(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1833.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246 substituted “2008 through 2012” for “2002 through 2007”.

2002—Pub. L. 107-171 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1996 through 2002.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, see section 4(b) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

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SUBCHAPTER I—SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

§ 5801. Purpose and definitions

(a) Purpose

It is the purpose of this subchapter to encourage research designed to increase our knowledge concerning agricultural production systems that—

- (1) maintain and enhance the quality and productivity of the soil;
- (2) conserve soil, water, energy, natural resources, and fish and wildlife habitat;
- (3) maintain and enhance the quality of surface and ground water;
- (4) protect the health and safety of persons involved in the food and farm system;
- (5) promote the well being of animals; and
- (6) increase employment opportunities in agriculture.

(b) Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter: