

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 Repealed.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 Repealed.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.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127, at end of first sentence, substituted “performance” for “performance: *Provided further*, That the transfer of funds for services of technicians in formulating and carrying out agricultural conservation programs, from allotments for agricultural conservation payments within a State, shall be subject to such limitations and conditions as may be provided in appropriation or other law”.

1956—Act Aug. 3, 1956, authorized transfer of funds to local public agencies and provided that transfer of funds for services of technicians in formulating and carrying out agricultural programs from allotments for agricultural conservation payments within the State shall be subject to such limitations and conditions as may be provided in the appropriation or other law, and that funds so transferred may be placed in a single account for each State.

1936—Act June 24, 1936, authorized availability of funds for payments to committees or associations of producers to cover the estimated administrative expenses.

#### 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. Expansion of domestic and foreign markets for agricultural commodities; advances for crop insurance; transfer of funds to corporation

##### (a) Market expansion and surplus disposition

Whenever the Secretary finds that the exercise of the powers conferred in this section will tend to carry out the purpose specified in clause (5) of section 590g(a) of this title, or will tend to provide for and maintain a continuous and stable supply of agricultural commodities adequate to meet consumer demand at prices fair to both producers and consumers, or both, he shall use such part as he deems necessary of the sums appropriated to carry out this chapter for the expansion of domestic and foreign markets or for seeking new or additional markets for agricultural commodities or the products thereof or for the removal or disposition of surpluses of such commodities or the products thereof.

##### (b) Advances for premiums

The Secretary is authorized to make advances to producers for the purpose of assisting them to insure their crops with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. The Secretary shall remit the amount of any such advances to a producer directly to such Corporation in payment of the premium on the insurance for which the producer has made application. Advances shall only be made to producers who are participating or who agree to participate in a program formulated pursuant to section 590h of this title. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the terms and conditions of such advances shall be fixed by the Secretary. In carrying out the provisions of this subsection, the Secretary may transfer to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, prior to the execution of applications for insurance or requests for advances by producers, the funds estimated as necessary to cover the advances which will be requested for the payment of premiums under a crop-insurance program, and any portion of such funds not used for advances to producers under such program shall be returned to the Secretary by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, § 12, as added Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 104, § 1, 49 Stat. 1151; amended Mar. 25, 1939, ch. 15, 53 Stat. 550; July 2, 1940, ch. 521, § 1, 54 Stat. 727.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1940—Subsec. (b). Act July 2, 1940, inserted last sentence.

1939—Act Mar. 25, 1939, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Administration of program of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation transferred to Secretary of Agriculture by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1946, § 501, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7877, 60 Stat. 1100, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation consolidated with other agencies into Agricultural Conservation and