

“(b) PLAN.—After performing the activities described in subsection (a) the Administrator shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, develop a plan to inform farmers and other prospective users about the use and availability of remote sensing products that may assist with agricultural and forestry applications identified in subsection (a). The Administrator shall transmit such plan to the Congress not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 30, 2000].

“(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 90 days after the plan has been transmitted under subsection (b), the Administrator shall implement the plan.”

§ 5936. Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network

(a) In general

The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall make competitive grants to support cooperative programs between State cooperative extension services and nonprofit organizations to establish a Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network that provides stress assistance programs to individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, and other agriculture-related occupations.

(b) Eligible programs

Grants awarded under subsection (a) may be used to initiate, expand, or sustain programs that provide professional agricultural behavioral health counseling and referral for other forms of assistance as necessary through—

- (1) farm telephone helplines and websites;
- (2) community education;
- (3) support groups;
- (4) outreach services and activities; and
- (5) home delivery of assistance, in a case in which a farm resident is homebound.

(c) Extension services

Grants shall be awarded under this subsection directly to State cooperative extension services to enable the State cooperative extension services to enter into contracts, on a multiyear basis, with nonprofit, community-based, direct-service organizations to initiate, expand, or sustain cooperative programs described in subsections (a) and (b).

(d) 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, §7522, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1272; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7522, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2033.)

CODIFICATION

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 L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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.

Section was enacted as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, and not as part of subtitle H of title XVI of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 which comprises this subchapter.

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.

§ 5937. Natural products research program

(a) In general

The Secretary shall establish within the Department a natural products research program.

(b) Duties

In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall coordinate research relating to natural products, including—

- (1) research to improve human health and agricultural productivity through the discovery, development, and commercialization of products and agrichemicals from bioactive natural products, including products from plant, marine, and microbial sources;
- (2) research to characterize the botanical sources, production, chemistry, and biological properties of plant-derived natural products; and
- (3) other research priorities identified by the Secretary.

(c) Peer and merit review

The Secretary shall—

- (1) determine the relevance and merit of research under this section through a system of peer review established by the Secretary pursuant to section 7613 of this title; and
- (2) approve funding for research on the basis of merit, quality, and relevance to advancing the purposes of this section.

(d) Buildings and facilities

Funds made available under this section shall not be used for the construction of a new building or facility or the acquisition, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of an existing building or facility (including site grading and improvement and architect fees).

(e) Authorization of appropriations

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

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7525, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1273; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7525, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2035.)

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DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

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

§ 5938. Agricultural and rural transportation research and education

(a) In general

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall make competi-

tive grants to institutions of higher education to carry out agricultural and rural transportation research and education activities.

(b) Activities

Research and education grants made under this section shall be used to address rural transportation and logistics needs of agricultural producers and related rural businesses, including—

- (1) the transportation of biofuels; and
- (2) the export of agricultural products.

(c) Selection criteria

(1) In general

The Secretary shall award grants under this section on the basis of the transportation research, education, and outreach expertise of the applicant, as determined by the Secretary.

(2) Priority

In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to institutions of higher education for use in coordinating research and education activities with other institutions of higher education with similar agricultural and rural transportation research and education programs.

(d) Diversification of research

The Secretary shall award grants under this section in areas that are regionally diverse and broadly representative of the diversity of agricultural production and related transportation needs in the rural areas of the United States.

(e) Matching funds requirement

The Secretary shall require each recipient of a grant under this section to provide, from non-Federal sources, in cash or in kind, 50 percent of the cost of carrying out activities under the grant.

(f) Grant review

A grant shall be awarded under this section on a competitive, peer- and merit-reviewed basis in accordance with section 7613(a) of this title.

(g) No duplication

In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall ensure that activities funded under this section do not duplicate the efforts of the University Transportation Centers described in sections 5505 and 5506¹ of title 49.

(h) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7529, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1278; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7529, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2040.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 5506 of title 49, referred to in subsec. (g), was repealed by Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52010(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 887.

CODIFICATION

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¹ See References in Text note below.

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DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

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

CHAPTER 89—PECAN PROMOTION AND RESEARCH

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§ 6001. Findings and declaration of policy

(a) Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) pecans are a native American nut that is an important food, and is a valuable part of the human diet;

(2) the production of pecans plays a significant role in the economy of the United States in that pecans are produced by thousands of pecan producers, shelled and processed by numerous shellers and processors, and pecans produced in the United States are consumed by millions of people throughout the United States and foreign countries;

(3) pecans must be high quality, readily available, handled properly, and marketed efficiently to ensure that consumers have an adequate supply of pecans;

(4) the maintenance and expansion of existing markets and development of new markets for pecans are vital to the welfare of pecan producers and those concerned with marketing, using, and producing pecans, as well as to the general economy of the United States, and necessary to ensure the ready availability and efficient marketing of pecans;

(5) there exist established State organizations conducting pecan promotion, research, and industry and consumer education programs that are invaluable to the efforts of promoting the consumption of pecans;

(6) the cooperative development, financing, and implementation of a coordinated national program of pecan promotion, research, industry information, and consumer information are necessary to maintain and expand existing markets and develop new markets for pecans; and

(7) pecans move in interstate and foreign commerce, and pecans that do not move in