

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 171 of Pub. L. 104-127. Subsec. (a)(2) of section 171 of Pub. L. 104-127 amended section 1373 of this title and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 1373 of this title. Subsec. (b)(3) of section 171 of Pub. L. 104-127 amended section 1441 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-171 substituted “1996 through 2001” for “1996 through 2002”.

§ 7302. Effect of chapter**(a) Effect on prior crops**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter and notwithstanding any other provision of law, this chapter and the amendments made by this chapter shall not affect the authority of the Secretary to carry out a price support or production adjustment program for any of the 1991 through 1995 crops of an agricultural commodity established under a provision of law in effect immediately before April 4, 1996.

(b) Liability

A provision of this chapter or an amendment made by this chapter shall not affect the liability of any person under any provision of law as in effect before April 4, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title I, §172, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 938.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in text, see note set out under section 7201 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER VII—COMMISSION ON 21ST CENTURY PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE

§ 7311. Establishment

There is established a commission to be known as the “Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture” (in this subchapter referred to as the “Commission”).

(Pub. L. 104-127, title I, §181, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 938.)

§ 7312. Composition**(a) Membership and appointment**

The Commission shall be composed of 11 members, appointed as follows:

(1) Three members shall be appointed by the President.

(2) Four members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives in consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee.

(3) Four members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate in consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee.

(b) Qualifications

At least 1 of the members appointed under each of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a) shall be an individual who is primarily involved in production agriculture. All other members of the Commission shall be appointed

from among individuals having knowledge and experience in agricultural production, marketing, finance, or trade.

(c) Term of members; vacancies

A member of the Commission shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. A vacancy on the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(d) Time for appointment; first meeting

The members of the Commission shall be appointed not later than October 1, 1997. The Commission shall convene its first meeting to carry out its duties under this subchapter 30 days after 6 members of the Commission have been appointed.

(e) Chairperson

The chairperson of the Commission shall be designated jointly by the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate from among the members of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title I, §182, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 938.)

§ 7313. Comprehensive review of past and future of production agriculture**(a) Initial review**

The Commission shall conduct a comprehensive review of changes in the condition of production agriculture in the United States since April 4, 1996, and the extent to which the changes are the result of this chapter and the amendments made by this chapter. The review shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the initial success of production flexibility contracts in supporting the economic viability of farming in the United States.

(2) An assessment of economic risks to farms delineated by size of farm operation (such as small, medium, or large farms) and region of production.

(3) An assessment of the food security situation in the United States in the areas of trade, consumer prices, international competitiveness of United States production agriculture, food supplies, and humanitarian relief.

(4) An assessment of the changes in farmland values and agricultural producer incomes since April 4, 1996.

(5) An assessment of the extent to which regulatory relief for agricultural producers has been enacted and implemented, including the application of cost/benefit principles in the issuance of agricultural regulations.

(6) An assessment of the extent to which tax relief for agricultural producers has been enacted in the form of capital gains tax reductions, estate tax exemptions, and mechanisms to average tax loads over high- and low-income years.

(7) An assessment of the effect of any Federal Government interference in agricultural export markets, such as the imposition of trade embargoes, and the degree of implemen-