

fied to conduct the specific project to be undertaken. Such allotments shall be covered by cooperative agreements between the Secretary of Agriculture and the cooperating agency and shall include appropriate provisions for preventing duplication or overlapping of work within the State or States cooperating. Should duplication or overlapping occur subsequent to approval of a cooperative project or allotment of funds, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to withhold unexpended balances on such projects notwithstanding the prior approval thereof.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, § 204, 60 Stat. 1089.)

### § 1623a. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 107-76, title VII, § 703, Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 731, which provided that not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropriations of the Department of Agriculture for research and service work authorized by sections 427, 427i, and 1621 et seq. of this title and chapter 63 of title 31 would be available for contracting in accordance with those laws, was from the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 106-387, § 1(a) [title VII, § 703], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-28.

Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, § 703, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1160.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, § 101(a) [title VII, § 703], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-25.

Pub. L. 105-86, title VII, § 703, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2104.

Pub. L. 104-180, title VII, § 703, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1596.

Pub. L. 104-37, title VII, § 703, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 329.

Pub. L. 103-330, title VII, § 703, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2466.

Pub. L. 103-111, title VII, § 703, Oct. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 1078.

Pub. L. 102-341, title VII, § 703, Aug. 14, 1992, 106 Stat. 906.

Pub. L. 102-142, title VII, § 704, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 911.

Pub. L. 101-506, title VI, § 604, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1346.

Pub. L. 101-161, title VI, § 604, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 982.

Pub. L. 100-460, title VI, § 604, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2259.

Pub. L. 100-202, § 101(k) [title VI, § 604], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-322, 1329-353.

Pub. L. 99-500, § 101(a) [title VI, § 604], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783, 1783-27, and Pub. L. 99-591, § 101(a) [title VI, § 604], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341, 3341-27.

Pub. L. 99-190, § 101(a) [H.R. 3037, title VI, § 604], Dec. 19, 1985, 99 Stat. 1185; Pub. L. 100-202, § 106, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-433.

Pub. L. 97-370, title VI, § 604, Dec. 18, 1982, 96 Stat. 1810.

Pub. L. 97-103, title VI, § 604, Dec. 23, 1981, 95 Stat. 1487.

Pub. L. 96-528, title VI, § 604, Dec. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 3116.

Pub. L. 96-108, title VI, § 603, Nov. 9, 1979, 93 Stat. 840.

Pub. L. 95-448, title VI, § 603, Oct. 11, 1978, 92 Stat. 1092.

Pub. L. 95-97, title VI, § 603, Aug. 12, 1977, 91 Stat. 828.

Pub. L. 94-351, title VI, § 603, July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 868.

Pub. L. 94-122, title VI, § 605, Oct. 21, 1975, 89 Stat. 667.

Pub. L. 93-563, title V, § 505, Dec. 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 1842.

Pub. L. 93-135, title V, § 506, Oct. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 490.

Pub. L. 92-399, title V, § 506, Aug. 22, 1972, 86 Stat. 611.

Pub. L. 92-73, title V, § 506, Aug. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 201.

Pub. L. 91-566, title V, § 506, Dec. 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 1496.

Pub. L. 91-127, title V, § 506, Nov. 26, 1969, 83 Stat. 260.

Pub. L. 90-463, title V, § 506, Aug. 8, 1968, 82 Stat. 653.

Pub. L. 90-113, title V, § 506, Oct. 24, 1967, 81 Stat. 335.

Pub. L. 89-556, title V, § 506, Sept. 7, 1966, 80 Stat. 704.

Pub. L. 89-316, title V, § 506, Nov. 2, 1965, 79 Stat. 1179.

Pub. L. 88-573, title V, § 506, Sept. 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 876.

Pub. L. 88-250, title VI, § 606, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 833.

Pub. L. 87-879, title VI, § 606, Oct. 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 1215.

Pub. L. 87-112, title V, § 506, July 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 241.

Pub. L. 86-532, title IV, § 406, June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 244.

Pub. L. 86-80, title IV, § 406, July 8, 1959, 73 Stat. 180.

Pub. L. 85-459, title IV, § 406, June 13, 1958, 72 Stat. 199.

Pub. L. 85-118, title V, § 506, Aug. 2, 1957, 71 Stat. 340.

June 4, 1956, ch. 355, title V, § 506, 70 Stat. 241.

May 23, 1955, ch. 43, title V, § 506, 69 Stat. 63.

June 29, 1954, ch. 409, title V, § 506, 68 Stat. 319.

### § 1624. Cooperation with Government and State agencies, private research organizations, etc.; rules and regulations

(a) In carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the Secretary of Agriculture may cooperate with other branches of the Government, State agencies, private research organizations, purchasing and consuming organizations, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, other associations of business or trade organizations, transportation and storage agencies and organizations, or other persons or corporations engaged in the production, transportation, storing, processing, marketing, and distribution of agricultural products whether operating in one or more jurisdictions. The Secretary of Agriculture shall have authority to enter into contracts and agreements under the terms of regulations promulgated by him with States and agencies of States, private firms, institutions, and individuals for the purpose of conducting research and service work, making and compiling reports and surveys, and carrying out other functions relating thereto when in his judgment the services or functions to be performed will be carried out more effectively, more rapidly, or at less cost than if performed by the Department of Agriculture. Contracts under this section may be made for work to be performed within a period not more than four years from the date of any such contract, and advance, progress, or other payments may be made. The provisions of section 3324(a) and (b) of title 31 and section 6101 of title 41 shall not be applicable to contracts or agreements made under the authority of this section. Any unexpended balances of appropriations obligated by contracts as authorized by this section may, notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of the Act of June 20, 1874, as amended (31 U.S.C., sec. 713), remain upon the books of the Treasury for not more than five fiscal years before being carried to the surplus fund and covered into the Treasury. Any contract made pursuant to this section shall contain requirements making the result of such research and investigations available to the public by such means as the Secretary of Agriculture shall determine.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate such orders, rules, and regulations as he