

able for sale or lease to an operator of not larger than a family-size farm because such farmland is in a tract or tracts that the Secretary determines to be larger than that necessary for family-size farms, the Secretary shall subdivide such land into tracts suitable for such operator.”

Subsec. (e)(6)(C). Pub. L. 100-233, §610(b)(4), added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (e)(9), (10). Pub. L. 100-233, §610(b)(5), added pars. (9) and (10).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 100-233, §611, amended subsec. (f) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (f) read as follows:

“(1) As used in this subsection, the term ‘normal income security’ has the same meaning given such term in section 1962.17(b) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (as of January 1, 1985).

“(2) Until such time as the Secretary accelerates a loan made or insured under this chapter, the Secretary shall release from the normal income security provided for such loan an amount sufficient to pay the essential household and farm operating expenses of the borrower, as determined by the Secretary.”

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-198, §1314(a)(1), substituted “Except as provided in subsection (e), real property” for “Real property”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-198, §1314(a)(2), substituted “Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the Secretary” for “The Secretary” and inserted sentence at end providing that notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Secretary may for conservation purposes grant or sell an easement, restriction, development rights, or the equivalent thereof, to a unit of local or State government or a private nonprofit organization separately from the underlying fee or sum of all other rights possessed by the United States.

Pub. L. 99-198, §1318(b)(1), which directed insertion of “, other than easements acquired under section 1997 of this title” at end of last sentence, was executed to fifth sentence of subsec. (c), and not to sixth and last sentence as added by section 1314(a)(2)(B) of Pub. L. 99-198, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 99-198, §1314(a)(3), added subsec. (e).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 99-198, §1315, added subsec. (f).

1972—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 92-419 substituted “the provisions of any law administered by the Farmers Home Administration” for “subchapter I of this chapter” in first sentence and “such provisions” for “the provisions of subchapter I of this chapter” in second sentence, struck out from fourth sentence initial minimum 20 per centum downpayment requirement and provision for payment of remainder in not more than five annual installments, and provided in such fourth sentence for interest rates and terms not more favorable than legally permissible for eligible borrowers.

#### 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 this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 638 of Pub. L. 104-127 effective Apr. 4, 1996, but not applicable with respect to complete application to acquire inventory property submitted prior to Apr. 4, 1996, and amendment by section 639 of Pub. L. 104-127 effective Apr. 4, 1996, see section 663(a), (c) of Pub. L. 104-127, set out as a note under section 1922 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-552, title V, §516(h)(2), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4138, provided that: “The amendments made by paragraph (1) of this subsection [amending section 501(f) of Pub. L. 102-237, see 1992 Amendment note above] shall take effect immediately after section 501(f)

of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 [probably should be Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act Amendments of 1991 [Pub. L. 102-237]] took effect.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1816 of Pub. L. 101-624 applicable to new applications submitted under section 2001 of this title on or after Nov. 28, 1990, see section 1861 of Pub. L. 101-624, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-198, title XIII, §1314(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1528, provided that: “The Secretary of Agriculture shall implement the amendments made by this section [amending this section] not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 1985].”

#### COMPLETION OF SALES OF FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION INVENTORY FARMS

Pub. L. 102-142, title VII, §740, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 915, provided that: “Hereafter, the Secretary shall complete the sales of Farmers Home Administration inventory farms, in accordance with the law and regulations in effect before November 28, 1990, in situations in which a County Committee, acting pursuant to section 335 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act [7 U.S.C. 1985], had made its initial selection of a buyer before November 28, 1990. Such sales shall be completed as soon as the selection decision is administratively final and all terms and conditions have been agreed to. In carrying out sales of inventory property, priority shall be given to the former owner and members of the immediate family.”

#### FARM OWNERSHIP OUTREACH PROGRAM TO SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS

Pub. L. 100-233, title VI, §623, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1685, as amended by Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1852, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3837, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in coordination with the limited resource farmers’ initiative in the office of the Director of the Office of Advocacy and Enterprise, shall establish a farm ownership outreach program for persons who are members of any group with respect to which an individual may be identified as a socially disadvantaged individual under section 8(a)(5) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(5)) to encourage the acquisition of inventory farmland of the Farmers Home Administration by—

“(1) informing persons eligible for assistance under any other provision of this Act [see Short Title of 1988 Amendment note set out under section 2001 of Title 12, Banks and Banking] of—

“(A) the possibility [sic] of acquiring such inventory farmland; and

“(B) various farm ownership loan programs; and

“(2) providing technical assistance to such persons in the acquisition of such inventory farmland.

“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$2,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991 through 1995.”

#### § 1986. Conflicts of interests

##### (a) Acceptance of fees, commissions, gifts, or other considerations prohibited

No officer, attorney, or other employee of the Secretary shall, directly or indirectly, be the beneficiary of or receive any fee, commission, gift, or other consideration for or in connection with any transaction or business under this chapter other than such salary, fee, or other compensation as he may receive as such officer, attorney, or employee.

**(b) Acquisition of interest in land by certain officers or employees of Department of Agriculture prohibited; 3-year period**

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture who acts on or reviews an application made by any person under this chapter for a loan to purchase land may acquire, directly or indirectly, any interest in such land for a period of three years after the date on which such action is taken or such review is made. This prohibition shall not apply to a former member of a county committee upon a determination by the Secretary, prior to the acquisition of such interest, that such former member acted in good faith when acting on or reviewing such application.

**(c) Certifications on loans to family members prohibited**

No member of a county committee shall knowingly make or join in making any certification with respect to a loan to purchase any land in which he or any person related to him within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity has or may acquire any interest or with respect to any applicant related to him within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity.

**(d) Penalties**

Any persons violating any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §336, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 316; Pub. L. 98-258, title VI, §606, Apr. 10, 1984, 98 Stat. 140; Pub. L. 107-171, title V, §5501(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 351.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b), see note set out under section 1921 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-171 struck out “provided for in section 1982 of this title” after “former member of a county committee”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-258 designated first, second, and third sentences of existing provisions as subsecs. (a), (c), and (d), respectively, and added subsec. (b).

**§ 1987. Debt adjustment and credit counseling; “summary period” defined; loan summary statements**

(a) The Secretary may provide voluntary debt adjustment assistance between farmers and their creditors and may cooperate with State, territorial, and local agencies and committees engaged in such debt adjustment, and may give credit counseling.

(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term “summary period” means—

(A) the period beginning on December 23, 1985, and ending on the date on which the first loan summary statement is issued after December 23, 1985; or

(B) the period beginning on the date of issuance of the preceding loan summary statement and ending on the date of issuance of the current loan summary statement.

(2) On the request of a borrower of a loan made or insured (but not guaranteed) under this chap-

ter, the Secretary shall issue to such borrower a loan summary statement that reflects the account activity during the summary period for each loan made or insured under this chapter to such borrower, including—

(A) the outstanding amount of principal due on each such loan at the beginning of the summary period;

(B) the interest rate charged on each such loan;

(C) the amount of payments made on and their application to each such loan during the summary period and an explanation of the basis for the application of such payments;

(D) the amount of principal and interest due on each such loan at the end of the summary period;

(E) the total amount of unpaid principal and interest on all such loans at the end of the summary period;

(F) any delinquency in the repayment of any such loan;

(G) a schedule of the amount and date of payments due on each such loan; and

(H) the procedure the borrower may use to obtain more information concerning the status of such loans.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §337, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 316; Pub. L. 99-198, title XIII, §1316, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1528.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), see note set out under section 1921 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-198 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

**§ 1988. Appropriations**

**(a) Authorization**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as the Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary to enable the Secretary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and for the administration of assets transferred to the Farmers Home Administration or the Rural Development Administration.

**(b) Sale by lender and any holder of guaranteed portion of loan pursuant to regulations governing such sales; limitations; issuance of pool certificates representing ownership of guaranteed portion of guaranteed loan; terms and conditions, etc.; reporting requirements**

(1)(A) The guaranteed portion of any loan made under this chapter may be sold by the lender, and by any subsequent holder, in accordance with regulations governing such sales as the Secretary shall establish, subject to the following limitations:

(i) All fees due the Secretary with respect to a guaranteed loan are to be paid in full before any sale.

(ii) The loan is to have been fully disbursed to the borrower before the sale.

(B) After a loan is sold in the secondary market, the lender shall remain obligated under its