

## SUBCHAPTER III—PEANUTS

## § 8751. Definitions

In this subchapter:

**(1) Base acres for peanuts****(A) In general**

The term “base acres for peanuts” means the number of acres assigned to a farm pursuant to section 7952 of this title, as in effect on September 30, 2007, subject to any adjustment under section 8752 of this title.

**(B) Covered commodities**

The term “base acres”, with respect to a covered commodity, has the meaning given the term in section 8711 of this title.

**(2) Counter-cyclical payment**

The term “counter-cyclical payment” means a payment made to producers on a farm under section 8754<sup>1</sup> of this title.

**(3) Direct payment**

The term “direct payment” means a direct payment made to producers on a farm under section 8753<sup>1</sup> of this title.

**(4) Effective price**

The term “effective price” means the price calculated by the Secretary under section 8754<sup>1</sup> of this title for peanuts to determine whether counter-cyclical payments are required to be made under that section for a crop year.

**(5) Payment acres**

The term “payment acres” means, in the case of direct payments and counter-cyclical payments—

(A) except as provided in subparagraph (B), 85 percent of the base acres of peanuts on a farm on which direct payments or counter-cyclical payments are made; and

(B) in the case of direct payments for each of the 2009 through 2011 crop years, 83.3 percent of the base acres for peanuts on a farm on which direct payments are made.

**(6) Payment yield**

The term “payment yield” means the yield established for direct payments and the yield established for counter-cyclical payments under section 7952 of this title, as in effect on September 30, 2007, for a farm for peanuts.

**(7) Producer****(A) In general**

The term “producer” means an owner, operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper that shares in the risk of producing a crop on a farm and is entitled to share in the crop available for marketing from the farm, or would have shared had the crop been produced.

**(B) Hybrid seed**

In determining whether a grower of hybrid seed is a producer, the Secretary shall—

(i) not take into consideration the existence of a hybrid seed contract; and

(ii) ensure that program requirements do not adversely affect the ability of the grower to receive a payment under this subchapter.

**(8) State**

The term “State” means—

(A) a State;

(B) the District of Columbia;

(C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

(D) any other territory or possession of the United States.

**(9) Target price**

The term “target price” means the price per ton of peanuts used to determine the payment rate for counter-cyclical payments.

**(10) United States**

The term “United States”, when used in a geographical sense, means all of the States.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title I, §1301, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 966; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title I, §1301, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1695.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 8754 of this title, referred to in pars. (2) and (4), was repealed by Pub. L. 113-79, title I, §1102(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658.

Section 8753 of this title, referred to in par. (3), was repealed by Pub. L. 113-79, title I, §1101, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658.

## 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.

## § 8752. Base acres for peanuts for a farm

**(a) Adjustment of base acreage for peanuts****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall provide for an adjustment, as appropriate, in the base acres for peanuts for a farm whenever any of the following circumstances occur:

(A) A conservation reserve contract entered into under section 1231 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831) with respect to the farm expires or is voluntarily terminated, or was terminated or expired during the period beginning on October 1, 2007, and ending on the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) Cropland is released from coverage under a conservation reserve contract by the Secretary, or was released during the period beginning on October 1, 2007, and ending on the date of enactment of this Act.

(C) The producer has eligible pulse crop acreage, which shall be determined in the same manner as eligible oilseed acreage under section 7911(a)(2) of this title.

(D) The producer has eligible oilseed acreage as the result of the Secretary designating additional oilseeds, which shall be determined in the same manner as eligible oilseed acreage under section 7911(a)(2) of this title.

**(2) Special conservation reserve acreage payment rules**

For the crop year in which a base acres for peanuts adjustment under subparagraph (A) or

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

(B) of paragraph (1) is first made, the owner of the farm shall elect to receive either direct payments and counter-cyclical payments with respect to the acreage added to the farm under this subsection or a prorated payment under the conservation reserve contract, but not both.

**(b) Prevention of excess base acres for peanuts**

**(1) Required reduction**

If the sum of the base acres for peanuts for a farm, together with the acreage described in paragraph (2), exceeds the actual cropland acreage of the farm, the Secretary shall reduce the base acres for peanuts for the farm or the base acres for 1 or more covered commodities for the farm so that the sum of the base acres for peanuts and acreage described in paragraph (2) does not exceed the actual cropland acreage of the farm.

**(2) Other acreage**

For purposes of paragraph (1), the Secretary shall include the following:

(A) Any base acres for the farm for a covered commodity.

(B) Any acreage on the farm enrolled in the conservation reserve program or wetlands reserve program under chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3830 et seq.).

(C) Any other acreage on the farm enrolled in a Federal conservation program for which payments are made in exchange for not producing an agricultural commodity on the acreage.

(D) Any eligible pulse crop acreage, which shall be determined in the same manner as eligible oilseed acreage under section 7911(a)(2) of this title.

(E) If the Secretary designates additional oilseeds, any eligible oilseed acreage, which shall be determined in the same manner as eligible oilseed acreage under section 7911(a)(2) of this title.

**(3) Selection of acres**

The Secretary shall give the owner of the farm the opportunity to select the base acres for peanuts or the base acres for covered commodities against which the reduction required by paragraph (1) will be made.

**(4) Exception for double-cropped acreage**

In applying paragraph (1), the Secretary shall make an exception in the case of double cropping, as determined by the Secretary.

**(5) Coordinated application of requirements**

The Secretary shall take into account section 8711(b) of this title when applying the requirements of this subsection.

**(c) Reduction in base acres**

**(1) Reduction at option of owner**

**(A) In general**

The owner of a farm may reduce, at any time, the base acres for peanuts for the farm.

**(B) Effect of reduction**

A reduction under subparagraph (A) shall be permanent and made in a manner prescribed by the Secretary.

**(2) Required action by Secretary**

**(A) In general**

The Secretary shall proportionately reduce base acres on a farm for peanuts for land that has been subdivided and developed for multiple residential units or other non-farming uses if the size of the tracts and the density of the subdivision is such that the land is unlikely to return to the previous agricultural use, unless the producers on the farm demonstrate that the land—

(i) remains devoted to commercial agricultural production; or

(ii) is likely to be returned to the previous agricultural use.

**(B) Requirement**

The Secretary shall establish procedures to identify land described in subparagraph (A).

**(3) Review and report**

Each year, to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that payments are received only by producers, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that describes the results of the actions taken under paragraph (2).

**(d) Treatment of farms with limited base acres**

**(1) Prohibition on payments**

Except as provided in paragraph (2) and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a producer on a farm may not receive direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments if the sum of the base acres of the farm is 10 acres or less, as determined by the Secretary.

**(2) Exceptions**

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a farm owned by—

(A) a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher (as defined in section 2003(e) of this title;<sup>1</sup> or

(B) a limited resource farmer or rancher, as defined by the Secretary.

**(3) Suspension of prohibition**

Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not apply during the 2008 crop year.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title I, §1302, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 968; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title I, §1302, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1696; Pub. L. 110-398, §1(a)(2), Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4213; Pub. L. 113-188, title I, §101(a), Nov. 26, 2014, 128 Stat. 2017.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(A), (B), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

The Food Security Act of 1985, referred to in subsec. (b)(2)(B), is Pub. L. 99-198, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1354. Chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Act is classified generally to part I (§3830 et seq.) of subchapter IV of chapter 58 of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1985 Amendment note set out under section 1281 of this title and Tables.

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (d)(1), was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of Pub. L. 110-246,

<sup>1</sup> So in original. There probably should be a closing parenthesis after “title”.

June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

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.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 113-188, §101(a)(1), (3), redesignated par. (4) as (3) and struck out former par. (3) which related to required data collection and publication.

Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 113-188, §101(a)(2), (3), substituted “Paragraphs (1) and (2)” for “Paragraphs (1) through (3)” and redesignated par. (4) as (3).

2008—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 110-398 added par. (4).

**§ 8753. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1101, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658**

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title I, §1303, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 970; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title I, §1303, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1698, related to availability of direct payments for peanuts for 2008 through 2012 crop years.

**§ 8754. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1102(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658**

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title I, §1304, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 971; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title I, §1304, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1699, related to availability of counter-cyclical payments for peanuts for 2008 through 2012 crop years.

CONTINUED APPLICATION FOR 2013 CROP YEAR

For continued application of this section, as in effect on the day before Feb. 7, 2014, through the 2013 crop year, see section 1102(b) of Pub. L. 113-79, set out as a note under section 8714 of this title.

**§ 8755. Producer agreement required as condition on provision of payments**

**(a) Compliance with certain requirements**

**(1) Requirements**

Before the producers on a farm may receive direct payments or counter-cyclical payments under this subchapter, or average crop revenue election payments under section 8715<sup>1</sup> of this title, with respect to the farm, the producers shall agree, during the crop year for which the payments are made and in exchange for the payments—

(A) to comply with applicable conservation requirements under subtitle B of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3811 et seq.);

(B) to comply with applicable wetland protection requirements under subtitle C of title XII of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3821 et seq.);

(C) to comply with the planting flexibility requirements of section 8756 of this title;

(D) to use the land on the farm, in a quantity equal to the attributable base acres for peanuts and any base acres for the farm under subchapter I, for an agricultural or conserving use, and not for a non-agricultural commercial, industrial, or residential use, as determined by the Secretary; and

(E) to effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain the land in accord-

ance with sound agricultural practices, as determined by the Secretary, if the agricultural or conserving use involves the noncultivation of any portion of the land referred to in subparagraph (D).

**(2) Compliance**

The Secretary may issue such rules as the Secretary considers necessary to ensure producer compliance with the requirements of paragraph (1).

**(3) Modification**

At the request of the transferee or owner, the Secretary may modify the requirements of this subsection if the modifications are consistent with the objectives of this subsection, as determined by the Secretary.

**(b) Transfer or change of interest in farm**

**(1) Termination**

**(A) In general**

Except as provided in paragraph (2), a transfer of (or change in) the interest of the producers on a farm in the base acres for peanuts for which direct payments or counter-cyclical payments are made, or on which average crop revenue election payments are based, shall result in the termination of the direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments to the extent the payments are made or based on the base acres, unless the transferee or owner of the acreage agrees to assume all obligations under subsection (a).

**(B) Effective date**

The termination shall take effect on the date determined by the Secretary.

**(2) Exception**

If a producer entitled to a direct payment, counter-cyclical payment, or average crop revenue election payment dies, becomes incompetent, or is otherwise unable to receive the payment, the Secretary shall make the payment, in accordance with rules issued by the Secretary.

**(c) Acreage reports**

**(1) In general**

As a condition on the receipt of any benefits under this subchapter, the Secretary shall require producers on a farm to submit to the Secretary annual acreage reports with respect to all cropland on the farm.

**(2) Penalties**

No penalty with respect to benefits under this subchapter shall be assessed against the producers on a farm for an inaccurate acreage report unless the producers on the farm knowingly and willfully falsified the acreage report.

**(d) Tenants and sharecroppers**

In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall provide adequate safeguards to protect the interests of tenants and sharecroppers.

**(e) Sharing of payments**

The Secretary shall provide for the sharing of direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.