

**(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 any covered commodity 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 covered commodities for land that has been subdivided and developed for multiple residential units or other nonfarming 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) Data collection and publication**

The Secretary shall—

- (A) collect and publish segregated data and survey information about the farm profiles, utilization of land, and crop production; and
- (B) perform an evaluation on the supply and price of fruits and vegetables based on the effects of suspension of base acres under this section.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. A closing parenthesis probably should precede the semicolon.

**(4) Suspension of prohibition**

Paragraphs (1) through (3) shall not apply during the 2008 crop year.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1101, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 938; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1101, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1666; Pub. L. 110-398, § 1(a)(1), Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4213.)

## 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, 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

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

## 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.

**§ 8712. Payment yields****(a) Establishment and purpose**

For the purpose of making direct payments and counter-cyclical payments under this subchapter, the Secretary shall provide for the establishment of a yield for each farm for any designated oilseed or eligible pulse crop for which a payment yield was not established under section 7912 of this title in accordance with this section.

**(b) Payment yields for designated oilseeds and eligible pulse crops****(1) Determination of average yield**

In the case of designated oilseeds and eligible pulse crops, the Secretary shall determine the average yield per planted acre for the designated oilseed or pulse crop on a farm for the 1998 through 2001 crop years, excluding any crop year in which the acreage planted to the designated oilseed or pulse crop was zero.

**(2) Adjustment for payment yield****(A) In general**

The payment yield for a farm for a designated oilseed or eligible pulse crop shall be equal to the product of the following:

- (i) The average yield for the designated oilseed or pulse crop determined under paragraph (1).
- (ii) The ratio resulting from dividing the national average yield for the designated

oilseed or pulse crop for the 1981 through 1985 crops by the national average yield for the designated oilseed or pulse crop for the 1998 through 2001 crops.

**(B) No national average yield information available**

To the extent that national average yield information for a designated oilseed or pulse crop is not available, the Secretary shall use such information as the Secretary determines to be fair and equitable to establish a national average yield under this section.

**(3) Use of partial county average yield**

If the yield per planted acre for a crop of a designated oilseed or pulse crop for a farm for any of the 1998 through 2001 crop years was less than 75 percent of the county yield for that designated oilseed or pulse crop, the Secretary shall assign a yield for that crop year equal to 75 percent of the county yield for the purpose of determining the average under paragraph (1).

**(4) No historic yield data available**

In the case of establishing yields for designated oilseeds and eligible pulse crops, if historic yield data is not available, the Secretary shall use the ratio for dry peas calculated under paragraph (2)(A)(ii) in determining the yields for designated oilseeds and eligible pulse crops, as determined to be fair and equitable by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1102, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 940; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1102, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1669.)

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.

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.

**§ 8713. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1101, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658**

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1103, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 941; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1103, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1669, related to availability of direct payments for 2008 through 2012 crop years.

**§ 8714. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1102(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658**

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1104, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 942; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1104, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1671, related to availability of counter-cyclical payments for 2008 through 2012 crop years.

CONTINUED APPLICATION FOR 2013 CROP YEAR

Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1102(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658, provided that: "Sections 1104 and 1304 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8714, 8754), as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act [Feb. 7, 2014], shall continue to apply through the 2013 crop year with respect to all covered commodities (as defined in section 1001 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 8702)) and peanuts on a farm."

**§ 8715. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1103(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658**

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1105, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 945; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1105, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1673, related to the average crop revenue election program available during each of the 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 crop years.

CONTINUED APPLICATION FOR 2013 CROP YEAR

Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1103(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658, provided that: "Section 1105 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8715), as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act [Feb. 7, 2014], shall continue to apply through the 2013 crop year with respect to all covered commodities (as defined in section 1001 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 8702)) and peanuts on a farm for which the irrevocable election under section 1105 of that Act was made before the date of enactment of this Act."

**§ 8716. Producer agreement required as condition of provision of payments**

**(a) Compliance with certain requirements**

**(1) Requirements**

Before the producers on a farm may receive direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments 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 8717 of this title;

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

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