

curity and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “2018” for “2012”.

2010—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111-203 added subsec. (f).

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, § 4406(c)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary of Agriculture shall use \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007, of the funds available to the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out and expand a seniors farmers’ market nutrition program.”

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 110-246, § 4231(1), inserted “honey,” after “vegetables.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-246, § 4231(2), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary may issue such regulations as the Secretary considers necessary to carry out the seniors farmers’ market nutrition program.”

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 110-246, § 4231(3), added subsecs. (d) and (e).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-79, title IV, § 4203(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 822, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] takes effect on October 1, 2013.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-203 effective 1 day after July 21, 2010, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5301 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

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, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Amendment by sections 4231 and 4406(c)(1) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2008, see section 4407 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2002, except as otherwise provided, see section 4405 of Pub. L. 107-171, set out as a note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

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SUBCHAPTER I—FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND DEFINITIONS

**§ 3101. Purposes of agricultural research, extension, and education**

The purposes of federally supported agricultural research, extension, and education are to—

- (1) enhance the competitiveness of the United States agriculture and food industry in an increasingly competitive world environment;
- (2) increase the long-term productivity of the United States agriculture and food industry while maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base on which rural America and the United States agricultural economy depend;
- (3) develop new uses and new products for agricultural commodities, such as alternative fuels, and develop new crops;
- (4) support agricultural research and extension to promote economic opportunity in rural communities and to meet the increasing demand for information and technology transfer throughout the United States agriculture industry;
- (5) improve risk management in the United States agriculture industry;
- (6) improve the safe production and processing of, and adding of value to, United States food and fiber resources using methods that maintain the balance between yield and environmental soundness;
- (7) support higher education in agriculture to give the next generation of Americans the