

nate solutions to target audiences through extension activities; and

(D) to increase the economic returns to rural communities by identifying, attracting, and directing funds to high-priority agricultural issues.

(2) Additional efforts

Where practicable, the criteria for recognition as a center of excellence shall include efforts to improve teaching capacity and infrastructure at colleges and universities (including land-grant colleges and universities, cooperating forestry schools, NLGCA Institutions (as those terms are defined in section 3103 of this title), and schools of veterinary medicine).

(Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, §1673, as added Pub. L. 113–79, title VII, §7214(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 886.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5926, Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, §1673, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3773; Pub. L. 102–237, title IV, §407(12), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1865; Pub. L. 104–127, title VIII, §837, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1169; Pub. L. 105–185, title II, §245, title III, §301(b)(2), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 556, 563; Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, §7211, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 434, established an agricultural telecommunications program, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110–234, title VII, §7209, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1241, and Pub. L. 110–246, §4(a), title VII, §7209, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2003, effective May 22, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 113–79, title VII, §7214(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 887, provided that: “The amendments made by section (a) [enacting this section] shall take effect on October 1, 2014.”

§ 5927. Repealed. Pub. L. 104–127, title VIII, § 864, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1174

Section, Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, §1674, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3775; Pub. L. 102–237, title IV, §407(13), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1865, provided for establishment of Agriculture Research Facilities Planning and Closure Study Commission.

§ 5928. Repealed. Pub. L. 105–185, title III, §302(c), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 563

Section, Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, §1675, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3777; Pub. L. 102–237, title IV, §407(14), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1865; Pub. L. 104–127, title VIII, §838, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1169, related to national centers for agricultural product quality research.

§ 5929. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–79, title VII, § 7215, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 887

Section, Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, §1676, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3779; Pub. L. 104–127, title VIII, §839, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1169, related to red meat safety research center.

§ 5930. Reservation extension agents

(a) Establishment

The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, shall establish appropriate extension education programs on Indian reservations and tribal jurisdictions. In establishing these extension programs, the Secretary shall consult with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Intertribal Agri-

culture Council, and the Southwest Indian Agriculture Association, and shall make such interagency cooperative agreements or memoranda of understanding as may be necessary. The programs to be developed and delivered on reservations and within tribal jurisdictions shall be determined with the advice and counsel of reservation or tribal program advisory committees.

(b) Administration and management

Extension agents shall be employees of, and administratively responsible to, the Cooperative Extension Service of the State within which the reservation or tribal jurisdiction is located, and employment and personnel management responsibilities shall be vested with the State Cooperative Extension Service. In cases where a reservation or tribal jurisdiction is located in two or more States, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make the determination of administrative responsibility, including possible divisions along State boundaries.

(c) Advisory committees

At the request of a State Extension Director, and with the assistance of the tribal authorities, the Secretary of Agriculture may form an advisory committee to give overall policy and program advice to that State Extension Director with regard to programs conducted on reservations or within tribal jurisdictions. Program advisory committees may be formed to assist extension staff in development and conduct of program activities.

(d) Staffing

Insofar as possible, agent and specialist staff shall include individuals representative of the tribal grouping being served. Programs shall emphasize training and employment of local people in positions such as program aides, master gardeners, and volunteers. Staffing at a particular location shall be dependent on the needs and priorities of that location, as identified by the advisory committees and the State Extension Director, and the Director may make use of existing personnel and facilities as appropriate.

(e) Placing of agents

The number of offices and their placement shall be jointly determined by the State Extension Directors and tribal authorities of the respective States by taking into consideration the agricultural acreage within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or tribal jurisdiction, the soil classifications of such acreage, and the population of such reservation or tribal jurisdiction.

(f) Reduced regulatory burden

On a determination by the Secretary of Agriculture that a program carried out under this section has been satisfactorily administered for not less than 2 years, the Secretary shall implement a reduced reapplication process for the continued operation of the program in order to reduce regulatory burdens on participating university and tribal entities.

(g) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 101–624, title XVI, §1677, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3779; Pub. L. 102–237, title IV, §407(15),