

**(2) Manager**

The Administrator of the Office of Risk Management shall also serve as Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

**(d) Resources****(1) Functional coordination**

Certain functions of the Office of Risk Management, such as human resources, public affairs, and legislative affairs, may be provided by a consolidation of such functions under the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

**(2) Minimum provisions**

Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or any other provision of law or order of the Secretary, the Secretary shall provide the Office of Risk Management with human and capital resources sufficient for the Office to carry out its functions in a timely and efficient manner.

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §226A, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title I, §194(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 945.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Crop Insurance Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), (3), is subtitle A of title V of act Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, 52 Stat. 72, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§1501 et seq.) of chapter 36 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1501 of this title and Tables.

**§ 6934. Office of Advocacy and Outreach****(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Beginning farmer or rancher**

The term “beginning farmer or rancher” has the meaning given the term in section 1991(a) of this title.

**(2) Office**

The term “Office” means the Office of Advocacy and Outreach established under this section.

**(3) Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher**

The term “socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher” has the meaning given the term in section 2279(e) of this title.

**(b) Establishment and purpose****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall establish within the executive operations of the Department an office to be known as the “Office of Advocacy and Outreach”—

(A) to improve access to programs of the Department; and

(B) to improve the viability and profitability of—

- (i) small farms and ranches;
- (ii) beginning farmers or ranchers; and
- (iii) socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

**(2) Director**

The Office shall be headed by a Director, to be appointed by the Secretary from among the competitive service.

**(c) Duties**

The duties of the Office shall be to ensure small farms and ranches, beginning farmers or

ranchers, and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers access to, and equitable participation in, programs and services of the Department by—

(1) establishing and monitoring the goals and objectives of the Department to increase participation in programs of the Department by small, beginning, or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers;

(2) assessing the effectiveness of Department outreach programs;

(3) developing and implementing a plan to coordinate outreach activities and services provided by the Department;

(4) providing input to the agencies and offices on programmatic and policy decisions;

(5) measuring outcomes of the programs and activities of the Department on small farms and ranches, beginning farmers or ranchers, and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers programs;

(6) recommending new initiatives and programs to the Secretary; and

(7) carrying out any other related duties that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

**(d) Socially disadvantaged farmers group****(1) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish within the Office the Socially Disadvantaged Farmers Group.

**(2) Outreach and assistance**

The Socially Disadvantaged Farmers Group—

(A) shall carry out section 2279 of this title; and

(B) in the case of activities described in section 2279(a) of this title, may conduct such activities through other agencies and offices of the Department.

**(3) Socially disadvantaged farmers and farmworkers**

The Socially Disadvantaged Farmers Group shall oversee the operations of—

(A) the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers established under section 14009 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008;<sup>1</sup> and

(B) the position of Farmworker Coordinator established under subsection (f).

**(4) Other duties****(A) In general**

The Socially Disadvantaged Farmers Group may carry out other duties to improve access to, and participation in, programs of the Department by socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, as determined by the Secretary.

**(B) Office of Outreach and Diversity**

The Office of Advocacy and Outreach shall carry out the functions and duties of the Office of Outreach and Diversity carried out by the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights as such functions and duties existed immediately before the date of the enactment of this section.

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

**(e) Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group****(1) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish within the Office the Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group.

**(2) Duties****(A) Oversee offices**

The Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group shall oversee the operations of the Office of Small Farms Coordination established by Departmental Regulation 9700-1 (August 3, 2006).

**(B) Beginning farmer and rancher development program**

The Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group shall consult with the National Institute for Food and Agriculture on the administration of the beginning farmer and rancher development program established under section 3319f of this title.

**(C) Advisory Committee for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers**

The Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group shall coordinate the activities of the Group with the Advisory Committee for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers established under section 5(b) of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 (7 U.S.C. 1621<sup>1</sup> note; Public Law 102-554).

**(D) Other duties**

The Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group may carry out other duties to improve access to, and participation in, programs of the Department by small farms and ranches and beginning farmers or ranchers, as determined by the Secretary.

**(f) Farmworker Coordinator****(1) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish within the Office the position of Farmworker Coordinator (referred to in this subsection as the “Coordinator”).

**(2) Duties**

The Secretary shall delegate to the Coordinator responsibility for the following:

(A) Assisting in administering the program established by section 5177a of title 42.

(B) Serving as a liaison to community-based nonprofit organizations that represent and have demonstrated experience serving low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

(C) Coordinating with the Department, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments to ensure that farmworker needs are assessed and met during declared disasters and other emergencies.

(D) Consulting within the Office and with other entities to better integrate farmworker perspectives, concerns, and interests into the ongoing programs of the Department.

(E) Consulting with appropriate institutions on research, program improvements, or agricultural education opportunities that

assist low-income and migrant seasonal farmworkers.

(F) Assisting farmworkers in becoming agricultural producers or landowners.

**(3) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection—

(A) such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013; and

(B) \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §226B, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14013(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1450, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14013(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2212; amended Pub. L. 113-79, title XII, §12202, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 984.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 14009 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, referred to in subsec. (d)(3)(A), probably means section 14008 of Pub. L. 110-246, which is set out as a note under section 2279 of this title, because section 14008 of the Act established the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers and section 14009 of the Act amended section 7000 of this title.

The date of the enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (d)(4)(B), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

Section 5(b) of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992, referred to in subsec. (e)(2)(C), is section 5(b) of Pub. L. 102-554, which is set out as a note under section 1929 of this title.

## 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. (f)(3). Pub. L. 113-79 amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subsection for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.”

## 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.

**§ 6935. Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs****(a) Definition of agriculture committees and subcommittees**

In this section, the term “agriculture committees and subcommittees” means—

(1) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives;

(2) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate; and

(3) the subcommittees on agriculture, rural development, food and drug administration, and related agencies<sup>1</sup> of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies”.