

### § 590i. Surveys and investigations; publication of information

The Secretary is authorized to conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the conditions and factors affecting, and methods of accomplishing most effectively, the policy and purposes of section 590g(a) of this title. Notwithstanding any provision of existing law, the Secretary is authorized to make public such information as he deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, §9, as added Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 104, §1, 49 Stat. 1150; amended June 28, 1937, ch. 395, §2, 50 Stat. 329; Pub. L. 97-375, title I, §103(c), Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1819.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-375 struck out requirement that the Secretary transmit to Congress a report on operations under this subchapter, including a statement by classes and amounts of expenditures and obligations, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

1937—Act June 28, 1937, inserted last sentence.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions respecting lands under jurisdiction of Department of the Interior, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 590a of this title.

### § 590i-1. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 691 (the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1943), which related to furnishing photographs, mosaics, and maps required by the Soil Conservation Service, was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 434.

June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 560.

June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 973.

June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 744.

June 29, 1937, ch. 404, 50 Stat. 429.

### § 590i-2. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act July 2, 1942, ch. 473, 56 Stat. 508 (the Department of the Interior Appropriation Act, 1943), which related to furnishing photographs, mosaics, and maps required in soil conservation operations of the Department of the Interior, was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provision was contained in prior appropriation act of June 28, 1941, ch. 259, 55 Stat. 306.

### § 590j. Definitions

In this chapter:

#### (1) Agricultural commodity

The term “agricultural commodity” means—

(A) an agricultural commodity; and

(B) any regional or market classification, type, or grade of an agricultural commodity.

#### (2) Technical assistance

##### (A) In general

The term “technical assistance” means technical expertise, information, and tools necessary for the conservation of natural resources on land active in agricultural, forestry, or related uses.

### (B) Inclusions

The term “technical assistance” includes—

(i) technical services provided directly to farmers, ranchers, and other eligible entities, such as conservation planning, technical consultation, and assistance with design and implementation of conservation practices; and

(ii) technical infrastructure, including activities, processes, tools, and agency functions needed to support delivery of technical services, such as technical standards, resource inventories, training, data, technology, monitoring, and effects analyses.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, §10, as added Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 104, §1, 49 Stat. 1150; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title II, §2802(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1085; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title II, §2802(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1813.)

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §2802(b), amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The term ‘agricultural commodity’ as used in this chapter means any such commodity and any regional or market classification, type, or grade thereof.”

#### 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, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

### § 590k. Availability of funds

All funds available for carrying out this chapter shall be available for allotment to the bureaus and offices of the Department of Agriculture and for transfer to such other agencies of the Federal or State Governments, or to local public agencies, as the Secretary may request to cooperate or assist in carrying out this chapter, and for payments to committees or associations of producers in any region or regions to cover the estimated administrative expenses to be incurred by any such committee or association in cooperating in carrying out this chapter: *Provided*, That the Secretary may prescribe that all or part of such estimated expenses of any such committee or association may be deducted pro rata from the payments or grants made to the members thereof: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may make such payments in advance of determination of performance. Funds so transferred may be placed in a single account for each State.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, §11, as added Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 104, §1, 49 Stat. 1150; amended June 24, 1936, ch. 767, 49 Stat. 1915; Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 950, §6(c), 70 Stat. 1033; Pub. L. 104-127, title III, §336(a)(1)(B), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1005.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127, at end of first sentence, substituted “performance” for “performance: *Provided fur-*