

fects of diet on degenerative diseases and related disorders; that nutrition and health considerations are important to United States agricultural policy; that there is insufficient knowledge concerning precise human nutritional requirements, the interaction of the various nutritional constituents of food, and differences in nutritional requirements among different population groups such as infants, children, adolescents, elderly men and women, and pregnant women; and that there is a critical need for objective data concerning food safety, the potential of food enrichment, and means to encourage better nutritional practices.

**(b) Declaration of policy**

It is declared to be the policy of the United States that the Department of Agriculture conduct research in the fields of human nutrition and the nutritive value of foods and conduct human nutrition education activities, as provided in this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1421, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 999.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

NUTRITION INFORMATION AND AWARENESS PILOT PROGRAM

Pub. L. 107-171, title IV, § 4403, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 334, as amended by Pub. L. 110-234, title IV, § 4406(c)(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1142; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title IV, § 4406(c)(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1903, directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish, in not more than 5 States, for a period not to exceed 4 years for each participating State, a pilot program to increase the domestic consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 113-79, title IV, § 4210, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 830.

**§ 3172. Duties of Secretary of Agriculture**

In order to carry out the policy of this subchapter, the Secretary shall develop and implement a national food and human nutrition research and extension program that shall include, but not be limited to—

- (1) research on human nutritional requirements;
- (2) research on the nutrient composition of foods and the effects of agricultural practices, handling, food processing, and cooking on the nutrients they contain;
- (3) surveillance of the nutritional benefits provided to participants in the food programs administered by the Department of Agriculture;
- (4) research on the factors affecting food preference and habits; and
- (5) the development of techniques and equipment to assist consumers in the home or in institutions in selecting food that supplies a nutritionally adequate diet.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1422, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 999.)

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**§ 3173. Research by Department of Agriculture**

**(a) Increase in level of support**

The Secretary shall establish research into food and human nutrition as a separate and distinct mission of the Department of Agriculture, and the Secretary shall increase support for such research to a level that provides resources adequate to meet the policy of this subchapter.

**(b) Periodic consultation with administrators of other Federal departments and agencies**

The Secretary, in administering the food and human nutrition research program, shall periodically consult with the administrators of the other Federal departments and agencies that have responsibility for programs dealing with human food and nutrition, as to the specific research needs of those departments and agencies.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1423, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 999.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

NATIONAL FOOD AND HUMAN NUTRITION RESEARCH PROGRAM; CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS; COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ANNUAL REPORT; JOINT DIETARY ASSESSMENT, STUDIES AND REPORTS; SUBMISSION OF PLAN AND REPORTS TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Pub. L. 99-198, title XIV, subtitle B, §§ 1451-1453, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1561, 1562, as amended by Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, § 872, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1175, provided that:

“FINDINGS

“SEC. 1451. Congress finds that—

“(1) nutrition and health considerations are important to United States agricultural policy;

“(2) section 1405 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3121) designates the Department of Agriculture as the lead agency of the Federal Government for human nutrition research (except with respect to the biomedical aspects of human nutrition concerned with diagnosis or treatment of disease);

“(3) section 1423 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 3173) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish research into food and human nutrition as a separate and distinct mission of the Department of Agriculture;

“(4) the Secretary has established a nutrition education program; and

“(5) nutrition research continues to be of great importance to those involved in agricultural production.

“[SEC. 1452. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, § 872, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1175.]

“DIETARY ASSESSMENT AND STUDIES

“SEC. 1453. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly conduct an assessment of existing scientific literature and research relating to—

“(1) the relationship between dietary cholesterol and blood cholesterol and human health and nutrition; and

“(2) dietary calcium and its importance in human health and nutrition.

In conducting the assessments under this subsection, the Secretaries shall consult with agencies of the Federal Government involved in related research. On completion of such assessments, the Secretaries shall each recommend such further studies as the Secretaries consider useful.