

means a producer, landowner, or entity that is participating in, or seeking to participate in, programs for which the producer, landowner, or entity is otherwise eligible to participate in under this chapter or the agricultural management assistance program under section 1524 of title 7.”

Subsec. (e)(3)(B). Pub. L. 115-334, §2821(e), substituted “third-party” for “third party”.

Subsec. (e)(4), (5). Pub. L. 115-334, §2502(b), added pars. (4) and (5).

Subsec. (f)(4). Pub. L. 115-334, §2821(e), substituted “third-party” for “third party” in subpars. (A) and (B).

Subsec. (h)(1)(A). Pub. L. 115-334, §2502(c)(1)(A), added subpar. (A) and struck out former subpar. (A) which read as follows: “review conservation practice standards, including engineering design specifications, in effect on the date of the enactment of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008;”.

Subsec. (h)(1)(D). Pub. L. 115-334, §2502(c)(1)(B)–(D), added subpar. (D).

Subsec. (h)(2). Pub. L. 115-334, §2502(c)(2), inserted “State technical committees established under section 3861(a) of this title,” before “crop consultants.”.

Subsec. (h)(3), (4). Pub. L. 115-334, §2502(c)(3), added pars. (3) and (4) and struck out former par. (3). Prior to amendment, text of par. (3) read as follows: “If the Secretary determines under paragraph (1) that revisions to the conservation practice standards, including engineering design specifications, are necessary, the Secretary shall establish an administrative process for expediting the revisions.”

2014—Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “specialty” for “speciality” in heading.

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §2706, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to: in subsec. (a), provision of technical assistance to an eligible producer directly or through an approved third party; and, in subsec. (b), establishment of a system to certify third-party providers, transition provisions for persons that had provided assistance before May 13, 2002, and cooperative agreements or contracts with non-Federal entities.

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.

§ 3843. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title II, § 2710(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 770

Section, Pub. L. 99-198, title XII, §1243, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title III, §341, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1008; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title II, §§2003, 2006(d), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 233, 237; Pub. L. 110-234, title II, §2707, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1077; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title II, §2707, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1805, related to cooperative conservation partnership initiative.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3843, Pub. L. 99-198, title XII, §1243, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1515; Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1442, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3602, which related to administration of this chapter, was omitted in the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 104-127.

REPEAL; TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Pub. L. 113-79, title II, §2710, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 770, provided that:

“(a) REPEAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), section 1243 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3843) is repealed.

“(b) TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.—

“(1) EFFECT ON EXISTING CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS.—The amendment made by this section [repealing section 3843 of this title] shall not affect the validity or terms of any contract or agreement en-

tered into by the Secretary of Agriculture under section 1243 of the Food Security Act of 1985 ([former] 16 U.S.C. 3843) before the date of enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 [Feb. 7, 2014], or any payments required to be made in connection with the contract or agreement.

“(2) FUNDING.—

“(A) USE OF PRIOR YEAR FUNDS.—Notwithstanding the repeal of section 1243 of the Food Security Act of 1985 ([former] 16 U.S.C. 3843), any funds made available from the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out the cooperative conservation partnership initiative under that section for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 shall be made available to carry out contracts and agreements referred to in paragraph (1) that were entered into prior to the date of enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (including the provision of technical assistance).

“(B) OTHER.—On exhaustion of funds made available under subparagraph (A), the Secretary [of Agriculture] may use funds made available to carry out the regional conservation partnership program under subtitle I of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 [16 U.S.C. 3871 et seq.], as added by section 2401, to continue to carry out contracts and agreements referred to in paragraph (1) using the provisions of law and regulation applicable to such contracts and agreements as in existence on the day before the date of enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014.”

§ 3844. Administrative requirements for conservation programs

(a) Incentives for certain farmers and ranchers and Indian tribes

(1) Incentives authorized

In carrying out any conservation program administered by the Secretary, the Secretary may provide to a person or entity specified in paragraph (2) incentives to participate in the conservation program—

(A) to foster new farming and ranching opportunities; and

(B) to enhance long-term environmental goals.

(2) Covered persons

Incentives authorized by paragraph (1) may be provided to the following:

(A) Beginning farmers or ranchers.

(B) Socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

(C) Limited resource farmers or ranchers.

(D) Indian tribes.

(E) Veteran farmers or ranchers (as defined in section 2279(e)¹ of title 7).

(b) Privacy of personal information relating to natural resources conservation programs

(1) Information received for technical and financial assistance

(A) In general

In accordance with section 552(b)(3) of title 5, except as provided in subparagraph (C) and paragraph (2), information described in subparagraph (B)—

(i) shall not be considered to be public information; and

(ii) shall not be released to any person or Federal, State, local agency or Indian tribe (as defined by the Secretary) outside the Department of Agriculture.

¹ See References in Text note below.