

“(C) production and marketing costs;

“(D) domestic and international markets and trade for perishable commodities;

“(4) determine the extent to which grade standards and other regulations reflect consumer preferences;

“(5) develop options for implementation of food marketing policies and practices that will remove obstacles that may exist to pesticide use reduction, based on the findings of research conducted under this section.

“(c) FIELD RESEARCH.—

“(1) LENGTH OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall implement, not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 28, 1990], a minimum of three, 2-year market research projects, in at least three States, to demonstrate and evaluate the feasibility of consumer education and information programs.

“(2) SCOPE OF FIELD RESEARCH.—Research under paragraph (1) shall be conducted to evaluate programs designed to—

“(A) offer consumers choices among perishable commodities produced with different production practices;

“(B) provide consumers with information about agricultural practices used in the production of perishable commodities; or

“(C) educate the public about the relationship, as determined in the research conducted under this subtitle, between the cosmetic appearance of perishable commodities and pesticide use.

“(d) DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall disseminate to concerned parties the results obtained from prior scientifically valid research concerning Federal marketing policies and practices described in this section to avoid any duplication of effort and to ensure that current knowledge concerning such policies and practices is enhanced.

“(e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish an advisory committee for the purpose of providing ongoing review of the implementation of the requirements in this section and providing the Secretary of Agriculture with recommendations regarding the implementation of those requirements.

“(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Committee shall consist of 12 members comprised of three representatives from not-for-profit consumer organizations, three representatives from not-for-profit environmental organizations, three representatives from production agriculture and the perishable commodity grower and shipper community, and three representatives from the food retailing sector, each with experience in the policy issues discussed in this section.

“(f) REPORT.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall report to Congress on the research conducted under this section no later than September 30, 1992. The Secretary shall report on the research conducted under subsection (c) no later than September 30, 1993.

“SEC. 1353. CHANGES IN PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS.

“With regard to Federal grade standards developed and promulgated pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture shall:

“(1) Take into account the impact of those standards on the ability of perishable commodity growers to reduce the use of pesticides.

“(2) Provide for citizens outside of the perishable commodity industry fair and reasonable opportunity to formally petition a change in grade standards.

“(3) Provide for a comment period after a formal petition to change grade standards has been made to enable all interested parties to submit information. The Secretary of Agriculture shall evaluate the information and consider it in the revision process.

“(4) Provide interested parties with annual status reports during the period 1992 through 1994, updated upon request, on all pending grade standard changes the Department of Agriculture is considering.

“SEC. 1354. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the activities required under this subtitle, \$4,000,000 for each fiscal year.”

§ 1622a. Authority to assist farmers and elevator operators

The Secretary may provide technical assistance (including information on such financial assistance as may be available) to grain producers and elevator operators to assist such producers and operators in installing or improving grain cleaning, drying or storage equipment.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XX, § 2014, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3933.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Grain Quality Incentives Act of 1990, and also as part of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, and not as part of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 which comprises this chapter.

§ 1622b. Specialty crops market news allocation

(a) In general

The Secretary shall—

(1) carry out market news activities to provide timely price and shipment information of specialty crops in the United States; and

(2) use funds made available under subsection (b) to increase the reporting levels for specialty crops in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

In addition to any other funds made available through annual appropriations for market news services, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2023, to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title X, § 10107, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1337; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title X, § 10107, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2099; Pub. L. 113-79, title X, § 10001, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 939; Pub. L. 115-334, title X, § 10101, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4888.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this Act, referred to in subsection (a)(2), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

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.

Section was enacted as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, and not as part of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “2018” for “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.

DEFINITIONS

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of this title.

Pub. L. 110-234, title X, §10001, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1335, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title X, §10001, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2096, provided that: “In this title [enacting this section, former section 1622c, sections 7655a, 7721, and former section 7761 of this title, and section 2104a of Title 16, Conservation, amending sections 608e-1, 1622, 2204g, former 3005, 4606, 5925c, 6104, 6522, 6523, 7715, 7733, 7734, 7751, and 7772 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 608c, 1622, and 7701 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 1621 of this title]:

“(1) SPECIALTY CROP.—The term ‘specialty crop’ has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note; Public Law 108-465).

“(2) STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—The term ‘State department of agriculture’ means the agency, commission, or department of a State government responsible for protecting and promoting agriculture in the State.”

[Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical provisions. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.]

§ 1622c. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title X, § 10002, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 940

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title X, §10403, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1349; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title X, §10403, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2111, related to a grant program to improve movement of specialty crops.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 113-79, title X, §10002, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 940, provided that: “Effective October 1, 2013, section 10403 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 1622c) is repealed.”

§ 1623. Authorization of appropriations; allotments to States

(a) In order to conduct research and service work in connection with the preparation for market, processing, packaging, handling, storing, transporting, distributing, and marketing of agricultural products as authorized by this chapter, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the following sums:

(1) \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and each subsequent fiscal year.

(2) An additional \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and each subsequent fiscal year.

(3) An additional \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and each subsequent fiscal year.

(4) An additional \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and each subsequent fiscal year.

(5) An additional \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and each subsequent fiscal year.

(6) In addition to the foregoing, such additional funds beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and thereafter, as the Congress may deem necessary.

Such sums appropriated in pursuance of this chapter shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, sums appropriated or otherwise

made available to the Department of Agriculture.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make available from such funds such sums as he may deem appropriate for allotment to State departments of agriculture, State bureaus and departments of markets, State agricultural experiment stations, and other appropriate State agencies for cooperative projects in marketing service and in marketing research to effectuate the purposes of this chapter: *Provided*, That no such allotment and no payment under any such allotment shall be made for any fiscal year to any State agency in excess of the amount which such State agency makes available out of its own funds for such research. The funds which State agencies are required to make available in order to qualify for such an allotment shall be in addition to any funds now available to such agencies for marketing services and for marketing research. The allotments authorized under this section shall be made to the agency or agencies best equipped and qualified to conduct the specific project to be undertaken. Such allotments shall be covered by cooperative agreements between the Secretary of Agriculture and the cooperating agency and shall include appropriate provisions for preventing duplication or overlapping of work within the State or States cooperating. Should duplication or overlapping occur subsequent to approval of a cooperative project or allotment of funds, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to withhold unexpended balances on such projects notwithstanding the prior approval thereof.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, §204, 60 Stat. 1089.)

§ 1623a. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 107-76, title VII, §703, Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 731, which provided that not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropriations of the Department of Agriculture for research and service work authorized by sections 1621 et seq., 3104, and 3105 of this title and chapter 63 of title 31 would be available for contracting in accordance with those laws, was from the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 106-387, §1(a) [title VII, §703], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-28.

Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, §703, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1160.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §703], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-25.

Pub. L. 105-86, title VII, §703, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2104.

Pub. L. 104-180, title VII, §703, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1596.

Pub. L. 104-37, title VII, §703, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 329.

Pub. L. 103-330, title VII, §703, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2466.

Pub. L. 103-111, title VII, §703, Oct. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 1078.

Pub. L. 102-341, title VII, §703, Aug. 14, 1992, 106 Stat. 906.

Pub. L. 102-142, title VII, §704, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 911.

Pub. L. 101-506, title VI, §604, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1346.