

(1) sponsoring conferences which are designed to facilitate the sharing of information (among farm producers, consumers, and other interested persons or groups) concerning the establishment and operation of direct marketing from farmers to consumers;

(2) compiling laws and regulations relevant to the conduct of the various methods of such direct marketing within the State, formulating drafts of enabling legislation needed to facilitate such direct marketing, determining feasible locations for additional facilities for such direct marketing, and preparing and disseminating practical information on the establishment and operation of such direct marketing; and

(3) providing technical assistance for the purpose of aiding interested individuals or groups in the establishment of arrangements for direct marketing from farmers to consumers.

(b) Development of farmers' markets

The Secretary shall—

(1) work with the Governor of a State, and a State agency designated by the Governor, to develop programs to train managers of farmers' markets;

(2) develop opportunities to share information among managers of farmers' markets;

(3) establish a program to train cooperative extension service employees in the development of direct marketing techniques; and

(4) work with producers to develop farmers' markets.

(c) Consideration of consumer preferences

In the implementation of this section, the Secretary shall take into account consumer preferences and needs which may bear upon the establishment and operation of arrangements for direct marketing from farmers to consumers.

(Pub. L. 94-463, § 5, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1982; Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10605(b)(2), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 513.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-171, § 10605(b)(2)(A), substituted "Secretary for the purpose" for "Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose", "Secretary on the basis" for "Extension Service on the basis", and " , as determined by the Secretary" for "and on the basis of which of these two agencies, or combination thereof, can best perform these activities".

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 107-171, § 10605(b)(2)(B), (C), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

§§ 3005, 3006. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-334, title X, § 10102(c)(5)(B), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4898

Section 3005, Pub. L. 94-463, § 6, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10605(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 513; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title IV, § 4231, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1337; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title IV, § 4231, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2098; Pub. L. 112-240, title VII, § 701(g)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2366; Pub. L. 113-79, title X, § 10003, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 940, established the Farmers' Market and Local Food Promotion Program.

A prior section 3005, Pub. L. 94-463, § 6, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1983; Pub. L. 103-437, § 4(a)(8), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4582, related to review of activities by Secretary and annual report to Congress, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-362, title I, § 101(d)(1), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3281.

Section 3006, Pub. L. 94-463, § 7, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1983; Pub. L. 105-362, title I, § 101(d)(2), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3281, related to authorization of appropriations.

§ 3007. Seniors farmers' market nutrition program

(a) Funding

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary of Agriculture shall use to carry out and expand the seniors farmers' market nutrition program \$20,600,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2023.

(b) Program purposes

The purposes of the seniors farmers' market nutrition program are—

(1) to provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs to low-income seniors;

(2) to increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs; and

(3) to develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs.

(c) Exclusion of benefits in determining eligibility for other programs

The value of any benefit provided to any eligible seniors farmers' market nutrition program recipient under this section shall not be considered to be income or resources for any purposes under any Federal, State, or local law.

(d) Prohibition on collection of sales tax

Each State shall ensure that no State or local tax is collected within the State on a purchase of food with a benefit distributed under the seniors farmers' market nutrition program.

(e) Regulations

The Secretary may promulgate such regulations as the Secretary considers to be necessary to carry out the seniors farmers' market nutrition program.

(f) Federal law not applicable

Section 1693o-2 of title 15 shall not apply to electronic benefit transfer systems established under this section.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title IV, § 4402, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 334; Pub. L. 110-234, title IV, §§ 4231, 4406(c)(1), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1124, 1142; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title IV, §§ 4231, 4406(c)(1), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1886, 1903; Pub. L. 111-203, title X, § 1075(c), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2074; Pub. L. 113-79, title IV, § 4203(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 822; Pub. L. 115-334, title IV, § 4201, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4655.)

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.

Section was enacted as part of the Food Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2002 and also as part of the Farm Se-