

(A) Assisting in administering the program established by section 5177a of title 42.

(B) Serving as a liaison to community-based nonprofit organizations that represent and have demonstrated experience serving low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

(C) Coordinating with the Department, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments to ensure that farmworker needs are assessed and met during declared disasters and other emergencies.

(D) Consulting within the Office and with other entities to better integrate farmworker perspectives, concerns, and interests into the ongoing programs of the Department.

(E) Consulting with appropriate institutions on research, program improvements, or agricultural education opportunities that assist low-income and migrant seasonal farmworkers.

(F) Assisting farmworkers in becoming agricultural producers or landowners.

### (3) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection—

(A) such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013; and

(B) \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, § 226B, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, § 14013(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1450, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title XIV, § 14013(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2212; amended Pub. L. 113-79, title XII, § 12202, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 984; Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, §§ 12301(a)(2)(A), 12406(a)(1), (b), (c), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4950, 4975, 4976.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Subsecs. (a) and (e) of section 2279 of this title, referred to in subsecs. (a)(3) and (d)(2)(B), were redesignated subsecs. (c) and (a), respectively, of section 2279 of this title by section 12301(b)(3) of Pub. L. 115-334.

Section 14009 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, referred to in subsec. (d)(3)(A), probably means section 14008 of Pub. L. 110-246, which is set out as a note under section 2279 of this title, because section 14008 of the Act established the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers and section 14009 of the Act amended section 7000 of this title.

The date of the enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (d)(4)(B), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

Section 5(b) of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992, referred to in subsec. (e)(2)(C), is section 5(b) of Pub. L. 102-554, which is set out as a note under section 1929 of this title.

#### 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.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(1)(A), substituted “Partnerships and Public Engagement” for “Advocacy and Outreach” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(1)(B), substituted “Partnerships and Public Engagement” for “Advocacy and Outreach”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(1)(B), substituted “Partnerships and Public Engagement” for “Advocacy and Outreach” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B)(iv), (v), (C). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(b)(1), added cls. (iv) and (v) of subpar. (B) and subpar. (C).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(b)(2)(A), inserted “veteran farmers and ranchers,” after “beginning farmers or ranchers,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(b)(2)(B), substituted “socially disadvantaged, or veteran” for “or socially disadvantaged”.

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(b)(2)(C), inserted “veteran farmers or ranchers,” after “beginning farmers or ranchers,”.

Subsec. (d)(4)(B). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(1)(B), substituted “Partnerships and Public Engagement” for “Advocacy and Outreach”.

Subsec. (e)(2)(B). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(2)(A), substituted “the beginning farmer and rancher development grant program established under subsection (d) of section 2279 of this title.” for “the beginning farmer and rancher development program established under section 3319f of this title.”

Subsec. (f)(3)(B). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(c), substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (f)(3). Pub. L. 113-79 amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subsection for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.”

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, § 12406(a)(2), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4976, provided that: “Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 2018], any reference to the Office of Advocacy and Outreach established under section 226B of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6934) in any provision of Federal law shall be deemed to be a reference to the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement.”

#### 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.

### § 6934a. Beginning farmer and rancher coordination

#### (a) Definitions

In this section:

##### (1) Beginning farmer or rancher

The term “beginning farmer or rancher” has the meaning given such term in section 2279(a) of this title.

##### (2) National Coordinator

The term “National Coordinator” means the National Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator established under subsection (b)(1).

##### (3) State coordinator

The term “State coordinator” means a State beginning farmer and rancher coordinator designated under subsection (c)(1)(A).

##### (4) State office

The term “State office” means—

(A) a State office of—

- (i) the Farm Service Agency;
- (ii) the Natural Resources Conservation Service;
- (iii) the Rural Business-Cooperative Service; or
- (iv) the Rural Utilities Service; or

(B) a regional office of the Risk Management Agency.

**(b) National Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator****(1) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish in the Department the position of National Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator.

**(2) Duties****(A) In general**

The National Coordinator shall—

(i) advise the Secretary and coordinate activities of the Department on programs, policies, and issues relating to beginning farmers and ranchers; and

(ii) in consultation with the applicable State food and agriculture council, determine whether to approve a plan submitted by a State coordinator under subsection (c)(3)(B).

**(B) Discretionary duties**

Additional duties of the National Coordinator may include—

(i) developing and implementing new strategies—

(I) for outreach to beginning farmers and ranchers; and

(II) to assist beginning farmers and ranchers with connecting to owners or operators that have ended, or expect to end within 5 years, actively owning or operating a farm or ranch; and

(ii) facilitating interagency and interdepartmental collaboration on issues relating to beginning farmers and ranchers.

**(3) Reports**

Not less frequently than once each year, the National Coordinator shall distribute within the Department and make publicly available a report describing the status of steps taken to carry out the duties described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2).

**(4) Contracts and cooperative agreements**

In carrying out the duties under paragraph (2), the National Coordinator may enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with an institution of higher education (as defined in section 1001 of title 20), cooperative extension services (as defined in section 3103 of this title), or a nonprofit organization—

(A) to conduct research on the profitability of new farms in operation for not less than 5 years in a region;

(B) to develop educational materials;

(C) to conduct workshops, courses, training, or certified vocational training; or

(D) to conduct mentoring activities.

**(c) State beginning farmer and rancher coordinators****(1) In general****(A) Designation**

The National Coordinator, in consultation with State food and agriculture councils and directors of State offices, shall designate in each State a State beginning farmer and rancher coordinator from among employees of State offices.

**(B) Requirements**

To be designated as a State coordinator, an employee shall—

(i) be familiar with issues relating to beginning farmers and ranchers; and

(ii) have the ability to coordinate with other Federal departments and agencies.

**(2) Training**

The Secretary shall develop a training plan to provide to each State coordinator knowledge of programs and services available from the Department for beginning farmers and ranchers, taking into consideration the needs of all production types and sizes of agricultural operations.

**(3) Duties**

A State coordinator shall—

(A) coordinate technical assistance at the State level to assist beginning farmers and ranchers in accessing programs of the Department;

(B) develop and submit to the National Coordinator for approval under subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii) a State plan to improve the coordination, delivery, and efficacy of programs of the Department to beginning farmers and ranchers, taking into consideration the needs of all types of production methods and sizes of agricultural operation, at each county and area office in the State;

(C) oversee implementation of an approved State plan described in subparagraph (B);

(D) work with outreach coordinators in the State offices to ensure appropriate information about technical assistance is available at outreach events and activities; and

(E) coordinate partnerships and joint outreach efforts with other organizations and government agencies serving beginning farmers and ranchers.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, § 7404, as added Pub. L. 115–334, title XII, § 12304, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4965.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7404 of Pub. L. 107–171 was classified as a note under section 3101 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 115–334, title VII, § 7506, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4823.

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, which in part comprises this chapter.

**§ 6934b. Agricultural Youth Organization Coordinator****(a) Authorization**

The Secretary shall establish in the Department the position of Agricultural Youth Organization Coordinator.

**(b) Duties**

The Agricultural Youth Organization Coordinator shall—

(1) promote the role of youth-serving organizations and school-based agricultural education in motivating and preparing young people to pursue careers in the agriculture, food, and natural resources systems;

(2) work to help build youth awareness of the reach and importance of agriculture, across a diversity of fields and disciplines;