

agreement or contract entered into under subsection (a)”.

Subsec. (b)(2)(C). Pub. L. 115-334, § 8624(c), added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 115-334, § 8624(b)(2)(C), inserted “or county” after “Governor”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 115-334, § 8624(b)(2)(D), added par. (4).

## § 2114. Administration

### (a) In general

The Secretary shall administer this chapter in accordance with regulations that the Secretary shall develop.

### (b) Guidelines

The regulations promulgated under this chapter shall include guidelines for the administration of this chapter at the Federal and State levels and shall identify the measures and activities that are eligible for cost sharing under this chapter.

### (c) Existing mechanisms

Existing mechanisms shall be used to the extent possible to make payments and deliver services to the landowner under this chapter.

### (d) Land grant universities

The Secretary, in consultation with State foresters or equivalent State officials, may provide assistance directly to other State and local natural resource management agencies and land grant universities in implementing this chapter in cases in which the State foresters or equivalent State officials are not able to make fund transfers to other State and local agencies.

(Pub. L. 95-313, § 20, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XII, § 1223, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3542.)

## CHAPTER 42—EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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### § 2201. Emergency conservation program

#### (a) In general

The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this chapter as the “Secretary”) is authorized to make payments to agricultural producers who carry out emergency measures to control wind erosion on farmlands or to rehabilitate farmlands damaged by wind erosion, floods, hurricanes, wildfires, or other natural disasters when, as a result of the foregoing, new conservation problems have been created that (1) if not treated, will impair or endanger the land, (2) materially affect the productive capacity of the land, (3) represent damage that is unusual in character and, except for wind erosion, is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area, and (4) will be so costly to rehabilitate

that Federal assistance is or will be required to return the land to productive agricultural use.

### (b) Repair or replacement of fencing

#### (1) In general

With respect to a payment to an agricultural producer under subsection (a) for the repair or replacement of fencing, the Secretary shall give the agricultural producer the option of receiving not more than 25 percent of the payment, determined by the Secretary based on the applicable percentage of the fair market value of the cost of the repair or replacement, before the agricultural producer carries out the repair or replacement.

#### (2) Return of funds

If the funds provided under paragraph (1) are not expended by the end of the 60-day period beginning on the date on which the agricultural producer receives those funds, the funds shall be returned within a reasonable time-frame, as determined by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 95-334, title IV, § 401, Aug. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 433; Pub. L. 115-334, title II, § 2403(a)(1), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4571.)

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-334 inserted section catchline, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this chapter as the ‘Secretary’)” for “The Secretary of Agriculture”, inserted “wildfires,” after “hurricanes,”, and added subsec. (b).

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 95-334, title IV, § 406, Aug. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 434, provided that: “The provisions of this title [enacting this chapter] shall become effective October 1, 1978.”

### § 2202. Payments to agricultural producers for carrying out water conservation or water enhancing measures; criteria

The Secretary is authorized to make payments to agricultural producers who carry out emergency water conservation or water enhancing measures (including measures carried out to assist confined livestock) during periods of severe drought as determined by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 95-334, title IV, § 402, Aug. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 434; Pub. L. 101-82, title V, § 502, Aug. 14, 1989, 103 Stat. 586; Pub. L. 115-334, title II, § 2403(a)(2)(A), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4571.)

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “The Secretary is” for “The Secretary of Agriculture is”.

1989—Pub. L. 101-82, § 502(1), inserted “(including measures carried out to assist confined livestock)”.

Pub. L. 101-82, § 502(2), temporarily substituted “any fiscal year in which there is a period of severe drought” for “periods of severe drought”. See Effective and Termination Dates of 1989 Amendment note below.