

Stat. 3602, directed Secretary to report to Congress on erodible land and wetland conservation program, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1011(a), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 709.

### § 3847. Data on conservation practices

#### (a) Data on conservation practices

The Secretary shall identify available data sets within the Department of Agriculture regarding the use of conservation practices and the effect of such practices on farm and ranch profitability (including such effects relating to crop yields, soil health, and other risk-related factors).

#### (b) Report

Not later than 1 year after December 20, 2018, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that includes—

- (1) a summary of the data sets identified under subsection (a);
- (2) a summary of the steps the Secretary would have to take to provide access to such data sets by university researchers, including taking into account any technical, privacy, or administrative considerations;
- (3) a summary of safeguards the Secretary employs when providing access to data to university researchers;
- (4) a summary of appropriate procedures to maximize the potential for research benefits while preventing any violations of privacy or confidentiality; and
- (5) recommendations for any necessary authorizations or clarifications of Federal law to allow access to such data sets to maximize the potential for research benefits.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XII, §1247, as added Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, §12618, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 5017.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3847, Pub. L. 99-198, title XII, §1247, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1445, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3603; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title II, §204(8), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1855, which related to assistance for control of spread of weeds and pests, was omitted in the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 104-127.

#### SUBCHAPTER V-A—OTHER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

### § 3851. Experienced services program

#### (a) Establishment and purpose

The Secretary shall establish an experienced services program (referred to in this section as the “program”) for the purpose of utilizing the talents of individuals who are age 55 or older, but who are not employees of the Department of Agriculture or a State agriculture department, to provide—

- (1) technical services in support of the conservation-related programs and authorities carried out by the Secretary, including conservation planning assistance, technical consultation, and assistance with design and implementation of conservation practices; and

(2) technical, professional, and administrative services to support the research, education, and economics mission area of the Department of Agriculture (including the Agricultural Research Service, the Economic Research Service, the National Agricultural Library, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the Office of the Chief Scientist, and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture), including—

- (A) supporting agricultural research and information;
- (B) advancing scientific knowledge relating to agriculture;
- (C) enhancing access to agricultural information;
- (D) providing statistical information and research results to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness, and public officials; and
- (E) assisting research, education, and extension programs in land-grant colleges and universities (as defined in section 3103 of this title).

#### (b) Program agreements

##### (1) Relation to older American community service employment program

Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to Federal grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts, to carry out the program during a fiscal year, the Secretary may enter into agreements with nonprofit private agencies and organizations eligible to receive grants for that fiscal year under the Community Service Senior Opportunities Act (42 U.S.C. 3056 et seq.) to secure participants for the program who will provide technical, professional, or administrative services, as applicable, under the program.

##### (2) Required determination

Before entering into an agreement under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall ensure that the agreement would not—

- (A) result in the displacement of individuals employed by the Department, including partial displacement through reduction of non-overtime hours, wages, or employment benefits;
- (B) result in the use of an individual under the program for a job or function in a case in which a Federal employee is in a layoff status from the same or a substantially-equivalent job or function with the Department; or
- (C) affect existing contracts for services.

#### (c) Funding source

##### (1) Conservation technical services

Except as provided in paragraph (2), with respect to subsection (a)(1), the Secretary may carry out the program using funds made available to carry out each program under this chapter.

##### (2) Exclusion

Funds made available to carry out the conservation reserve program may not be used to carry out the program.

##### (3) Research, education, and economics services

With respect to services referred to in subsection (a)(2), the Secretary may carry out the