

month under this section shall be equal to the quantity of eligible production marketed by the producer during the month.

(2) Limitation

The payment quantity for all producers on a single dairy operation during the months of the applicable fiscal year for which the producers receive payments under subsection (b) shall not exceed 2,400,000 pounds. For purposes of determining whether producers are producers on separate dairy operations or a single dairy operation, the Secretary shall apply the same standards as were applied in implementing the dairy program under section 805 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (as enacted into law by Public Law 106-387; 114 Stat. 1549A-50).

(3) Reconstitution

The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to ensure that a producer does not reconstitute a dairy operation for the sole purpose of receiving additional payments under this section.

(e) Payments

A payment under a contract under this section shall be made on a monthly basis not later than 60 days after the last day of the month for which the payment is made.

(f) Signup

The Secretary shall offer to enter into contracts under this section during the period beginning on the date that is 60 days after May 13, 2002, and ending on September 30, 2007.

(g) Duration of contract

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), any contract entered into by producers on a dairy farm under this section shall cover eligible production marketed by the producers on the dairy farm during the period starting with the first day of month the producers on the dairy farm enter into the contract and ending on September 30, 2007.

(2) Violations

If a producer violates the contract, the Secretary may—

(A) terminate the contract and allow the producer to retain any payments received under the contract; or

(B) allow the contract to remain in effect and require the producer to repay a portion of the payments received under the contract based on the severity of the violation.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1502, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 205; Pub. L. 109-171, title I, §1101, Feb. 8, 2006, 120 Stat. 4; Pub. L. 110-28, title IX, §9006(a), May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 217.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 805 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, referred to in subsec. (d)(2), is section 805 of Pub. L. 106-387, §1(a) [title VIII], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-50, which is not classified to the Code.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 110-28 inserted “and” at end of subpar. (A), substituted “September 30, 2007, 34 percent.” for “August 31, 2007, 34 percent; and” in subpar. (B), and struck out subpar. (C), which read as follows: “during the period beginning on September 1, 2007, 0 percent.”

2006—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 109-171, §1101(a), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: “45 percent.”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 109-171, §1101(b), substituted “2007” for “2005”.

Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 109-171, §1101(b), (c)(1), struck out “and subsection (h) of this section” after “paragraph (2)” and substituted “2007” for “2005”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 109-171, §1101(c)(2), struck out subsec. (h), which related to transition rule.

§ 7983. Study of national dairy policy

(a) Study required

The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a comprehensive economic evaluation of the potential direct and indirect effects of the various elements of the national dairy policy, including an examination of the effect of the national dairy policy on—

(1) farm price stability, farm profitability and viability, and local rural economies in the United States;

(2) child, senior, and low-income nutrition programs, including impacts on schools and institutions participating in the programs, on program recipients, and other factors; and

(3) the wholesale and retail cost of fluid milk, dairy farms, and milk utilization.

(b) Report

Not later than 1 year after May 13, 2002, 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 describing the results of the study required by this section.

(c) National dairy policy defined

In this section, the term “national dairy policy” means the dairy policy of the United States as evidenced by the following policies and programs:

(1) Federal milk marketing orders issued under section 608c of this title.

(2) Interstate dairy compacts (including proposed compacts described in H.R. 1827 and S. 1157, as introduced in the 107th Congress).

(3) Over-order premiums and State pricing programs.

(4) Direct payments to milk producers.

(5) Federal milk price support program established under section 7981 of this title.¹

(6) Export programs regarding milk and dairy products, such as the dairy export incentive program established under section 713a-14 of title 15.¹

(Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1507, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 210.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

H.R. 1827, referred to in subsec. (c)(2), which would have granted consent to the Northeast Interstate Dairy

¹ See References in Text note below.

Compact, the Southern Dairy Compact, the Pacific Northwest Dairy Compact, and the Intermountain Dairy Compact, was not enacted into law during the 107th Congress.

S. 1157, referred to in subsec. (c)(2), which would have granted consent to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, the Southern Dairy Compact, the Pacific Northwest Dairy Compact, and the Intermountain Dairy Compact, was not enacted into law during the 107th Congress.

Section 7981 of this title, referred to in subsec. (c)(5), was in the original “section 1401”, and was translated as reading “section 1501”, meaning section 1501 of Pub. L. 107–171 to reflect the probable intent of Congress, because section 1501 of Pub. L. 107–171 relates to Federal milk price support program. Section 1401 of Pub. L. 107–171 amended sections 7272 and 7283 of this title.

Section 713a–14 of title 15, referred to in subsec. (c)(6), was repealed by Pub. L. 113–79, title I, §1423(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 695.

§ 7984. Studies of effects of changes in approach to national dairy policy and fluid milk identity standards

(a) Federal dairy policy changes

The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a study of the effects of—

- (1) terminating all Federal programs relating to price support and supply management for milk; and
- (2) granting the consent of Congress to cooperative efforts by States to manage milk prices and supply.

(b) Fluid milk identity standards

The Secretary shall conduct a study of the effects of including in the standard of identity for fluid milk a required minimum protein content that is commensurate with the average nonfat solids content of bovine milk produced in the United States.

(c) Reports

Not later than 1 year after May 13, 2002, 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 describing the results of the studies required by this section.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title I, §1508, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 211.)

SUBCHAPTER VI—ADMINISTRATION

§ 7991. Administration generally

(a) Use of Commodity Credit Corporation

The Secretary shall use the funds, facilities, and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out this chapter.

(b) Determinations by Secretary

A determination made by the Secretary under this chapter shall be final and conclusive.

(c) Regulations

(1) In general

Not later than 90 days after May 13, 2002, the Secretary and the Commodity Credit Corporation, as appropriate, shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this chapter.

(2) Procedure

The promulgation of the regulations and administration of this chapter shall be made without regard to—

(A) chapter 35 of title 44 (commonly known as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”);

(B) the Statement of Policy of the Secretary of Agriculture effective July 24, 1971 (36 Fed. Reg. 13804), relating to notices of proposed rulemaking and public participation in rulemaking; and

(C) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5.

(3) Congressional review of agency rulemaking

In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall use the authority provided under section 808 of title 5.

(d) Treatment of advance payment option

The protection that was afforded producers that had an option to elect to accelerate the receipt of any payment under a production flexibility contract payable under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, as provided by section 525 of Public² 106–170 (113 Stat. 1928; 7 U.S.C. 7212 note), shall also apply to the option to receive—

- (1) the advance payment of direct payments and counter-cyclical payments under subchapter I and subchapter III;
- (2) the single payment of compensation for eligible peanut quota holders under section 7960 of this title; and
- (3) the advance payment of direct payments and counter-cyclical payments under title I of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 [7 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.].

(e) Adjustment authority related to Uruguay Round compliance

(1) Required determination; adjustment

If the Secretary determines that expenditures under subchapters I through V that are subject to the total allowable domestic support levels under the Uruguay Round Agreements (as defined in section 3501 of title 19), as in effect on May 13, 2002, will exceed such allowable levels for any applicable reporting period, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, make adjustments in the amount of such expenditures during that period to ensure that such expenditures do not exceed such allowable levels.

(2) Congressional notification

Before making any adjustment under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives a report describing the determination made under that paragraph and the extent of the adjustment to be made.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title I, §1601, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 211; Pub. L. 110–234, title I, §1601(e), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1001; Pub. L. 110–246, §4(a), title I, §1601(e), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1729.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsecs. (a) to (c), see References in Text note set out under section 7901 of this title.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “known”.

² So in original. Probably should be followed by “Law”.