

§ 347a. Disadvantaged agricultural areas**(a) Congressional findings**

The Congress finds that there exists special circumstances in certain agricultural areas which cause such areas to be at a disadvantage insofar as agricultural development is concerned, which circumstances include the following: (1) There is concentration of farm families on farms either too small or too unproductive or both; (2) such farm operators because of limited productivity are unable to make adjustments and investments required to establish profitable operations; (3) the productive capacity of the existing farm unit does not permit profitable employment of available labor; (4) because of limited resources, many of these farm families are not able to make full use of current extension programs designed for families operating economic units nor are extension facilities adequate to provide the assistance needed to produce desirable results.

(b) Appropriation

In order to further the purposes of section 342 of this title in such areas and to encourage complementary development essential to the welfare of such areas, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as the Congress from time to time shall determine to be necessary for payments to the States on the basis of special needs in such areas as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) Assistance

In determining that the area has such special need, the Secretary shall find that it has a substantial number of disadvantaged farms or farm families for one or more of the reasons heretofore enumerated. The Secretary shall make provisions for the assistance to be extended to include one or more of the following: (1) Intensive on-the-farm educational assistance to the farm family in appraising and resolving its problems; (2) assistance and counseling to local groups in appraising resources for capability of improvement in agriculture or introduction of industry designed to supplement farm income; (3) cooperation with other agencies and groups in furnishing all possible information as to existing employment opportunities, particularly to farm families having under-employed workers; and (4) in cases where the farm family, after analysis of its opportunities and existing resources, finds it advisable to seek a new farming venture, the providing of information, advice, and counsel in connection with making such change.

(d) Allocation of funds

No more than 10 per centum of the sums available under this section shall be allotted to any one State. The Secretary shall use project proposals and plans of work submitted by the State Extension directors as a basis for determining the allocation of funds appropriated pursuant to this section.

(e) Appropriation as additional; limitation on amount

Sums appropriated pursuant to this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution

for, appropriations otherwise available under this subchapter. The amounts authorized to be appropriated pursuant to this section shall not exceed a sum in any year equal to 10 per centum of sums otherwise appropriated pursuant to this subchapter.

(May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 8, as added Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 798, § 1(a), 69 Stat. 683; amended Pub. L. 87-749, § 1(h), Oct. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 745.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8 of act May 8, 1914, was renumbered section 9 and is classified to section 348 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1962—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 87-749 struck out “, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico” before “on the basis of”.

§ 348. Rules and regulations

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this subchapter.

(May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 9, formerly § 8, 38 Stat. 374; June 26, 1953, ch. 157, § 1, 67 Stat. 85; renumbered § 9, Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 798, § 1(b), 69 Stat. 684.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1953—Act June 26, 1953, substituted provisions for rules and regulations for provisions empowering Congress to alter, amend, or repeal sections 341 to 343 and 344 to 348 of this title at any time.

§ 349. “State” defined

The term “State” means the States of the Union, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

(May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 10, as added Pub. L. 87-749, § 1(i), Oct. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 745; amended Pub. L. 92-318, title V, § 506(h), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 351; Pub. L. 99-396, § 9(f), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 840.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-396 amended section generally, expanding definition of “State” to include the Northern Mariana Islands.

1972—Pub. L. 92-318 inserted reference to Virgin Islands and Guam.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-318 effective after June 30, 1970, see section 506(n) of Pub. L. 92-318, set out as a note under section 326a of this title.

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 361. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674

Section, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 4, 34 Stat. 64; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 4, 43 Stat. 971, provided for the administration of the agricultural experiment station program. See section 361g of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674, which repealed sections 361, 364, 366, 369, 369a, 371 to 376, 380, 382, 383, 386 to 386f, 427a to 427h, and 427j of this title, provided in part that any rights or liabilities existing under such repealed sections or parts of sections should not be affected by their repeal.

§ 361a. Congressional declaration of purpose; definitions

It is the policy of Congress to continue the agricultural research at State agricultural experiment stations which has been encouraged and supported by the Hatch Act of 1887 [7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.], the Adams Act of 1906, the Purnell Act of 1925, the Bankhead-Jones Act of 1935, and title I, section 9, of that Act as added by the Act of

August 14, 1946, and Acts amendatory and supplementary thereto, and to promote the efficiency of such research by a codification and simplification of such laws. As used in this Act [7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.], the terms "State" or "States" are defined to include the several States (including the District of Columbia), Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. As used in this Act [7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.], the term "State agricultural experiment station" means a department which shall have been established, under direction of the college or university or agricultural departments of the college or university in each State in accordance with an Act approved July 2, 1862, (12 Stat. 503), entitled "An Act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts" [7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.]; or such other substantially equivalent arrangements as any State shall determine.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 1, 24 Stat. 440; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 1, 69 Stat. 671; Pub. L. 92-318, title V, § 506(k), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 351; Pub. L. 93-471, title II, § 208(e), Oct. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1429; Pub. L. 105-185, title II, § 203(c)(1), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 534.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Hatch Act of 1887, referred to in text, is act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, 24 Stat. 440, which is classified generally to sections 361a to 361i of this title. For complete classification of this act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below, and Tables.

The Adams Act of 1906, referred to in text, is act Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, 34 Stat. 63, which was classified to sections 361, 366, 369, 371, 373 to 376, 380, and 382 of this title, and was repealed by act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674. For complete classification of this Act to the Code prior to repeal, see Tables.

The Purnell Act of 1925, referred to in text, is act Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, 43 Stat. 970, which was classified to sections 361, 366, 370, 371, 373 to 376, 380, and 382 of this title, and was repealed by act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674. For complete classification of this Act to the Code prior to repeal, see Tables.

The Bankhead-Jones Act, referred to in text, is act June 29, 1935, ch. 338, 49 Stat. 436, also popularly known as the Agricultural Research Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1935 Amendment note under section 3101 of this title and Tables.

Title I, section 9, of that Act, referred to in text, was classified to section 427h of this title prior to repeal.

The Act approved July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503), referred to in text, is act July 2, 1862, ch. 130, 12 Stat. 503, popularly known as the "Morrill Act" and also as the "First Morrill Act", which is classified generally to subchapter I (§ 301 et seq.) of chapter 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 301 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section 208 of Pub. L. 93-471, cited as a credit to this section, was renumbered section "209" by D.C. Law 1-36, § 4, Nov. 1, 1975, 22 DCR 2911.

Section was formerly classified to section 362 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-185 struck out "Alaska, Hawaii," before "Puerto Rico" in second sentence.