

§ 6933. Office of Risk Management**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish and maintain in the Department an independent Office of Risk Management.

(b) Functions of Office of Risk Management

The Office of Risk Management shall have jurisdiction over the following functions:

- (1) Supervision of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.
- (2) Administration and oversight of all aspects, including delivery through local offices of the Department, of all programs authorized under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).
- (3) Any pilot or other programs involving revenue insurance, risk management savings accounts, or the use of the futures market to manage risk and support farm income that may be established under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or other law.
- (4) Such other functions as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) Administrator**(1) Appointment**

The Office of Risk Management shall be headed by an Administrator who shall be appointed by the Secretary.

(2) Manager

The Administrator of the Office of Risk Management shall also serve as Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

(d) Resources**(1) Functional coordination**

Certain functions of the Office of Risk Management, such as human resources, public affairs, and legislative affairs, may be provided by a consolidation of such functions under the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

(2) Minimum provisions

Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or any other provision of law or order of the Secretary, the Secretary shall provide the Office of Risk Management with human and capital resources sufficient for the Office to carry out its functions in a timely and efficient manner.

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §226A, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title I, §194(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 945; amended Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, §§12405(a), 12415(a), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4975, 4981.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Crop Insurance Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), (3), is subtitle A of title V of act Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, 52 Stat. 72, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§1501 et seq.) of chapter 36 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-334, §12415(a), substituted “The Secretary” for “Subject to subsection (e), the Secretary”.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 115-334, §12405(a), substituted “Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production

and Conservation” for “Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services”.

§ 6934. Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

(1) Beginning farmer or rancher

The term “beginning farmer or rancher” has the meaning given the term in section 1991(a) of this title.

(2) Office

The term “Office” means the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement established under this section.

(3) Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher

The term “socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher” has the meaning given the term in section 2279(e)¹ of this title.

(b) Establishment and purpose**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall establish within the executive operations of the Department an office to be known as the “Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement”—

(A) to improve access to programs of the Department;

(B) to improve the viability and profitability of—

- (i) small farms and ranches;
- (ii) beginning farmers or ranchers;
- (iii) socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers;
- (iv) limited resource producers; and
- (v) veteran farmers and ranchers; and

(C) to promote youth outreach.

(2) Director

The Office shall be headed by a Director, to be appointed by the Secretary from among the competitive service.

(c) Duties

The duties of the Office shall be to ensure small farms and ranches, beginning farmers or ranchers, veteran farmers and ranchers, and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers access to, and equitable participation in, programs and services of the Department by—

(1) establishing and monitoring the goals and objectives of the Department to increase participation in programs of the Department by small, beginning, socially disadvantaged, or veteran farmers or ranchers;

(2) assessing the effectiveness of Department outreach programs;

(3) developing and implementing a plan to coordinate outreach activities and services provided by the Department;

(4) providing input to the agencies and offices on programmatic and policy decisions;

(5) measuring outcomes of the programs and activities of the Department on small farms and ranches, beginning farmers or ranchers, veteran farmers or ranchers, and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers programs;

¹ See References in Text note below.