

under section 5145 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] may be cited as the 'Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976'."

§ 3002. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter, the term "direct marketing from farmers to consumers" shall mean the marketing of agricultural commodities at any marketplace (including, but not limited to, roadside stands, city markets, and vehicles used for house-to-house marketing of agricultural commodities) established and maintained for the purpose of enabling farmers to sell (either individually or through a farmers' organization directly representing the farmers who produced the commodities being sold) their agricultural commodities directly to individual consumers, or organizations representing consumers, in a manner calculated to lower the cost and increase the quality of food to such consumers while providing increased financial returns to the farmers.

(Pub. L. 94-463, §3, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1982.)

§ 3003. Survey

The Secretary shall provide, through the Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, or whatever agency or agencies the Secretary considers appropriate, a continuing survey of existing methods of direct marketing from farmers to consumers in each State. The initial survey, which shall be completed no later than one year following October 8, 1976, shall include the number of types of such marketing methods in existence, the volume of business conducted through each such marketing method, and the impact of such marketing methods upon financial returns to farmers (including their impact upon improving the economic viability of small farmers) and food quality and costs to consumers.

(Pub. L. 94-463, §4, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1982.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 3006 of this title.

§ 3004. Direct marketing assistance within the States; allocation of funds; activities to be included in direct marketing program; consideration of consumer preferences

(a) In order to promote the establishment and operation of direct marketing from farmers to consumers, the Secretary shall provide that funds appropriated to carry out this section be utilized by State departments of agriculture and the Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of conducting or facilitating activities which will initiate, encourage, develop, or coordinate methods of direct marketing from farmers to consumers within or among the States. Such funds shall be allocated to a State on the basis of the feasibility of direct marketing from farmers to consumers within that State as compared to other States and shall be allocated within a State to the State department of agriculture and to the Extension Service on the basis of the types of activities which are needed in the State and on the basis of which of these two agencies, or combination thereof, can best perform these activi-

ties. The activities shall include, but shall not be limited to—

(1) sponsoring conferences which are designed to facilitate the sharing of information (among farm producers, consumers, and other interested persons or groups) concerning the establishment and operation of direct marketing from farmers to consumers;

(2) compiling laws and regulations relevant to the conduct of the various methods of such direct marketing within the State, formulating drafts and enabling legislation needed to facilitate such direct marketing, determining feasible locations for additional facilities for such direct marketing, and preparing and disseminating practical information on the establishment and operation of such direct marketing; and

(3) providing technical assistance for the purpose of aiding interested individuals or groups in the establishment of arrangements for direct marketing from farmers to consumers.

(b) In the implementation of this section, the Secretary shall take into account consumer preferences and needs which may bear upon the establishment and operation of arrangements for direct marketing from farmers to consumers.

(Pub. L. 94-463, §5, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1982.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 3006 of this title.

§ 3005. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-362, title I, § 101(d)(1), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3281

Section, Pub. L. 94-463, §6, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1983; Pub. L. 103-437, §4(a)(8), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4582, related to review of activities by Secretary and annual report to Congress.

§ 3006. Authorization of appropriations

(a) For purposes of carrying out section 3003 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary.

(b) For purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 3004 of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated \$1,500,000 for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, and September 30, 1978.

(Pub. L. 94-463, §7, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1983; Pub. L. 105-362, title I, §101(d)(2), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3281.)

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SUBCHAPTER I—FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND DEFINITIONS

§ 3101. Purposes of agricultural research, extension, and education

The purposes of federally supported agricultural research, extension, and education are to—

- (1) enhance the competitiveness of the United States agriculture and food industry in an increasingly competitive world environment;
- (2) increase the long-term productivity of the United States agriculture and food industry while maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base on which rural America and the United States agricultural economy depend;
- (3) develop new uses and new products for agricultural commodities, such as alternative fuels, and develop new crops;
- (4) support agricultural research and extension to promote economic opportunity in rural communities and to meet the increasing demand for information and technology transfer throughout the United States agriculture industry;
- (5) improve risk management in the United States agriculture industry;
- (6) improve the safe production and processing of, and adding of value to, United States food and fiber resources using methods that maintain the balance between yield and environmental soundness;
- (7) support higher education in agriculture to give the next generation of Americans the knowledge, technology, and applications necessary to enhance the competitiveness of United States agriculture; and
- (8) maintain an adequate, nutritious, and safe supply of food to meet human nutritional needs and requirements.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1402, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, § 1602(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3705; amended Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, § 801, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1156.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3101, Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1402, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 981; Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1402, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1294; Pub. L. 99-198, title