

carry out and expand the seniors farmers' market nutrition program \$20,600,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(b) Program purposes

The purposes of the seniors farmers' market nutrition program are—

(1) to provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs to low-income seniors;

(2) to increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs; and

(3) to develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs.

(c) Exclusion of benefits in determining eligibility for other programs

The value of any benefit provided to any eligible seniors farmers' market nutrition program recipient under this section shall not be considered to be income or resources for any purposes under any Federal, State, or local law.

(d) Prohibition on collection of sales tax

Each State shall ensure that no State or local tax is collected within the State on a purchase of food with a benefit distributed under the seniors farmers' market nutrition program.

(e) Regulations

The Secretary may promulgate such regulations as the Secretary considers to be necessary to carry out the seniors farmers' market nutrition program.

(f) Federal law not applicable

Section 1693o-2 of title 15 shall not apply to electronic benefit transfer systems established under this section.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title IV, § 4402, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 334; Pub. L. 110-234, title IV, §§ 4231, 4406(c)(1), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1124, 1142; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title IV, §§ 4231, 4406(c)(1), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1886, 1903; Pub. L. 111-203, title X, § 1075(c), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2074.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

Section was enacted as part of the Food Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2002 and also as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111-203 added subsec. (f).

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, § 4406(c)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "The Secretary of Agriculture shall use \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007, of the funds available to the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out and expand a seniors farmers' market nutrition program."

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 110-246, § 4231(1), inserted "honey," after "vegetables,".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-246, § 4231(2), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "The Secretary may issue such regulations as the Secretary considers necessary to carry out the seniors farmers' market nutrition program."

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 110-246, § 4231(3), added subsecs. (d) and (e).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-203 effective 1 day after July 21, 2010, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5301 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Amendment by sections 4231 and 4406(c)(1) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2008, see section 4407 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2002, except as otherwise provided, see section 4405 of Pub. L. 107-171, set out as a note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

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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 XIV, § 1402, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1542, stated Congressional findings, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, § 1601(f)(1)(A), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3704.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions which set out six purposes of federally funded agricultural research and extension programs.

SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-465, § 1, Dec. 21, 2004, 118 Stat. 3882, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 3123a, 7712a,

and 8321 of this title, amending section 5925 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1621 and 5925 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-161, § 1, Dec. 6, 2003, 117 Stat. 2014, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 3151a of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Veterinary Medical Service Act.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Section 1401 of title XIV of Pub. L. 99-198 provided that: “This title [enacting sections 1632, 3224, 3292, 3319a to 3319d, and 4701 to 4710 of this title, amending this section and sections 178c, 342, 343, 390 to 390d, 390f, 390h, 390i, 390j, 450i, 2266, 2662, 2663, 3103, 3121 to 3123, 3124a, 3125, 3151, 3152, 3194 to 3196, 3221 to 3223, 3291, 3311, 3312, 3318, 3319, 3322, 3324, 3335, and 3336 of this title, repealing sections 390e, 390g, 3174, 3177, 3301 to 3304, and 3323 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 343, 390, 390c, 450i, 3173, 3292, 3311, 3312, and 4701 of this title, amending provisions set out as a note under section 3222 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 2281 of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act Amendments of 1985.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Section 1401 of title XIV of Pub. L. 97-98 provided that: “This title [enacting sections 2271, 2661 to 2667, 3124a, 3223, 3317 to 3319, 3321 to 3324, and 3331 to 3336 of this title, amending this section and sections 322, 361c, 390c, 450i, 3102, 3103, 3121 to 3124, 3125 to 3128, 3151 to 3154, 3175, 3177, 3191, 3192, 3194 to 3196, 3221, 3222, 3263, 3282, 3291, 3311, and 3312 of this title, section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, sections 582a, 582a-1, and 582a-3 to 582a-5 of Title 16, Conservation, section 483 of former Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, and sections 6651 and 8852 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, repealing sections 2670 and 3176 of this title, omitting section 2668 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 2281 and 3176 of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act Amendments of 1981.’”

SHORT TITLE

Section 1401 of title XIV of Pub. L. 95-113 provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter and sections 2669 and 2670 of this title, amending sections 341, 342, 343, 361c, 390 to 390j, 427, 450i, 1923, 1942, 2662, 2663, and 2667 of this title and section 6651 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and repealing section 390k of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977.’”

REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, § 7404, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 457, as amended by Pub. L. 108-11, title II, § 2101(b), Apr. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 589; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7511(c)(7), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1267; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7511(c)(7), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2029, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act [May 13, 2002], the Secretary [of Agriculture] shall establish a task force to—

“(1) conduct a review of the Agricultural Research Service; and

“(2) evaluate the merits of establishing one or more National Institutes focused on disciplines important to the progress of food and agricultural science.

“(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall consist of 8 members, appointed by the Secretary, that—

“(A) have a broad-based background in plant, animal, and agricultural sciences research, food, nutrition, biotechnology, crop production methods, environmental science, or related disciplines; and