

Public Law 96-213
96th Congress

An Act

To adjust target prices for the 1980 and 1981 crops of wheat and feed grains; to extend the disaster payment programs for the 1980 crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice; and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to require that producers of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice not exceed the normal crop acreage for the 1980 and 1981 crops.

Mar. 18, 1980

[H.R. 3398]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1980".

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7 USC 1421 note.

TARGET PRICES FOR THE 1980 AND 1981 CROPS OF CORN AND WHEAT

SEC. 2. Section 105A(b)(1) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 is amended by—

7 USC 1444c.

(1) in the third sentence of subparagraph (B), striking out "through 1981 crops" and inserting in lieu thereof "crop"; and

(2) adding at the end of subparagraph (B) two new sentences as follows: "The established price for corn shall be \$2.35 per bushel in the case of the 1980 crop. For the 1981 crop, the established price shall be not less than the established price for the 1980 crop, adjusted upward to reflect such changes in the cost of producing corn as the Secretary finds necessary and appropriate for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a fair and equitable relationship between loan rates, established prices, and production costs for corn and competing commodities."

SEC. 3. Section 107A(b)(1) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 is amended by striking out the fourth sentence of subparagraph (B) and adding at the end thereof two new sentences as follows: "The established price for wheat shall be \$3.63 per bushel in the case of the 1980 crop. For the 1981 crop, the established price shall be not less than the established price for the 1980 crop, adjusted upward to reflect such changes in the cost of producing wheat as the Secretary finds necessary and appropriate for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a fair and equitable relationship between loan rates, established prices, and production costs for wheat and competing commodities."

7 USC 1445b.

EXTENSION OF DISASTER PAYMENT PROGRAMS

SEC. 4. (a) Section 101(h)(4) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 is amended by—

7 USC 1441.

(1) in subparagraph (B), striking out "1978 and 1979 crops of rice" and inserting in lieu thereof "1978, 1979, and 1980 crops of rice"; and

(2) in subparagraph (C), striking out "1978 and 1979 crops of rice" and inserting in lieu thereof "1978, 1979, and 1980 crops of rice".

(b) Section 103(f)(5) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 is amended by—

7 USC 1444.

(1) in subparagraph (A), striking out "1978 and 1979 crops of upland cotton" and inserting in lieu thereof "1978, 1979, and 1980 crops of upland cotton"; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), striking out "1978 and 1979 crops of upland cotton" and inserting in lieu thereof "1978, 1979, and 1980 crops of upland cotton".

7 USC 1444c.

(c) Section 105A(b)(2) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 is amended by—

(1) in subparagraph (A), striking out "1978 and 1979 crops of feed grains" and inserting in lieu thereof "1978, 1979, and 1980 crops of feed grains"; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), striking out "1978 and 1979 crops of feed grains" and inserting in lieu thereof "1978, 1979, and 1980 crops of feed grains".

7 USC 1445b.

(d) Section 107A(b)(2) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 is amended by—

(1) in subparagraph (A), striking out "1978 and 1979 crops of wheat" and inserting in lieu thereof "1978, 1979, and 1980 crops of wheat"; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), striking out "1978 and 1979 crops of wheat" and inserting in lieu thereof "1978, 1979, and 1980 crops of wheat".

LIMITATIONS ON DISASTER PAYMENTS

7 USC 1308.

SEC. 5. Effective for the 1980 and 1981 crops, section 101 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 is amended by—

(1) in subsection (1), inserting "(excluding disaster payments)" after "payments";

(2) inserting after subsection (1) a new subsection (2) as follows:

7 USC 1421 note.

7 USC 1281.

"(2) Beginning with the 1980 crop year, the total amount of disaster payments that a person shall be entitled to receive under one or more of the annual programs established under the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, and the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, for wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice for any crop year shall not exceed \$100,000.";

(3) redesignating subsections (2), (3), and (4) as subsections (3), (4), and (5), respectively; and

(4) in subsection (3), as redesignated by clause (3) of this section, striking out "disaster loss or".

NORMAL CROP ACREAGE

7 USC 1309.

SEC. 6. Effective for the 1980 and 1981 crops, section 1001 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 is amended to read as follows:

"NORMALLY PLANTED ACREAGE AND TARGET PRICES

Loans,
purchases, and
payments,
eligibility.

7 USC 1421 note.

"SEC. 1001. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective for one or more of the 1980 and 1981 crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice, the Secretary of Agriculture may require, as a condition of eligibility for loans, purchases, and payments under the Agricultural Act of 1949, that producers not exceed the acreage on the farm normally planted to crops designated by the Secretary, adjusted as deemed necessary by the Secretary to be fair and equitable among producers. The acreage for any farm normally planted to crops designated by the Secretary shall be reduced by any set-aside or diverted acreage.

"(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

"(1) Whenever the Secretary, for one or more of the 1980 and 1981 crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice, requires that producers not exceed the acreage on the farm normally planted to crops designated by the Secretary in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary may increase the established price for any such commodity by the amount the Secretary determines appropriate to compensate producers for not exceeding the acreage on the farm normally planted to crops designated by the Secretary and participation in any required set-aside with respect to such commodity.

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price, increase.

"(2) In determining the amount of any increase in the established price for any commodity under this subsection, the Secretary shall take into account changes in the cost of production resulting from not exceeding the acreage on the farm normally planted to crops designated by the Secretary and participation in any required set-aside with respect to such commodity.

"(3) If the established price is increased for any commodity under this subsection, the Secretary may increase the established price for any other commodity in such amount as the Secretary determines necessary for effective operation of the program.

"(4) The Secretary shall adjust any increase in the established price under this subsection to reflect, in whole or in part, any land diversion payments for the commodity for which an increase is determined.

"(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, producers of the 1980 crop of any commodity who exceed the acreage on the farm normally planted to crops designated by the Secretary may receive loans and purchases and, in the case of commodities for which there is an established price, payments based on the established price for the commodity as determined under the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Act of 1949 in effect on the date preceding the date of enactment of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1980."

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payments.

7 USC 1421 note.
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