

§ 180. Expenditures by farmers for fertilizer, etc.**(a) In general**

A taxpayer engaged in the business of farming may elect to treat as expenses which are not chargeable to capital account expenditures (otherwise chargeable to capital account) which are paid or incurred by him during the taxable year for the purchase or acquisition of fertilizer, lime, ground limestone, marl, or other materials to enrich, neutralize, or condition land used in farming, or for the application of such materials to such land. The expenditures so treated shall be allowed as a deduction.

(b) Land used in farming

For purposes of subsection (a), the term “land used in farming” means land used (before or simultaneously with the expenditures described in subsection (a)) by the taxpayer or his tenant for the production of crops, fruits, or other agricultural products or for the sustenance of livestock.

(c) Election

The election under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall be made within the time prescribed by law (including extensions thereof) for filing the return for such taxable year. Such election shall be made in such manner as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe. Such election may not be revoked except with the consent of the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 86-779, §6(a), Sept. 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 1001; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 6(d) of Pub. L. 86-779 provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a), (b), and (c) [enacting this section and amending section 263 of this title] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1959.”

§ 181. Treatment of certain qualified film and television productions**(a) Election to treat costs as expenses****(1) In general**

A taxpayer may elect to treat the cost of any qualified film or television production as an expense which is not chargeable to capital account. Any cost so treated shall be allowed as a deduction.

(2) Dollar limitation**(A) In general**

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to so much of the aggregate cost of any qualified film or television production as exceeds \$15,000,000.

(B) Higher dollar limitation for productions in certain areas

In the case of any qualified film or television production the aggregate cost of which is significantly incurred in an area eligible for designation as—

- (i) a low-income community under section 45D, or

- (ii) a distressed county or isolated area of distress by the Delta Regional Authority established under section 2009aa-1 of title 7, United States Code,

subparagraph (A) shall be applied by substituting “\$20,000,000” for “\$15,000,000”.

(b) No other deduction or amortization deduction allowable

With respect to the basis of any qualified film or television production to which an election is made under subsection (a), no other depreciation or amortization deduction shall be allowable.

(c) Election**(1) In general**

An election under this section with respect to any qualified film or television production shall be made in such manner as prescribed by the Secretary and by the due date (including extensions) for filing the taxpayer’s return of tax under this chapter for the taxable year in which costs of the production are first incurred.

(2) Revocation of election

Any election made under this section may not be revoked without the consent of the Secretary.

(d) Qualified film or television production

For purposes of this section—

(1) In general

The term “qualified film or television production” means any production described in paragraph (2) if 75 percent of the total compensation of the production is qualified compensation.

(2) Production**(A) In general**

A production is described in this paragraph if such production is property described in section 168(f)(3).

(B) Special rules for television series

In the case of a television series—

- (i) each episode of such series shall be treated as a separate production, and
- (ii) only the first 44 episodes of such series shall be taken into account.

(C) Exception

A production is not described in this paragraph if records are required under section 2257 of title 18, United States Code, to be maintained with respect to any performer in such production.

(3) Qualified compensation

For purposes of paragraph (1)—

(A) In general

The term “qualified compensation” means compensation for services performed in the United States by actors, production personnel, directors, and producers.

(B) Participations and residuals excluded

The term “compensation” does not include participations and residuals (as defined in section 167(g)(7)(B)).

(e) Application of certain other rules

For purposes of this section, rules similar to the rules of subsections (b)(2) and (c)(4) of section 194 shall apply.