

(2)(A) evaluate the progress that the eligible entity has made toward the strategic objectives identified in the application for the grant; and

(B) measure that progress using performance measures during the project period, which may include—

- (i) high-wage jobs created;
- (ii) high-wage jobs retained;
- (iii) private investment leveraged;
- (iv) businesses improved;
- (v) new business formations;
- (vi) new products or services commercialized;

(vii) improvement of the value of existing products or services under development;

(viii) regional collaboration, as measured by such metrics as—

(I) the number of organizations actively engaged in the industry cluster;

(II) the number of symposia held by the industry cluster, including organizations that are not located in the immediate region defined by the partnership; and

(III) the number of further cooperative agreements;

(ix) the number of education and training activities relating to innovation;

(x) the number of jobs relocated from outside of the United States to the region;

(xi) the amount and number of new equity investments in industry cluster firms;

(xii) the amount and number of new loans to industry cluster firms;

(xiii) the dollar increase in exports resulting from the project activities;

(xiv) the percentage of employees for which training was provided;

(xv) improvement in sales of participating businesses;

(xvi) improvement in wages paid at participating businesses;

(xvii) improvement in income of participating workers; or

(xviii) any other measure the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

**(f) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379I, as added Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6424, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4765.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B)(ii)(III)(bb), is act May 20, 1936, ch. 432, 49 Stat. 1363. Title VI of the Act is classified generally to subchapter VI (§950bb et seq.) of chapter 31 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 901 of this title and Tables.

**§ 2008x. Reporting**

**(a) Definition of farm loan**

In this section, the term “farm loan” means—

(1) a farm ownership loan under subtitle A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1922 et seq.); and

(2) an operating loan under subtitle B of that Act (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.).

**(b) Reports**

**(1) Preparation**

For each fiscal year, the Secretary shall prepare a report that includes—

(A) aggregate data based on a review of each outstanding farm loan made or guaranteed by the Secretary describing, for the United States and for each State and county in the United States—

(i) the age of the recipient producer;

(ii) the duration that the recipient producer has engaged in agricultural production;

(iii) the size of the farm or ranch of the recipient producer;

(iv) the race, ethnicity, and gender of the recipient producer;

(v) the agricultural commodity or commodities, or type of enterprise, for which the loan was secured;

(vi) the amount of the farm loan made or guaranteed;

(vii) the type of the farm loan made or guaranteed; and

(viii) the default rate of the farm loan made or guaranteed;

(B) for each State and county in the United States, data demonstrating the number of outstanding farm loans made or guaranteed, according to loan size cohort; and

(C) an assessment of actual loans made or guaranteed as measured against target participation rates for beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers, broken down by State, as described in sections 346(b)(2) and 355 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1994(b)(2), 2003).

**(2) Submission of report**

The report described in paragraph (1) shall be—

(A) submitted—

(i) to—

(I) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives;

(II) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(III) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate; and

(IV) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(ii) not later than December 30, 2019, and annually thereafter; and

(B) made publicly available not later than 90 days after the date described in subparagraph (A)(ii).

**(c) Comprehensive review**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 4 years after December 20, 2018 (and every 5 years thereafter), the Secretary shall—

(A) prepare a comprehensive review of all reports submitted under subsection (b)(2);

(B) identify trends within data outlined in subsection (b)(1), including the extent to

which target annual participation rates for beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers (as defined by the Secretary) are being met for each loan type; and

(C) provide specific actions the Department will take to improve the performance of direct and guaranteed loans with respect to underserved producers and any recommendations the Secretary may make for further congressional action.

**(2) Submission of comprehensive review**

The comprehensive review described in paragraph (1) shall be—

(A) submitted to—

- (i) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives;
- (ii) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;
- (iii) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate; and
- (iv) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) made publicly available not later than 90 days after the date of submission under subparagraph (A).

**(d) Privacy**

In preparing any report or review under this section, the Secretary shall aggregate or de-identify the data in a manner sufficient to ensure that the identity of a recipient producer associated with the data cannot be ascertained.

(Pub. L. 115–334, title V, §5413, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4722.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is title III of Pub. L. 87–128, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 307. Subtitles A and B of the Act are classified generally to subchapters I (§1922 et seq.) and II (§1941 et seq.), respectively, of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1921 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, and not as part of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act which comprises this chapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 2 of Pub. L. 115–334, set out as a note under section 9001 of this title.

**SUBCHAPTER V—RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM**

**§ 2009. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) State**

The term “State” means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

**(2) State director**

The term “State director” means, with respect to a State, the Director of the Rural Economic and Community Development State Office.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, §381A, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1139; amended Pub. L. 107–171, title VI, §6020(b)(2), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 363.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107–171 redesignated pars. (2) and (3) as (1) and (2), respectively, and struck out heading and text of former par. (1). Text read as follows: “The terms ‘rural’ and ‘rural area’ mean, subject to section 1926(a)(7) of this title, a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, other than an urbanized area immediately adjacent to a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants.”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

DEFINITION OF RURAL AREAS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAMS

Pub. L. 106–78, title VII, §730, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1164, provided that: “Notwithstanding section 381A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009), in fiscal year 2000 and thereafter, the definitions of rural areas for certain business programs administered by the Rural Business-Cooperative Service and the community facilities programs administered by the Rural Housing Service shall be those provided for in statute and regulations prior to the enactment of Public Law 104–127 [Apr. 4, 1996].”

Similar provisions were contained in Pub. L. 105–277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §735], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681–29, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107–171, title VI, §6020(b)(3), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 363.

**Executive Documents**

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 2009a. Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish a rural community advancement program to provide grants, loans, loan guarantees, and other assistance to meet the rural development needs of local communities in States and federally recognized Indian tribes.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, §381B, as added Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1139.)

**§ 2009b. National objectives**

The national objectives of the program established under this subchapter shall be to—

(1) promote strategic development activities and collaborative efforts by State and local communities, and federally recognized Indian tribes, to maximize the impact of Federal assistance;

(2) optimize the use of resources;