

**§ 347a. Disadvantaged agricultural areas****(a) Congressional findings**

The Congress finds that there exists special circumstances in certain agricultural areas which cause such areas to be at a disadvantage insofar as agricultural development is concerned, which circumstances include the following: (1) There is concentration of farm families on farms either too small or too unproductive or both; (2) such farm operators because of limited productivity are unable to make adjustments and investments required to establish profitable operations; (3) the productive capacity of the existing farm unit does not permit profitable employment of available labor; (4) because of limited resources, many of these farm families are not able to make full use of current extension programs designed for families operating economic units nor are extension facilities adequate to provide the assistance needed to produce desirable results.

**(b) Appropriation**

In order to further the purposes of section 342 of this title in such areas and to encourage complementary development essential to the welfare of such areas, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as the Congress from time to time shall determine to be necessary for payments to the States on the basis of special needs in such areas as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(c) Assistance**

In determining that the area has such special need, the Secretary shall find that it has a substantial number of disadvantaged farms or farm families for one or more of the reasons heretofore enumerated. The Secretary shall make provisions for the assistance to be extended to include one or more of the following: (1) Intensive on-the-farm educational assistance to the farm family in appraising and resolving its problems; (2) assistance and counseling to local groups in appraising resources for capability of improvement in agriculture or introduction of industry designed to supplement farm income; (3) cooperation with other agencies and groups in furnishing all possible information as to existing employment opportunities, particularly to farm families having under-employed workers; and (4) in cases where the farm family, after analysis of its opportunities and existing resources, finds it advisable to seek a new farming venture, the providing of information, advice, and counsel in connection with making such change.

**(d) Allocation of funds**

No more than 10 per centum of the sums available under this section shall be allotted to any one State. The Secretary shall use project proposals and plans of work submitted by the State Extension directors as a basis for determining the allocation of funds appropriated pursuant to this section.

**(e) Appropriation as additional; limitation on amount**

Sums appropriated pursuant to this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution

for, appropriations otherwise available under this subchapter. The amounts authorized to be appropriated pursuant to this section shall not exceed a sum in any year equal to 10 per centum of sums otherwise appropriated pursuant to this subchapter.

(May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 8, as added Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 798, § 1(a), 69 Stat. 683; amended Pub. L. 87-749, § 1(h), Oct. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 745.)

**Editorial Notes**

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8 of act May 8, 1914, was renumbered section 9 and is classified to section 348 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1962—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 87-749 struck out “, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico” before “on the basis of”.

**§ 348. Rules and regulations**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this subchapter.

(May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 9, formerly § 8, 38 Stat. 374; June 26, 1953, ch. 157, § 1, 67 Stat. 85; renumbered § 9, Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 798, § 1(b), 69 Stat. 684.)

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## AMENDMENTS

1953—Act June 26, 1953, substituted provisions for rules and regulations for provisions empowering Congress to alter, amend, or repeal sections 341 to 343 and 344 to 348 of this title at any time.

**§ 349. “State” defined**

The term “State” means the States of the Union, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

(May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 10, as added Pub. L. 87-749, § 1(i), Oct. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 745; amended Pub. L. 92-318, title V, § 506(h), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 351; Pub. L. 99-396, § 9(f), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 840.)

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## AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-396 amended section generally, expanding definition of “State” to include the Northern Mariana Islands.

1972—Pub. L. 92-318 inserted reference to Virgin Islands and Guam.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-318 effective after June 30, 1970, see section 506(n) of Pub. L. 92-318, set out as a note under section 326a of this title.

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