

Editorial Notes**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Subsecs. (a) and (e) of section 2279 of this title, referred to in subsecs. (a)(3) and (d)(2)(B), were redesignated subsecs. (c) and (a), respectively, of section 2279 of this title by section 12301(b)(3) of Pub. L. 115-334.

Section 14009 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, referred to in subsec. (d)(3)(A), probably means section 14008 of Pub. L. 110-246, which is set out as a note under section 2279 of this title, because section 14008 of the Act established the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers and section 14009 of the Act amended section 7000 of this title.

The date of the enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (d)(4)(B), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

Section 5(b) of the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992, referred to in subsec. (e)(2)(C), is section 5(b) of Pub. L. 102-554, which is set out as a note under section 1929 of this title.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(1)(A), substituted “Partnerships and Public Engagement” for “Advocacy and Outreach” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(1)(B), substituted “Partnerships and Public Engagement” for “Advocacy and Outreach”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(1)(B), substituted “Partnerships and Public Engagement” for “Advocacy and Outreach” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B)(iv), (v), (C). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(b)(1), added cls. (iv) and (v) of subpar. (B) and subpar. (C).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(b)(2)(A), inserted “veteran farmers and ranchers,” after “beginning farmers or ranchers,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(b)(2)(B), substituted “socially disadvantaged, or veteran” for “or socially disadvantaged”.

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(b)(2)(C), inserted “veteran farmers or ranchers,” after “beginning farmers or ranchers,”.

Subsec. (d)(4)(B). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(1)(B), substituted “Partnerships and Public Engagement” for “Advocacy and Outreach”.

Subsec. (e)(2)(B). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(a)(2)(A), substituted “the beginning farmer and rancher development grant program established under subsection (d) of section 2279 of this title.” for “the beginning farmer and rancher development program established under section 3319f of this title.”

Subsec. (f)(3)(B). Pub. L. 115-334, § 12406(c), substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (f)(3). Pub. L. 113-79 amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subsection for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**CHANGE OF NAME**

Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, § 12406(a)(2), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4976, provided that: “Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 2018], any reference to the Office of Advocacy and Outreach established under section 226B of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6934) in any provision of Federal law shall be deemed to be a reference to the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment 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, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 6934a. Beginning farmer and rancher coordination**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

(1) Beginning farmer or rancher

The term “beginning farmer or rancher” has the meaning given such term in section 2279(a) of this title.

(2) National Coordinator

The term “National Coordinator” means the National Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator established under subsection (b)(1).

(3) State coordinator

The term “State coordinator” means a State beginning farmer and rancher coordinator designated under subsection (c)(1)(A).

(4) State office

The term “State office” means—

(A) a State office of—

- (i) the Farm Service Agency;
- (ii) the Natural Resources Conservation Service;
- (iii) the Rural Business-Cooperative Service; or
- (iv) the Rural Utilities Service; or

(B) a regional office of the Risk Management Agency.

(b) National Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator**(1) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish in the Department the position of National Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator.

(2) Duties**(A) In general**

The National Coordinator shall—

- (i) advise the Secretary and coordinate activities of the Department on programs, policies, and issues relating to beginning farmers and ranchers; and
- (ii) in consultation with the applicable State food and agriculture council, determine whether to approve a plan submitted by a State coordinator under subsection (c)(3)(B).

(B) Discretionary duties

Additional duties of the National Coordinator may include—

(i) developing and implementing new strategies—

(I) for outreach to beginning farmers and ranchers; and

(II) to assist beginning farmers and ranchers with connecting to owners or operators that have ended, or expect to end within 5 years, actively owning or operating a farm or ranch; and

(ii) facilitating interagency and interdepartmental collaboration on issues relating to beginning farmers and ranchers.

(3) Reports

Not less frequently than once each year, the National Coordinator shall distribute within the Department and make publicly available a report describing the status of steps taken to carry out the duties described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2).

(4) Contracts and cooperative agreements

In carrying out the duties under paragraph (2), the National Coordinator may enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with an institution of higher education (as defined in section 1001 of title 20), cooperative extension services (as defined in section 3103 of this title), or a nonprofit organization—

- (A) to conduct research on the profitability of new farms in operation for not less than 5 years in a region;
- (B) to develop educational materials;
- (C) to conduct workshops, courses, training, or certified vocational training; or
- (D) to conduct mentoring activities.

(c) State beginning farmer and rancher coordinators**(1) In general****(A) Designation**

The National Coordinator, in consultation with State food and agriculture councils and directors of State offices, shall designate in each State a State beginning farmer and rancher coordinator from among employees of State offices.

(B) Requirements

To be designated as a State coordinator, an employee shall—

- (i) be familiar with issues relating to beginning farmers and ranchers; and
- (ii) have the ability to coordinate with other Federal departments and agencies.

(2) Training

The Secretary shall develop a training plan to provide to each State coordinator knowledge of programs and services available from the Department for beginning farmers and ranchers, taking into consideration the needs of all production types and sizes of agricultural operations.

(3) Duties

A State coordinator shall—

- (A) coordinate technical assistance at the State level to assist beginning farmers and ranchers in accessing programs of the Department;
- (B) develop and submit to the National Coordinator for approval under subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii) a State plan to improve the coordination, delivery, and efficacy of programs of the Department to beginning farmers and ranchers, taking into consideration the needs of all types of production methods and sizes of agricultural operation, at each county and area office in the State;
- (C) oversee implementation of an approved State plan described in subparagraph (B);
- (D) work with outreach coordinators in the State offices to ensure appropriate information about technical assistance is available at outreach events and activities; and

(E) coordinate partnerships and joint outreach efforts with other organizations and government agencies serving beginning farmers and ranchers.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, § 7404, as added Pub. L. 115–334, title XII, § 12304, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4965.)

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 7404 of Pub. L. 107–171 was classified as a note under section 3101 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 115–334, title VII, § 7506, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4823.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, which in part comprises this chapter.

§ 6934b. Agricultural Youth Organization Coordinator**(a) Authorization**

The Secretary shall establish in the Department the position of Agricultural Youth Organization Coordinator.

(b) Duties

The Agricultural Youth Organization Coordinator shall—

- (1) promote the role of youth-serving organizations and school-based agricultural education in motivating and preparing young people to pursue careers in the agriculture, food, and natural resources systems;
- (2) work to help build youth awareness of the reach and importance of agriculture, across a diversity of fields and disciplines;
- (3) identify short-term and long-term interests of the Department and provide opportunities, resources, input, and coordination with programs and agencies of the Department to youth-serving organizations and school-based agricultural education, including the development of internship opportunities;
- (4) share, internally and externally, the extent to which active steps are being taken to encourage collaboration with, and support of, youth-serving organizations and school-based agricultural education;
- (5) provide information to youth involved in food and agriculture organizations concerning the availability of, and eligibility requirements for, participation in agricultural programs, with particular emphasis on beginning farmer and rancher programs;
- (6) serve as a resource for assisting youth involved in food and agriculture organizations in applying for participation in agriculture; and
- (7) advocate on behalf of youth involved in food and agriculture organizations in interactions with employees of the Department.

(c) Contracts and cooperative agreements

For purposes of carrying out the duties under subsection (b), the Agricultural Youth Organization Coordinator shall consult with the cooperative extension and the land-grant university systems, and may enter into contracts or coop-