

**§ 7655. Safe food handling education**

The Secretary of Agriculture shall continue to develop a national program of safe food handling education for adults and young people to reduce the risk of food-borne illness. The national program shall be suitable for adoption and implementation through State cooperative extension services and school-based education programs.

(Pub. L. 105-185, title VI, § 616, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 606.)

**§ 7655a. Food safety education initiatives****(a) Initiative authorized**

The Secretary may carry out a food safety education program to educate the public and persons in the fresh produce industry about—

- (1) scientifically proven practices for reducing microbial pathogens on fresh produce; and
- (2) methods of reducing the threat of cross-contamination of fresh produce through sanitary handling practices.

**(b) Cooperation**

The Secretary may carry out the education program in cooperation with public and private partners.

**(c) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2023, to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title X, § 10105, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1336; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title X, § 10105, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2098; Pub. L. 113-79, title X, § 10006, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 947; Pub. L. 115-334, title X, § 10106, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4905.)

**Editorial Notes****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 L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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.

Section was enacted as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, and not as part of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, which in part comprises this chapter.

**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “2018” for “2012”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****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.

**DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”**

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of this title.

**§ 7655b. Forestry products advanced utilization research****(a) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish a forestry and forestry products research and extension initia-

tive to develop and disseminate science-based tools that address the needs of the forestry sector and their respective regions, forest and timberland owners and managers, and forestry products engineering, manufacturing, and related interests.

**(b) Activities**

The initiative described in subsection (a) shall include the following activities:

- (1) Research conducted for purposes of—

(A) wood quality improvement with respect to lumber strength and grade yield;

(B) the development of novel engineered lumber products and renewable energy from wood; and

(C) enhancing the longevity, sustainability, and profitability of timberland through sound management and utilization.

- (2) Demonstration activities and technology transfer to demonstrate the beneficial characteristics of wood as a green building material, including investments in life cycle assessment for wood products.

- (3) Projects designed to improve—

(A) forestry products, lumber, and evaluation standards and valuation techniques;

(B) lumber quality and value-based, on-forest management techniques; and

(C) forestry products conversion and manufacturing efficiency, productivity, and profitability over the long term (including forestry product marketing).

**(c) Grants****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall make competitive grants to carry out the activities described in subsection (b).

**(2) Priorities**

In making grants under this section, the Secretary shall give higher priority to activities that are carried out by entities that—

(A) are multistate, multiinstitutional, or multidisciplinary;

(B) have explicit mechanisms to communicate results to producers, forestry industry stakeholders, policymakers, and the public; and

(C) have—

(i) extensive history and demonstrated experience in forestry and forestry products research;

(ii) existing capacity in forestry products research and dissemination; and

(iii) a demonstrated means of evaluating and responding to the needs of the related commercial sector.

**(3) Administration**

In making grants under this section, the Secretary shall follow the requirements of paragraphs (4), (7), (8), and (11)(B) of subsection (b) of section 3157 of this title.

**(4) Term**

The term of a grant made under this section may not exceed 10 years.

**(d) Coordination**

The Secretary shall ensure that any activities carried out under this section are carried out in