

**(2) Consultation, approval, and reversal**

The decision by a State Director or State Conservationist to grant relief under this subsection—

(A) shall not require prior approval by the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other officer or employee of the Agency or Service;

(B) shall be made only after consultation with, and the approval of, the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture; and

(C) is subject to reversal only by the Secretary (who may not delegate the reversal authority).

**(3) Nonapplicability**

The authority of a State Director or State Conservationist under this subsection does not apply to the administration of—

(A) payment limitations under—

(i) sections 1001 through 1001F of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308 et seq.); or

(ii) a conservation program administered by the Secretary.

(B) highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements under subtitle B or C of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3811 et seq.).

**(4) Other authority**

The authority provided to a State Director and State Conservationist under this subsection is in addition to any other applicable authority and does not limit other authority provided by law or the Secretary.

**(f) Judicial review**

A discretionary decision by the Secretary, the State Director, or the State Conservationist under this section shall be final, and shall not be subject to review under chapter 7 of title 5.

**(g) Reports**

Not later than February 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that describes for the previous calendar year—

(1) the number of requests for equitable relief under subsections (b) and (e) and the disposition of the requests; and

(2) the number of requests for equitable relief under section 6998(d) of this title and the disposition of the requests.

**(h) Relationship to other law**

The authority provided in this section is in addition to any other authority provided in this or any other Act.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1613, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 219.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(B)(i), is title III of Pub. L. 87-128, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 307, which is classified prin-

cipally to chapter 50 (§1921 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of the Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1921 of this title and Tables.

The Federal Crop Insurance Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(B)(ii), is subtitle A of title V of act Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, 52 Stat. 72, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§1501 et seq.) of chapter 36 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1501 of this title and Tables.

The Food Security Act of 1985, referred to in subsec. (e)(3)(B), is Pub. L. 99-198, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1354. Subtitles B and C of title XII of the Act are classified generally to subchapters II (§3811 et seq.) and III (§3821 et seq.), respectively, of chapter 58 of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1985 Amendment note set out under section 1281 of this title and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 1613 of Pub. L. 107-171. Subsec. (i) of section 1613 of Pub. L. 107-171 amended section 7001 of this title. Subsec. (j) of section 1613 amended section 6998 of this title and repealed sections 1339a of this title and section 3830a of Title 16, Conservation.

**§ 7997. Tracking of benefits**

As soon as practicable after May 13, 2002, the Secretary shall establish procedures to track the benefits provided, directly or indirectly, to individuals and entities under titles I and II and the amendments made by those titles.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1614, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 222.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Titles I and II, referred to in text, mean titles I and II of Pub. L. 107-171, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 143. For complete classification of titles I and II of Pub. L. 107-171 to the Code, see Tables.

**§ 7998. Estimates of net farm income**

In each issuance of projections of net farm income, the Secretary shall include (as determined by the Secretary)—

(1) an estimate of the net farm income earned by commercial producers in the United States; and

(2) an estimate of the net farm income attributable to commercial producers of each of the following:

(A) Livestock.

(B) Loan commodities.

(C) Agricultural commodities other than loan commodities.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1615, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 222.)

**§ 7999. Availability of incentive payments for certain producers****(a) Incentive payments required**

Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary shall make available a total of \$20,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation during the 2003 through 2005 crop years to provide incentive payments to producers of hard white wheat.

**(b) Conditions on implementation**

The Secretary shall implement subsection (a)—

(1) only with regard to production that meets minimum quality criteria; and

(2) on not more than 2,000,000 acres or the equivalent volume of production.

**(c) Demand for wheat**

To be eligible to obtain an incentive payment under subsection (a), a producer shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary that buyers and end-users are available for the wheat to be covered by the incentive payment.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1616, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 222.)

**§ 8000. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1623(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1025, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1623(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1753**

Section, Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1617, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 222, related to renewed availability of market loss assistance and certain emergency assistance to persons that failed to receive assistance under earlier authorities.

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

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

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal 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 an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

**§ 8001. Producer retention of erroneously paid loan deficiency payments and marketing loan gains**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary and the Commodity Credit Corporation shall not require producers in Erie County, Pennsylvania, to repay loan deficiency payments and marketing loan gains erroneously paid or determined to have been earned by the Commodity Credit Corporation for certain 1998 and 1999 crops under subtitle C of title I of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7231 et seq.). In the case of a producer who has already made the repayment on or before May 13, 2002, the Commodity Credit Corporation shall reimburse the producer for the full amount of the repayment.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1618, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 223.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 104-127, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 888. Subtitle C of title I of the Act is classified generally to subchapter III (§7231 et seq.) of chapter 100 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7201 of this title and Tables.

**§ 8002. Implementation funding and information management**

**(a) Additional funds for administrative costs**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Farm Service Agency, may use not more than \$55,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to cover administrative costs associated with the implementation of title I and the amendments made by that title.

**(2) Availability**

The funds referred to in paragraph (1) shall remain available to the Secretary until expended.

**(3) Set-aside**

Of the amount specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use not less than \$5,000,000, but not more than \$8,000,000, to carry out subsection (b).

**(b) Information management**

**(1) Development of system**

The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop a comprehensive information management system, using appropriate technologies, to be used in implementing the programs administered by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Farm Service Agency.

**(2) Elements**

The information management system developed under this subsection shall be designed to—

(A) improve access by agricultural producers to programs described in paragraph (1);

(B) improve and protect the integrity of the information collected;

(C) meet the needs of the agencies that require the data in the administration of their programs;

(D) improve the timeliness of the collection of the information;

(E) contribute to the elimination of duplication of information collection;

(F) lower the overall cost to the Department of Agriculture for information collection; and

(G) achieve such other goals as the Secretary considers appropriate.

**(3) Reconciliation of current information management**

The Secretary shall ensure that all current information of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Farm Service Agency is combined, reconciled, redefined, and reformatted in such a manner so that the agencies can use the common information management system developed under this subsection.

**(4) Assistance for development of system**

The Secretary shall enter into an agreement or contract with a non-Federal entity to assist the Secretary in the development of the information management system. The Secretary shall give preference in entering into an agreement or contract to entities that have—