

**(B) Hybrid seed**

In determining whether a grower of hybrid seed is a producer, the Secretary shall—

- (i) not take into consideration the existence of a hybrid seed contract; and
- (ii) ensure that program requirements do not adversely affect the ability of the grower to receive a payment under this chapter.

**(14) Pulse crop**

The term “pulse crop” means dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas, and large chickpeas.

**(15) State**

The term “State” means—

- (A) a State;
- (B) the District of Columbia;
- (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and
- (D) any other territory or possession of the United States.

**(16) Target price**

The term “target price” means the price per bushel, pound, or hundredweight (or other appropriate unit) of a covered commodity used to determine the payment rate for counter-cyclical payments.

**(17) United States**

The term “United States”, when used in a geographical sense, means all of the States.

**(18) United States Premium Factor**

The term “United States Premium Factor” means the percentage by which the difference in the United States loan schedule premiums for Strict Middling (SM) 1½-inch upland cotton and for Middling (M) 1½-inch upland cotton exceeds the difference in the applicable premiums for comparable international qualities.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title I, §1001, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 936; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title I, §1001, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664.)

**Editorial Notes****REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of Pub. L. 110-246, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

Section 8715 of this title, referred to in par. (1), was repealed by Pub. L. 113-79, title I, §1103(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658.

Section 8714 of this title, referred to in pars. (3) and (6), was repealed by Pub. L. 113-79, title I, §1102(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658.

Section 8713 of this title, referred to in par. (5), was repealed by Pub. L. 113-79, title I, §1101, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658.

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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.

**SUBCHAPTER I—DIRECT PAYMENTS AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PAYMENTS****§ 8711. Base acres****(a) Adjustment of base acres****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall provide for an adjustment, as appropriate, in the base acres for covered commodities for a farm whenever any of the following circumstances occurs:

(A) A conservation reserve contract entered into under section 1231 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831) with respect to the farm expires or is voluntarily terminated, or was terminated or expired during the period beginning on October 1, 2007, and ending on the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) Cropland is released from coverage under a conservation reserve contract by the Secretary, or was released during the period beginning on October 1, 2007, and ending on the date of enactment of this Act.

(C) The producer has eligible pulse crop acreage, which shall be determined in the same manner as eligible oilseed acreage under section 7911(a)(2) of this title.

(D) The producer has eligible oilseed acreage as the result of the Secretary designating additional oilseeds, which shall be determined in the same manner as eligible oilseed acreage under section 7911(a)(2) of this title.

**(2) Special conservation reserve acreage payment rules**

For the crop year in which a base acres adjustment under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) is first made, the owner of the farm shall elect to receive either direct payments and counter-cyclical payments with respect to the acreage added to the farm under this subsection or a prorated payment under the conservation reserve contract, but not both.

**(b) Prevention of excess base acres****(1) Required reduction**

If the sum of the base acres for a farm, together with the acreage described in paragraph (2) exceeds the actual cropland acreage of the farm, the Secretary shall reduce the base acres for 1 or more covered commodities for the farm or the base acres for peanuts for the farm so that the sum of the base acres and acreage described in paragraph (2) does not exceed the actual cropland acreage of the farm.

**(2) Other acreage**

For purposes of paragraph (1), the Secretary shall include the following:

(A) Any base acres for peanuts for the farm.

(B) Any acreage on the farm enrolled in the conservation reserve program or wetlands reserve program under chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3830 et seq.).

(C) Any other acreage on the farm enrolled in a Federal conservation program for which payments are made in exchange for not producing an agricultural commodity on the acreage.

(D) Any eligible pulse crop acreage, which shall be determined in the same manner as eligible oilseed acreage under section 7911(a)(2) of this title.

(E) If the Secretary designates additional oilseeds, any eligible oilseed acreage, which shall be determined in the same manner as eligible oilseed acreage under section 7911(a)(2) of this title.

### (3) Selection of acres

The Secretary shall give the owner of the farm the opportunity to select the base acres for a covered commodity or the base acres for peanuts for the farm against which the reduction required by paragraph (1) will be made.

### (4) Exception for double-cropped acreage

In applying paragraph (1), the Secretary shall make an exception in the case of double cropping, as determined by the Secretary.

### (5) Coordinated application of requirements

The Secretary shall take into account section 8752(b) of this title when applying the requirements of this subsection.

## (c) Reduction in base acres

### (1) Reduction at option of owner

#### (A) In general

The owner of a farm may reduce, at any time, the base acres for any covered commodity for the farm.

#### (B) Effect of reduction

A reduction under subparagraph (A) shall be permanent and made in a manner prescribed by the Secretary.

### (2) Required action by Secretary

#### (A) In general

The Secretary shall proportionately reduce base acres on a farm for covered commodities for land that has been subdivided and developed for multiple residential units or other nonfarming uses if the size of the tracts and the density of the subdivision is such that the land is unlikely to return to the previous agricultural use, unless the producers on the farm demonstrate that the land—

- (i) remains devoted to commercial agricultural production; or
- (ii) is likely to be returned to the previous agricultural use.

#### (B) Requirement

The Secretary shall establish procedures to identify land described in subparagraph (A).

### (3) Review and report

Each year, to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that payments are received only by producers, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that describes the results of the actions taken under paragraph (2).

## (d) Treatment of farms with limited base acres

### (1) Prohibition on payments

Except as provided in paragraph (2) and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a producer on a farm may not receive direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments if the sum of the base acres of the farm is 10 acres or less, as determined by the Secretary.

### (2) Exceptions

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a farm owned by—

(A) a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher (as defined in section 2003(e) of this title;<sup>1</sup> or

(B) a limited resource farmer or rancher, as defined by the Secretary.

### (3) Data collection and publication

The Secretary shall—

(A) collect and publish segregated data and survey information about the farm profiles, utilization of land, and crop production; and

(B) perform an evaluation on the supply and price of fruits and vegetables based on the effects of suspension of base acres under this section.

### (4) Suspension of prohibition

Paragraphs (1) through (3) shall not apply during the 2008 crop year.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1101, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 938; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1101, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1666; Pub. L. 110-398, § 1(a)(1), Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4213.)

## Editorial Notes

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(A), (B), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

The Food Security Act of 1985, referred to in subsec. (b)(2)(B), is Pub. L. 99-198, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1354. Chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Act is classified generally to part I (§3830 et seq.) of subchapter IV 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.

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (d)(1), was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of Pub. L. 110-246, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

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### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 110-398 added par. (4).

## Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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Enactment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the

<sup>1</sup> So in original. A closing parenthesis probably should precede the semicolon.

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.

## **§ 8712. Payment yields**

### **(a) Establishment and purpose**

For the purpose of making direct payments and counter-cyclical payments under this subchapter, the Secretary shall provide for the establishment of a yield for each farm for any designated oilseed or eligible pulse crop for which a payment yield was not established under section 7912 of this title in accordance with this section.

### **(b) Payment yields for designated oilseeds and eligible pulse crops**

#### **(1) Determination of average yield**

In the case of designated oilseeds and eligible pulse crops, the Secretary shall determine the average yield per planted acre for the designated oilseed or pulse crop on a farm for the 1998 through 2001 crop years, excluding any crop year in which the acreage planted to the designated oilseed or pulse crop was zero.

#### **(2) Adjustment for payment yield**

##### **(A) In general**

The payment yield for a farm for a designated oilseed or eligible pulse crop shall be equal to the product of the following:

- (i) The average yield for the designated oilseed or pulse crop determined under paragraph (1).
- (ii) The ratio resulting from dividing the national average yield for the designated oilseed or pulse crop for the 1981 through 1985 crops by the national average yield for the designated oilseed or pulse crop for the 1998 through 2001 crops.

##### **(B) No national average yield information available**

To the extent that national average yield information for a designated oilseed or pulse crop is not available, the Secretary shall use such information as the Secretary determines to be fair and equitable to establish a national average yield under this section.

#### **(3) Use of partial county average yield**

If the yield per planted acre for a crop of a designated oilseed or pulse crop for a farm for any of the 1998 through 2001 crop years was less than 75 percent of the county yield for that designated oilseed or pulse crop, the Secretary shall assign a yield for that crop year equal to 75 percent of the county yield for the purpose of determining the average under paragraph (1).

#### **(4) No historic yield data available**

In the case of establishing yields for designated oilseeds and eligible pulse crops, if historic yield data is not available, the Secretary shall use the ratio for dry peas calculated under paragraph (2)(A)(ii) in determining the yields for designated oilseeds and eligible pulse crops, as determined to be fair and equitable by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1102, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 940; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1102, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1669.)

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### **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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#### **§ 8713. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1101, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658**

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1103, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 941; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1103, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1669, related to availability of direct payments for 2008 through 2012 crop years.

#### **§ 8714. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1102(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658**

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1104, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 942; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1104, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1671, related to availability of counter-cyclical payments for 2008 through 2012 crop years.

### **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

#### **CONTINUED APPLICATION FOR 2013 CROP YEAR**

Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1102(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658, provided that: "Sections 1104 and 1304 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8714, 8754), as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act [Feb. 7, 2014], shall continue to apply through the 2013 crop year with respect to all covered commodities (as defined in section 1001 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 8702)) and peanuts on a farm."

#### **§ 8715. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1103(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658**

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title I, § 1105, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 945; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title I, § 1105, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1673, related to the average crop revenue election program available during each of the 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 crop years.

### **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

#### **CONTINUED APPLICATION FOR 2013 CROP YEAR**

Pub. L. 113-79, title I, § 1103(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 658, provided that: "Section 1105 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8715), as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act [Feb. 7, 2014], shall continue to apply through the 2013 crop year with respect to all covered commodities (as defined in section 1001 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 8702)) and peanuts on a farm for which the irrevocable election under section 1105 of that Act was made before the date of enactment of this Act."

#### **§ 8716. Producer agreement required as condition of provision of payments**

##### **(a) Compliance with certain requirements**

###### **(1) Requirements**

Before the producers on a farm may receive direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments with respect to the farm, the producers shall