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§ 7201. Short title and purpose

(a) Short title

This chapter may be cited as the “Agricultural Market Transition Act”.

(b) Purpose

It is the purpose of this chapter—

- (1) to authorize the use of binding production flexibility contracts between the United States and agricultural producers to support farming certainty and flexibility while ensuring continued compliance with farm conservation and wetland protection requirements;
- (2) to make nonrecourse marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments available for certain crops;
- (3) to improve the operation of farm programs for milk, peanuts, and sugar; and
- (4) to establish a commission to undertake a comprehensive review of past and future production agriculture in the United States.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title I, §101, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 896.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of Pub. L. 104-127, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 896, which enacted this chapter and section 6933 of this title, amended sections 1308, 1308-1, 1308-3, 1358-1, 1358b, 1358c, 1359a, 1373, 1441, 1445j, 1508, 1516, 4504, 6401, 6402, 6413, 6414, and 6932 of this title and sections 713a-14, 714b, 714i, and 714k of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, repealed sections 1426, 1433f, 1441-2, 1444-2, 1444f, 1445b-3a, 1445c-3, 1445h, 1446e to 1446h, and 1519 of this title, enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 1373, 1446e, 1446e-1, and 1508 of this title, and repealed provisions set out as a note under section 1421 of this title. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-228, §1, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1516, provided that: “This Act [amending section 7212 of this

title] may be cited as the ‘Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act’.”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 104-127, §1(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 888, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996’.”

SEVERABILITY

Pub. L. 104-127, title IX, §928, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1197, provided that: “If any provision of this Act [see Short Title note above] or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without regard to the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.”

§ 7202. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Agricultural Act of 1949

Except in section 7301 of this title, the term “Agricultural Act of 1949” means the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.), as in effect prior to the suspensions under section 7301(b)(1) of this title.

(2) Considered planted

The term “considered planted” means acreage that is considered planted under title V of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1461 et seq.) and such other acreage as the Secretary considers fair and equitable.

(3) Contract

The terms “contract” and “production flexibility contract” mean a production flexibility contract entered into under section 7211 of this title.

(4) Contract acreage

The term “contract acreage” means 1 or more crop acreage bases established for contract commodities under title V of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1461 et seq.) that would have been in effect for the 1996 crop (but for suspension under section 7301(b)(1) of this title).

(5) Contract commodity

The term “contract commodity” means wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, and rice.

(6) Contract payment

The term “contract payment” means a payment made under this subchapter¹ pursuant to a contract.

(7) Department

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

(8) Extra long staple cotton

The term “extra long staple cotton” means cotton that—

- (A) is produced from pure strain varieties of the Barbados species or any hybrid thereof, or other similar types of extra long staple cotton, designated by the Secretary, having characteristics needed for various

¹ So in original. Probably should be “chapter”.