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§8201. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Eligible orchardist

The term "eligible orchardist" means a person that produces annual crops from trees for commercial purposes.

(2) Natural disaster

The term "natural disaster" means plant disease, insect infestation, drought, fire, freeze, flood, earthquake, lightning, and other occurrence, as determined by the Secretary.

(3) Secretary

The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(4) Tree

The term "tree" includes a tree, bush, and vine.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title X, §10201, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 490.)

§8202. Eligibility

(a) Loss

Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary shall provide assistance under section 8203 of this title to eligible orchardists that planted trees for commercial purposes but lost the trees as a result of a natural disaster, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) Limitation

An eligible orchardist shall qualify for assistance under subsection (a) only if the tree mortality of the eligible orchardist, as a result of damaging weather or related condition, exceeds 15 percent (adjusted for normal mortality).

(Pub. L. 107–171, title X, §10202, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 490.)

§8203. Assistance

Subject to section 8204 of this title, the assistance provided by the Secretary to eligible orchardists for losses described in section 8202 of this title shall consist of—

(1) reimbursement of 75 percent of the cost of replanting trees lost due to a natural disaster, as determined by the Secretary, in excess of 15 percent mortality (adjusted for normal mortality); or

(2) at the option of the Secretary, sufficient seedlings to reestablish a stand.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title X, §10203, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 491.)

§8204. Limitations on assistance

(a) Amount

The total amount of payments that a person shall be entitled to receive under this chapter may not exceed $75,000, or an equivalent value in tree seedlings.

(b) Acres

The total quantity of acres planted to trees or tree seedlings for which a person shall be entitled to receive payments under this chapter may not exceed 500 acres.

(c) Regulations

The Secretary shall promulgate regulations—

(1) defining the term "person" for the purposes of this chapter, which shall conform, to the maximum extent practicable, to the regulations defining the term "person" promulgated under section 1308 of this title (before the amendment made by section 1603(a) [1] of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008); and

(2) promulgating such regulations as the Secretary determines necessary to ensure a fair and reasonable application of the limitation established under this section.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title X, §10204, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 491; Pub. L. 110–234, title I, §1603(g)(4), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1011; Pub. L. 110–246, §4(a), title I, §1603(g)(4), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1740; Pub. L. 113–79, title I, §1609(b)(1), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 709.)

Editorial Notes

References in Text

Section 1308 of this title (before the amendment made by section 1603(a) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008), referred to in subsec. (c)(1), means section 1308 of this title before the amendment by section 1603(a) of Pub. L. 110–246, which amended the definition of "covered commodity" in section 1308(a)(1). Section 1603(b) of Pub. L. 110–246 amended section 1308 by, among other things, adding subsec. (a)(4) which defined "person" and striking out subsec. (e) which related to issuance of regulations defining "person". The amendments by section 1603 of Pub. L. 110–246 to section 1308 were effective May 22, 2008.

Codification

Pub. L. 110–234 and Pub. L. 110–246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110–234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110–246.

Amendments

2014—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 113–79 amended language inserted by Pub. L. 110–246, §1603(g)(4). See 2008 Amendment note below.

2008—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 110–246, §1603(g)(4), as amended by Pub. L. 113–79, §1609(b)(1), inserted "(before the amendment made by section 1603(a) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008)" after "section 1308 of this title".

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

Effective Date of 2014 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 113–79 effective as if included in Pub. L. 110–246, see section 1609(b)(2) of Pub. L. 113–79, set out as a note under section 1471g of this title.

Effective Date of 2008 Amendment

Amendment 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.

[1] *See References in Text note below.*

§8205. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title X, §10205, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 491.)