

Chapter 21

FARM SUBSIDIES

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24.2101 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter:

- (a) “Animal” means livestock that are used for food production.
- (b) “Animal feeds” means any material, raw or processed, used either in bulk or in small amounts for feeding and maintaining of animals.
- (c) “Chemicals” means weedicides, insecticides and fungicide and any other chemicals used for the elimination and control of weeds, insects and diseases harmful to crops and animals.
- (d) “Fertilizer” means any material (plantfood) which is used for the enrichment of the soil.
- (e) “Government” means American Samoa Government.
- (f) “Governor” means Governor of American Samoa or his authorized representative.
- (g) “Local farmers” means all those involved in American Samoa who cultivate land or crops or raise livestock for commercial purposes.

History: 1979, PL 16-27 § 2, and 1982, PL 17-54 § 1.

Amendments: 1982 Section entirely amended, subsection (a) designation and text of subsections (b) and (c) deleted.

24.2102 Farm subsidy program-Administration.

The Governor shall designate the director of agriculture to administer the farm subsidy program whereby the government subsidizes 50 percent of the cost of animal feeds, fertilizers, and chemicals, to local farmers to stimulate local agricultural production. The fund shall continue to be handled as a special program item under the government budget and must be accounted for and reported under this status.

History: 1984, PL 18-26 § 2.

24.2103 Special eligibility requirements.

- (a) To continue eligibility for the subsidy provided under this act, a local farmer must cooperate with the designated government agency in the following areas:
 - (1) provide the agency with information on production statistics in the format prescribed by the director of agriculture: and
 - (2) follow approved farming practices recommended by the director of agriculture.
- (b) The director of agriculture shall adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act, 4.1001 et seq. to implement this section.

History: 1979, PL 16-27 § 3.

24.2104 Tax exemption.

Subsidies paid to local farmers under this chapter shall not be considered taxable income.

History: 1979, PL 16-27 § 4.

24.2105 Government sale of animal feeds and fertilizers.

The director of agriculture is responsible for the purchasing, stocking, and selling of animal feeds and fertilizers distributed by the government.

History: 1979, PL 16-27 § 1.