

be followed with an estimate of acreage for harvest and an estimate of harvested acreage for provisions which required report to show number of acres of cotton in cultivation on July 1 of each year, followed with an estimate of acreage of cotton abandoned since July 1.

1927—Act Mar. 3, 1927, struck out “Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture”, substituted “on or before the 10th day of July” for “on or about the first Monday in July” and inserted “on July 1, to be followed on September 1 and December 1 with an estimate of the acreage of cotton abandoned since July 1” after “cultivation”.

CHAPTER 20—DUMPING OR DESTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE PRODUCE

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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 499c, 499s of this title.

§ 491. Destruction or dumping of farm produce received in interstate commerce by commission merchants, etc.; penalty

After June 30, 1927, any person, firm, association, or corporation receiving any fruits, vegetables, melons, dairy, or poultry products or any perishable farm products of any kind or character, hereinafter referred to as produce, in interstate commerce, or in the District of Columbia, for or on behalf of another, who without good and sufficient cause therefor shall destroy or abandon, discard as refuse or dump any produce directly or indirectly or through collusion with any person, or who shall knowingly and with intent to defraud make any false report or statement to the person, firm, association, or corporation from whom any produce was received, concerning the handling, condition, quality, quantity, sale, or disposition thereof or who shall knowingly and with intent to defraud fail truly and correctly to account therefor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$3,000, or by imprisonment for a period of not exceeding one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 1, 44 Stat. 1355.)

CODIFICATION

Section constitutes part of section 1 of act Mar. 3, 1927. Remainder of section 1 was classified to section 492 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 499c, 499d, 499n of this title.

§ 492. Repealed. Aug. 9, 1955, ch. 632, § 2, 69 Stat. 553

Section, act Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 1, 44 Stat. 1355, related to investigation of quality and condition of

produce received in interstate commerce. See section 1622(h) of this title.

§ 493. Enforcement of provisions; prosecution of cases

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to enforce this chapter. It is made the duty of all United States attorneys to prosecute cases arising under this chapter, subject to the supervision and control of the Department of Justice.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 2, 44 Stat. 1355.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 499c, 499d, 499n of this title.

§ 494. Rules and regulations; cooperation with States, etc., officers and employees; expenditures

The Secretary of Agriculture may make such rules and regulations as he may deem advisable to carry out the provisions of this chapter and may cooperate with any department or agency of the Government, any State, Territory, District, or possession, or department, agency, or political subdivision thereof, or any person; and may call upon any Federal department, board, or commission for assistance in carrying out the purposes of this chapter; and shall have the power to appoint, remove, and fix the compensation of such officers and employees not in conflict with existing law and make such expenditure for rent, outside the District of Columbia, printing, telegrams, telephones, books of reference, books of law, periodicals, newspapers, furniture, stationery, office equipment, travel, and other supplies and expenses as shall be deemed necessary to the administration of this chapter in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 3, 44 Stat. 1355.)

CODIFICATION

Section constitutes part of section 3 of act Mar. 3, 1927. Remainder of section 3 is classified to sections 495 and 496 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 499c, 499d, 499n of this title.

§ 495. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary after the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1927 to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 3, 44 Stat. 1355.)

CODIFICATION

Section constitutes part of section 3 of act Mar. 3, 1927. Remainder of section 3 is classified to sections 494 and 496 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 499c, 499d, 499n of this title.

§ 496. Validity of other statutes dealing with same subject

This chapter shall not abrogate nor nullify any other statute, whether State or Federal,

dealing with the same subjects as this chapter, but it is intended that all such statutes shall remain in full force and effect, except insofar only as they are inconsistent herewith or repugnant hereto.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 3, 44 Stat. 1355.)

CODIFICATION

Section constitutes part of section 3 of act Mar. 3, 1927. Remainder of section 3 is classified to sections 494 and 495 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 499c, 499d, 499n of this title.

§ 497. Separability

If any provision of this chapter is declared unconstitutional or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the chapter and the applicability of such provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 4, 44 Stat. 1356.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 499c, 499d, 499n of this title.

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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in section 499b-1 of this title; title 11 section 525; title 28 section 2342; title 49 section 5906.

§ 499a. Short title and definitions

(a) Short title

This chapter may be cited as the “Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930”.

(b) Definitions

For purposes of this chapter: