

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title IV, § 401(a), 58 Stat. 738.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following Department of Agriculture appropriation acts:

June 28, 1944, ch. 296, 58 Stat. 454.
 July 12, 1943, ch. 215, 57 Stat. 421.
 July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 688.
 July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 431.
 June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 555.
 June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 968.

§ 416. Letting contract for packeting, etc., of seeds, etc., for distribution

The Secretary of Agriculture, after due advertisement and on competitive bids, is authorized to award the contract for the supplying of printed packets and envelopes and the packeting, assembling, and mailing of the seeds, bulbs, shrubs, vines, cuttings, and plants, or any part thereof, for a period of not more than five years nor less than one year, if by such action he can best protect the interests of the United States.

(May 11, 1922, ch. 185, 42 Stat. 517.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Agriculture Department Appropriation Act, 1923.

§ 417. Distribution of farmers' bulletins

In the distribution of farmers' bulletins, which shall be adapted to the interests of the people of the different sections of the country, an equal proportion of four-fifths shall be delivered to or sent out under the addressed franks furnished by Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, as such Senators, Representatives, or Delegates shall direct: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agriculture shall notify Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress of the title and character of each such bulletin, with the total number to which each Senator, Representative, and Delegate may be entitled for such distribution; and on the face of the envelope inclosing said bulletins shall be printed the title of each bulletin contained therein.

(June 30, 1906, ch. 3913, 34 Stat. 690.)

CODIFICATION

Section is derived from an Appropriation Act for the Department of Agriculture, 1907. The last proviso of section relating to farmers' bulletins not called for in quotas of Senators and Representatives was omitted from the Code as obsolete in view of Attorney General's opinion, 27 Op. Atty. Gen. 288.

§ 418. Annual report on work of agricultural experiment stations and of college extension work; publication and distribution

There shall be prepared by the Department of Agriculture an annual report on the work and expenditures of the agricultural experiment stations established under the Act of Congress of March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven [7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.], on the work and expenditures of the Department of Agriculture in connection therewith, and on the cooperative agricultural extension work and expenditures of the Department of Agriculture and of agricul-

tural colleges under the Act of May eighth, nineteen hundred and fourteen [7 U.S.C. 341 et seq.], and there shall be printed annually eight thousand copies of said report, of which one thousand copies shall be for the use of the Senate, two thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives, and five thousand copies for the use of the Department of Agriculture.

(Mar. 4, 1915, ch. 144, 38 Stat. 1110.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Act of Congress of March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, referred to in text, is act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, 24 Stat. 440, as amended, known as the Hatch Act, which is classified generally to sections 361a to 361i of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 361a of this title and Tables.

The Act of May eighth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, referred to in text, is act May 8, 1914, ch. 79, 38 Stat. 372, as amended, known as the "Smith-Lever Act", and also known as the "Agricultural Work Extension Act", which is classified generally to subchapter IV (§ 341 et seq.) of chapter 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 341 of this title and Tables.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

§ 419. Repealed. Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, § 1(12), 65 Stat. 701

Section, act May 5, 1945, ch. 109, 59 Stat. 143, related to sale by Secretary of Agriculture of products of agricultural experiment station in Puerto Rico, and disposition of moneys derived therefrom. See section 484 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works. Similar provisions had been carried in prior Department of Agriculture appropriation acts back to and including that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919 (40 Stat. 1000). Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

June 28, 1944, ch. 296, 58 Stat. 432.
 July 12, 1943, ch. 215, 57 Stat. 400.
 July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 670.
 July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 413.
 June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 536.
 June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 944.
 June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 715.
 June 29, 1937, ch. 404, 50 Stat. 399.
 June 4, 1936, ch. 489, 49 Stat. 1425.
 May 17, 1935, ch. 131, title I, 49 Stat. 251.
 Mar. 26, 1934, ch. 89, 48 Stat. 471.
 Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 203, 47 Stat. 1436.
 July 7, 1932, ch. 443, 47 Stat. 614.
 May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158.
 Feb. 23, 1931, ch. 278, 46 Stat. 1246.
 May 27, 1930, ch. 341, 46 Stat. 396.
 Feb. 16, 1929, ch. 227, 45 Stat. 1192.
 May 16, 1928, ch. 572, 45 Stat. 542.
 Jan. 18, 1927, ch. 39, 44 Stat. 979.
 May 11, 1926, ch. 286, 44 Stat. 502.
 Feb. 10, 1925, ch. 200, 43 Stat. 824.

§ 420. Power to administer oaths, examine witnesses, or require production of books, etc.

In the performance of the duties required of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the administration or enforcement of provisions of Acts (United States Cotton Futures Act, Thirty-

ninth Statutes at Large, page 476; United States Grain Standards Act, Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, page 482 [7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.], United States Warehouse Act, Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, page 486 [7 U.S.C. 241 et seq.]; Standard Container Act, Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, page 673; and the Acts making annual appropriations for the Department of Agriculture) relating to the Department of Agriculture, the Secretary of Agriculture, or any representative specifically authorized in writing by him for the purpose, shall have power to administer oaths, examine witnesses, and call for the production of books and papers.

(July 24, 1919, ch. 26, 41 Stat. 267; May 11, 1922, ch. 185, 42 Stat. 532.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The United States Cotton Futures Act, referred to in text, is part A of act Aug. 11, 1916, ch. 313, 39 Stat. 476, as amended, which was repealed by section 4 of act Feb. 10, 1939, ch. 2, 53 Stat. 1. For complete classification of this Act to the Code prior to its repeal, see Tables.

The United States Grain Standards Act, referred to in text, is part B of act Aug. 11, 1916, ch. 313, 39 Stat. 482, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 3 (§ 71 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 71 of this title and Tables.

The United States Warehouse Act, referred to in text, is part C of act Aug. 11, 1916, ch. 313, 39 Stat. 486, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 10 (§ 241 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 241 of this title and Tables.

The Standard Container Act, referred to in text, is act Aug. 31, 1916, ch. 426, 39 Stat. 673, as amended, which was classified generally to subchapter VII (§ 251 et seq.) of chapter 6 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and was repealed by Pub. L. 90-628, § 1(a), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1320. For complete classification of this Act to the Code prior to its repeal, see Tables.

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Functions of Bureau of Agricultural Economics transferred to other units of Department of Agriculture by Secretary's memorandum of Nov. 2, 1953.

Act May 11, 1922, transferred powers of former "Bureau of Markets, Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, and the Office of Farm Management and Farm Economics" to "Bureau of Agricultural Economics".

§ 421. Dairying and livestock experiment station, Mandan, North Dakota

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to establish at Mandan, North Dakota, a dairying and livestock experiment station, in connection with the Great Plains Experiment Station, for investigations and experiments in the dairy and livestock industries and the problems pertaining to the establishment and development of such industries, and for demonstrations, assistance, and service in livestock breeding, growing, and feeding.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 769, § 1, 44 Stat. 840.)

§ 421a. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 3, 1926, ch. 769, § 2, 44 Stat. 840, appropriated \$25,000 to effectuate the purposes of section 421 of this title.

§ 422. Dairying and livestock experiment station, Lewisburg, Tennessee

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to establish at or near Lewisburg, Tennessee, a dairying station for investigations, experiments, and demonstrations in the dairy industry, and the problems pertaining to the development of such industry in the South, and for investigations, demonstrations, assistance, and service in dairy livestock breeding, growing, and feeding, and dairy products manufacture.

(May 29, 1928, ch. 892, § 1, 45 Stat. 981.)

§ 422a. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act May 29, 1928, ch. 892, § 2, 45 Stat. 981, appropriated \$50,000 for the purposes of section 422 of this title.

§ 423. Cotton; investigation of new uses; cooperation with State and other agencies

The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce are authorized to engage in technical and scientific research in American-grown cotton and its byproducts and their present and potential uses, including new and additional commercial and scientific uses for cotton and its byproducts, and to diffuse such information among the people of the United States; and the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce or their duly authorized representatives 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 in carrying out the purposes of this section in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

(Apr. 12, 1928, ch. 362, 45 Stat. 426.)

§ 424. Cotton ginning investigations; publication of results; cooperation with Federal and State departments and agencies

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to investigate the ginning of cotton; to establish and maintain experimental ginning plants and laboratories; and to make such tests, demonstrations, and experiments, and such technical and scientific studies in relation to cotton ginning as he shall deem necessary and to publish the results thereof, with a view to developing improved ginning equipment and encouraging the use of improved methods, and he 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, as he shall find to be necessary.

(Apr. 19, 1930, ch. 203, § 1, 46 Stat. 248.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 425 of this title.