
7 U.S. Code § 5811

Research and extension projects

(a) Projects required

The Secretary shall conduct research and extension projects to obtain data, develop conclusions, demonstrate technologies, and conduct educational programs that promote the purposes of this part, including research and extension projects that—

- (1) facilitate and increase scientific investigation and education in order to—
 - (A) reduce, to the extent feasible and practicable, the use of chemical pesticides, fertilizers, and toxic natural materials in agricultural production;
 - (B) improve low-input farm management to enhance agricultural productivity, profitability, and competitiveness; and
 - (C) promote crop, livestock, and enterprise diversification; and
- (2) facilitate the conduct of projects in order to—
 - (A) study, to the extent practicable, agricultural production systems that are located in areas that possess various soil, climate, and physical characteristics;
 - (B) study farms that have been, and will continue to be, managed using farm production practices that rely on low-input and conservation practices;
 - (C) take advantage of the experience and expertise of farmers and ranchers through their direct participation and leadership in projects;
 - (D) transfer practical, reliable and timely information to farmers and ranchers concerning low-input sustainable farming practices and systems; and
 - (E) promote a partnership between farmers, nonprofit organizations, agribusiness, and public and private research and extension institutions.

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