

Public Law 94-229  
94th Congress

An Act

Mar. 15, 1976  
[H.R. 7824]

To amend section 142 of title 13, United States Code, to change the date for taking censuses of agriculture, irrigation, and drainage, and for other purposes.

Agricultural  
census.  
13 USC 142.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 142 of title 13, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 142. Agriculture, irrigation, and drainage**

“(a) The Secretary shall in 1979, in 1983, and in every fifth year beginning after 1983, take a census of agriculture.

“(b) In conjunction with the census to be taken under subsection (a) of this section in 1979, in 1988, and every tenth year beginning after 1988, the Secretary shall take a census of irrigation and drainage.

“(c) The data collected in each of the censuses taken under this section shall relate to the year immediately preceding the year in which such census is taken.”

13 USC 142 note.

SEC. 2. The statistical classification of farms in effect on January 1, 1975, with respect to censuses taken under section 142 of title 13, United States Code, shall be effective through June 30, 1976, and any statistical report issued on or before June 30, 1976, with respect to any such census shall reflect such classification, but may also include additional classifications as deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

Approved March 15, 1976.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

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