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## 7 USC 2204: General duties of Secretary; advisory functions; research and development

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## §2204. General duties of Secretary; advisory functions; research and development

(a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture, rural development, aquaculture, and human nutrition which he can obtain by means of books and correspondence, and by practical and scientific experiments, accurate records of which experiments shall be kept in his office, by the collection of statistics, and by any other appropriate means within his power; he shall collect new and valuable seeds and plants; shall test, by cultivation, the value of such of them as may require such tests; shall propagate such as may be worthy of propagation; and shall distribute them among agriculturists; and he shall advise the President, other members of his Cabinet, and the Congress on policies and programs designed to improve the quality of life for people living in the rural and nonmetropolitan regions of the Nation.

(b) The Secretary is authorized to initiate or expand research and development efforts related to solution of problems of rural water supply, rural sewage and solid waste management, rural housing, rural industrialization, and technology appropriate to small- and moderate-sized family farming operations, and any other problem that the Secretary may determine has an effect upon the economic development or the quality of life in rural areas.

(R.S. §526; Feb. 9, 1889, ch. 122, §§1, 4, 25 Stat. 659 ; Pub. L. 92–419, title VI, §603(b), Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 675 ; Pub. L. 94–273, §7(4), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 378 ; Pub. L. 95–113, title XV, §1502(b), Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1021 ; Pub. L. 96–355, §5, Sept. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 1174 .)

### CODIFICATION

R.S. §526 derived from act May 15, 1862, ch. 72, §3, 12 Stat. 387 .

Section was formerly classified to section 514 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89–554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378 .

### AMENDMENTS

**1980**-Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96–355 inserted provisions relating to technology appropriate to small- and moderate-sized family farming operations, and struck out provisions relating to the national rural development program and goals, and accompanying annual report.

**1977**-Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95–113 inserted references to aquaculture and human nutrition.

**1976**-Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94–273 substituted "December" for "September".