

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To authorize the making of direct loans to assist in the production of locally and regionally produced agricultural food products.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.

(no.) _____

To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 In section 3202(a)(9)(B)(ii) of the Consolidated
2 Farm and Rural Development Act (as amended by section
3 5001), strike “or” at the end.

4 In section 3202(a)(10) of the Consolidated Farm and
5 Rural Development Act (as amended by section 5001),
6 strike the period at the end and insert “; or”.

7 In section 3202(a) of the Consolidated Farm and
8 Rural Development Act (as amended by section 5001),
9 add at the end the following:

1 “(11) to assist a farmer in the production of a
2 locally or regionally produced agricultural food prod-
3 uct (as defined in section 3601(e)(11)(A)), including
4 to qualified producers engaged in direct-to-consumer
5 marketing, direct-to-institution marketing, or direct-
6 to-store marketing, business, or activities that
7 produce a value-added agricultural product (as de-
8 fined in section 231(a) of the Agricultural Risk Pro-
9 tection Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 1632a(a))).”.

10 In section 3202 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
11 Development Act (as amended by section 5001), add at
12 the end the following:

13 “(e) LOANS TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD PRO-
14 DUCERS.—

15 “(1) TRAINING.—The Secretary shall ensure
16 that loan officers processing loans under subsection
17 (a)(11) receive appropriate training to serve bor-
18 rowers and potential borrowers engaged in local and
19 regional food production.

20 “(2) VALUATION.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
22 develop ways to determine unit prices (or other
23 appropriate forms of valuation) for crops and
24 other agricultural products, the end use of

1 which is intended to be in locally or regionally
2 produced agricultural food products, to facili-
3 tate lending to local and regional food pro-
4 ducers.

5 “(B) PRICE HISTORY.—The Secretary
6 shall implement a mechanism for local and re-
7 gional food producers to establish price history
8 for the crops and other agricultural products
9 produced by local and regional food producers.

10 “(3) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall develop
11 and implement an outreach strategy to engage and
12 provide loan services to local and regional food pro-
13 ducers.”.