

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8467 OFFERED BY MS. CROCKETT OF TEXAS

Directs USDA to carry out research or enter into a cooperative agreement to support the research of appropriate discounts or incentives in Federal crop insurance policies of the Title I Commodity Crops that use certain climate-smart practices.

Includes five factors that any analysis must consider.

Provides for appropriate coordination.

Requires the issuance of a report within 18 months of enactment.

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At the end of section 11016, add the following:

1 (i) SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES.—Section 522(c) of the
2 Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is further
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(28) SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall
6 carry out research and development, or offer to
7 enter into 1 or more contracts with 1 or more
8 qualified persons to carry out research and de-
9 velopment, regarding appropriate discount or
10 incentives to Federal crop insurance policies to
11 insure crops of commodities (as defined in sec-
12 tion 1111 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7
13 U.S.C. 9011)) that regularly utilize soil health
14 practices, such as cover crops, crop rotations,
15 reduced tillage, rotational grazing, or other
16 practices as determined by the Corporation.

17 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—Research and de-
18 velopment under subparagraph (A) shall in-
19 clude—

1 “(i) a review of prevented planting
2 coverage factors described in section
3 508(c);

4 “(ii) an evaluation of whether to in-
5 clude cover crop seed costs and costs re-
6 lated to grazing in the calculation of the
7 coverage factors described in clause (i);

8 “(iii) the extent to which cover crops,
9 reduced tillage, or crop rotation—

10 “(I) reduce the risk of subse-
11 quent prevented planting after 1 year,
12 3 years, and 5 years;

13 “(II) make crops more resilient
14 to, or otherwise reduce the risk of,
15 loss resulting from natural disasters
16 such as flood and drought, especially
17 after 3 years of application and 5
18 years of application;

19 “(iv) whether rotational, adaptive, or
20 other prescribed grazing of cover crops can
21 maintain or lower the risk of loss; and

22 “(v) whether any temporary yield ex-
23 ceptions necessary to ensure that known
24 minor yield reductions (that may occur
25 during the initial years of the practices in

1 question) do not disadvantage producers
2 from accessing policies of insurance to de-
3 scribed in subparagraph (A).

4 “(C) COORDINATION.—The Corporation
5 shall carry out the research and development
6 under subparagraph (A) in coordination with
7 the Economic Research Service and the Office
8 of the Chief Economist of the Department of
9 Agriculture.

10 “(D) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months
11 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
12 the Corporation shall submit to the Committee
13 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives
14 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
15 and Forestry of the Senate, a report that—

16 “(i) describes the results of the re-
17 search and development carried out under
18 subparagraph (A);

19 “(ii) includes—

20 “(I) any recommendations with
21 respect to such results; and

22 “(II) a proposed process to im-
23 plement, within 2 years, potential dis-

1 counts and other adjustments for pro-
2 ducers based on such results.”.

