

105TH CONGRESS
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S. 1774

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make guaranteed farm ownership loans and guaranteed farm operating loans of up to \$600,000, and to increase the maximum loan amounts with inflation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 1998

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GUARAN-**
4 **TEED FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS; INDEXATION**
5 **TO INFLATION.**

6 Section 305 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
7 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1925) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “SEC. 305. The” and inserting:

2 **“SEC. 305. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FARM OWNERSHIP**
 3 **LOANS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The”;

5 (2) by striking “of (1) the” and inserting “of—
 6 “(1) the”;

7 (3) by striking “security, or (2) in” and insert-
 8 ing “security; or

9 “(2) in”;

10 (4) by striking “\$300,000” and inserting
 11 “\$600,000 (increased, beginning with fiscal year
 12 1998, by the inflation percentage applicable to the
 13 fiscal year in which the loan is made or insured)”;

14 (5) by striking “In determining” and inserting
 15 the following:

16 “(b) VALUE OF FARMS.—In determining”; and

17 (6) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(c) INFLATION PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of
 19 subsection (a)(2), the inflation percentage applicable to a
 20 fiscal year is the percentage (if any) by which—

21 “(1) the average of the Consumer Price Index
 22 (as defined in section 1(f)(5) of the Internal Reve-
 23 nue Code of 1986) for the 12-month period ending
 24 on August 31 of the preceding fiscal year; exceeds

1 “(2) the average of the Consumer Price Index
2 for the 12-month period ending on August 31,
3 1996.”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GUARANTEED**
5 **FARM OPERATING LOANS; INDEXATION TO**
6 **INFLATION.**

7 Section 313 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
8 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1943) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “SEC. 313. The” and inserting:
10 **“SEC. 313. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FARM OPERATING**
11 **LOANS.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The”;

13 (2) by striking “subtitle (1) that” and inserting
14 “subtitle—

15 “(1) that”;

16 (3) by striking “\$400,000; or (2) for” and in-
17 serting “\$600,000 (increased, beginning with fiscal
18 year 1998, by the inflation percentage applicable to
19 the fiscal year in which the loan is made or insured);
20 or

21 “(2) for”; and

22 (4) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(b) INFLATION PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of
24 subsection (a)(1), the inflation percentage applicable to a
25 fiscal year is the percentage (if any) by which—

1 “(1) the average of the Consumer Price Index
2 (as defined in section 1(f)(5) of the Internal Reve-
3 nue Code of 1986) for the 12-month period ending
4 on August 31 of the preceding fiscal year; exceeds
5 “(2) the average of the Consumer Price Index
6 for the 12-month period ending on August 31,
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