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# H. R. 8646

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## AN ACT

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development,  
Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies  
programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027,  
and for other purposes.

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

1 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any  
2 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-  
3 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-  
4 tion, and Related Agencies programs for fiscal year ending  
5 September 30, 2027, and for other purposes, namely:

6 TITLE I

7 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

8 PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING

9 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

11 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,  
12 \$55,261,000 of which not to exceed \$6,000,000 shall be  
13 available for the immediate Office of the Secretary, of  
14 which \$500,000 shall be for the Office of Seafood; not to  
15 exceed \$15,259,000 shall be available for the Office of  
16 Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000 shall be  
17 available for the Office of Tribal Relations; not to exceed  
18 \$2,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Partner-  
19 ships and Public Engagement; not to exceed \$18,315,000  
20 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary  
21 for Administration, of which \$17,015,000 shall be avail-  
22 able for Departmental Administration to provide for nec-  
23 essary expenses for management support services to of-  
24 fices of the Department and for general administration,  
25 security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous

1 supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and nec-  
2 essary for the practical and efficient work of the Depart-  
3 ment: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to  
4 an agency in the Administration mission area for salaries  
5 and expenses are available to fund up to one administra-  
6 tive support staff for the Office; not to exceed \$3,500,000  
7 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Secretary for  
8 Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs to  
9 carry out the programs funded by this Act, including pro-  
10 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison  
11 within the executive branch; and not to exceed \$4,997,000  
12 shall be available for the Office of Communications: *Pro-*  
13 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is author-  
14 ized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the  
15 Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office  
16 of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation  
17 for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than  
18 5 percent: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$22,000  
19 of the amount made available under this paragraph for  
20 the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available  
21 for official reception and representation expenses, not oth-  
22 erwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Pro-*  
23 *vided further*, That the amount made available under this  
24 heading for Departmental Administration shall be reim-  
25 bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for trav-

1 el expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required  
2 by 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That funds made  
3 available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant  
4 Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovern-  
5 mental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the De-  
6 partment of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain  
7 personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no  
8 funds made available under this heading for the Office of  
9 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be  
10 obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this  
11 Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on  
12 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the alloca-  
13 tion of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided further*,  
14 That during any 30 day notification period referenced in  
15 section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall  
16 take no action to begin implementation of the action that  
17 is subject to section 716 of this Act or make any public  
18 announcement of such action in any form.

## 19 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

### 20 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief  
22 Economist, \$29,500,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall be  
23 for grants or cooperative agreements for policy research  
24 under 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided*, That of the amounts made  
25 available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available

1 to carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department  
2 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.  
3 6924), as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–  
4 334.

5 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and  
7 Appeals, \$10,203,000.

8 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

9 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and  
10 Program Analysis, \$13,967,000.

11 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

12 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-  
13 formation Officer, \$134,913,000 (reduced by \$2,000,000)  
14 (reduced by \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$2,000,000) (re-  
15 duced by \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$2,500,000), of which  
16 not less than \$60,032,000 is for cybersecurity require-  
17 ments of the department.

18 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

19 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-  
20 nancial Officer, \$5,813,000 (reduced by \$500,000).

21 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL

22 RIGHTS

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant  
24 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$1,309,000: *Provided*, That  
25 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil

1 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
2 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
3 fice.

4 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,  
6 \$20,000,000.

7 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-  
10 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant  
11 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-  
12 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-  
13 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities  
14 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for  
15 alterations and other actions needed for the Department  
16 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-  
17 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of  
18 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-  
19 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-  
20 ties, and for related costs, \$20,000,000, to remain avail-  
21 able until expended.

22 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

24 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-  
25 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental

1 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.  
2 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 6901 et seq.), \$1,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
4 pended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available  
5 herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Man-  
6 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-  
7 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to  
8 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

9 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

10 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-  
11 rity, and Protection, \$19,100,000.

12 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector  
14 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector  
15 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.),  
16 \$99,975,000 (increased by \$2,000,000) (reduced by  
17 \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000), including such  
18 sums as may be necessary for contracting and other ar-  
19 rangements with public agencies and private persons pur-  
20 suant to section 6(a)(9) of the Inspector General Act of  
21 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.), and including  
22 not to exceed \$125,000 for certain confidential operational  
23 expenses, including the payment of informants, to be ex-  
24 pended under the direction of the Inspector General pur-  
25 suant to the Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law

1 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 1337 of the Agri-  
2 culture and Food Act of 1981 (Public Law 97–98).

3 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General  
5 Counsel, \$46,500,000 (reduced by \$2,000,000) (reduced  
6 by \$2,000,000).

7 OFFICE OF ETHICS

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,  
9 \$4,136,000.

10 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,

11 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

12 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
13 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,  
14 \$1,500,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
15 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-  
16 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-  
17 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for  
18 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made  
19 available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be made  
20 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

21 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

22 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research  
23 Service, \$90,612,000.

## 1 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

2 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural  
3 Statistics Service, \$187,500,000, of which up to  
4 \$48,500,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-  
5 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available  
6 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-  
7 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.  
8 2204g(d) and (f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
9 shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both  
10 Houses of Congress in writing at least 30 days prior to  
11 discontinuing data collection programs and reports.

## 12 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

## 13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research  
15 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,  
16 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and  
17 with prior notification and approval of the Committees on  
18 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land  
19 exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal  
20 value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the  
21 grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total  
22 value of the land or interests transferred out of Federal  
23 ownership, \$1,795,813,000 (increased by \$500,000) (re-  
24 duced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced  
25 by \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000) (increased by

1 \$2,500,000), which shall be for the purposes, and in the  
2 amounts, specified in the table titled “Agricultural Re-  
3 search Service, Salaries and Expenses” in the report ac-  
4 companying this Act: *Provided*, That appropriations here-  
5 under shall be available for the operation and maintenance  
6 of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed one for re-  
7 placement only: *Provided further*, That appropriations  
8 hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250  
9 for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings  
10 and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the cost  
11 of constructing any one building shall not exceed  
12 \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses which  
13 shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10 build-  
14 ings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed  
15 \$1,100,000 each, and except for four buildings to be con-  
16 structed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 each, and the  
17 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year  
18 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement  
19 value of the building or \$500,000, whichever is greater:  
20 *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be  
21 available for entering into lease agreements at any Agri-  
22 cultural Research Service location for the construction of  
23 a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by the  
24 Agricultural Research Service and a condition of the lease  
25 shall be that any facility shall be owned, operated, and

1 maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall be re-  
2 moved upon the expiration or termination of the lease  
3 agreement: *Provided further*, That the limitations on alter-  
4 ations contained in this Act shall not apply to moderniza-  
5 tion or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville,  
6 Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropriations here-  
7 under shall be available for granting easements at the  
8 Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: *Provided further*,  
9 That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to replace-  
10 ment of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April  
11 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That appro-  
12 priations hereunder shall be available for granting ease-  
13 ments at any Agricultural Research Service location for  
14 the construction of a research facility by a non-Federal  
15 entity for use by, and acceptable to, the Agricultural Re-  
16 search Service and a condition of the easements shall be  
17 that upon completion the facility shall be accepted by the  
18 Secretary, subject to the availability of funds herein, if the  
19 Secretary finds that acceptance of the facility is in the  
20 interest of the United States: *Provided further*, That funds  
21 may be received from any State, other political subdivi-  
22 sion, organization, or individual for the purpose of estab-  
23 lishing or operating any research facility or research  
24 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized  
25 by law: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder

1 shall be available for the Experienced Services Program  
2 at the Agricultural Research Service (16 U.S.C. 3851).

3 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

4 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-  
5 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed  
6 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-  
7 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-  
8 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$18,003,000, to re-  
9 main available until expended, for the purposes, and in  
10 the amounts, specified for this account in the table titled  
11 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-  
12 panying this Act.

13 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

14 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

15 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for  
16 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and  
17 for other expenses, \$1,046,500,000 (increased by  
18 \$10,000,000) (reduced by \$10,000,000) (reduced by  
19 \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000), which shall be for  
20 the purposes, in the amounts, and for the periods of avail-  
21 ability specified in the table titled “National Institute of  
22 Food and Agriculture, Research and Education Activities”  
23 in the report accompanying this Act, of which  
24 \$537,500,000 shall remain available until expended and  
25 of which \$7,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-

1   tember 30, 2028: *Provided*, That each institution eligible  
 2   to receive funds under the Evans-Allen program receives  
 3   no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for  
 4   education grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-  
 5   serving institutions be made available to individual eligible  
 6   institutions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds  
 7   awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Ha-  
 8   waii: *Provided further*, That funds for education grants for  
 9   1890 institutions shall be made available to institutions  
 10  eligible to receive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222:  
 11  *Provided further*, That not more than 5 percent of the  
 12  amounts made available by this or any other Act to carry  
 13  out the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative under  
 14  7 U.S.C. 3157 may be retained by the Secretary of Agri-  
 15  culture to pay administrative costs incurred by the Sec-  
 16  retary in carrying out that authority.

#### 17     NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

18       For the Native American Institutions Endowment  
 19  Fund authorized by Public Law 103–382 (7 U.S.C. 301  
 20  note), \$11,880,000, to remain available until expended.

#### 21                     EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

22       For payments to States, the District of Columbia,  
 23  Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the  
 24  Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$557,100,000  
 25  (increased by \$2,000,000) which shall be for the purposes,

1 in the amounts, and for the periods of availability specified  
 2 in the table titled “National Institute of Food and Agri-  
 3 culture, Extension Activities” in the report accompanying  
 4 this Act, of which \$33,500,000 shall remain available until  
 5 expended: *Provided*, That institutions eligible to receive  
 6 funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension re-  
 7 ceive no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That  
 8 funds for cooperative extension under sections 3(b) and  
 9 (c) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and  
 10 section 208(c) of Public Law 93–471 shall be available  
 11 for retirement and employees’ compensation costs for ex-  
 12 tension agents.

#### 13 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

14 For the integrated research, education, and extension  
 15 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-  
 16 penses, \$39,100,000, which shall be for the purposes, in  
 17 the amounts, and for the periods of availability specified  
 18 in the table titled “National Institute of Food and Agri-  
 19 culture, Integrated Activities” in the report accompanying  
 20 this Act, of which \$8,000,000 shall remain available until  
 21 September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any  
 22 other provision of law, indirect costs shall not be charged  
 23 against any Extension Implementation Program Area  
 24 grant awarded under the Crop Protection/Pest Manage-  
 25 ment Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

1 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING  
2 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
4 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,  
5 \$1,200,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
6 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-  
7 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
8 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
9 fice.

10 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
12 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

13 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant  
14 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for  
15 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to  
16 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),  
17 \$1,157,850,000 (increased by \$2,000,000) (reduced by  
18 \$7,000,000) (increased by \$7,000,000) which shall be for  
19 the purposes, in the amounts, and for the periods of avail-  
20 ability specified in the table titled “Animal and Plant  
21 Health Inspection Service” in the report accompanying  
22 this Act, of which \$584,177,000 shall remain available  
23 until expended, and of which \$8,500,000 shall remain  
24 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That no  
25 funds shall be used to formulate or administer a brucel-

1    osis eradication program for the current fiscal year that  
2    does not require minimum matching by the States of at  
3    least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That this appropriation  
4    shall be available for the purchase, replacement, operation,  
5    and maintenance of aircraft: *Provided further*, That in ad-  
6    dition, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the  
7    agricultural production industry of the United States, the  
8    Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds  
9    available to the agencies or corporations of the Depart-  
10   ment such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be avail-  
11   able only in such emergencies for the arrest and eradi-  
12   cation of contagious or infectious disease or pests of ani-  
13   mals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance  
14   with sections 10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Pro-  
15   tection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431  
16   and 442 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and  
17   7772), and any unexpended balances of funds transferred  
18   for such emergency purposes in the preceding fiscal year  
19   shall be merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided*  
20   *further*, That the Secretary must notify the Committees  
21   on Appropriations about any transfer of funds in the pre-  
22   ceding proviso within 15 days after such transfer being  
23   made: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder  
24   shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the  
25   repair and alteration of leased buildings and improve-

1 ments, but unless otherwise provided the cost of altering  
2 any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed  
3 10 percent of the current replacement value of the build-  
4 ing.

5       In fiscal year 2027, the agency is authorized to collect  
6 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-  
7 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political  
8 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,  
9 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such  
10 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such  
11 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,  
12 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such  
13 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-  
14 able until expended, without further appropriation, for  
15 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

16                   BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

17       For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-  
18 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-  
19 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as  
20 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as  
21 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a, \$500,000, to remain avail-  
22 able until expended.

## 1 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

## 2 MARKETING SERVICES

3 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing  
4 Service, \$204,551,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall be avail-  
5 able for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113-  
6 79, and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the pur-  
7 poses of section 779 of division A of Public Law 117-  
8 103: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under  
9 this heading, \$13,750,000, to remain available until ex-  
10 pended, shall be to carry out section 12513 of Public Law  
11 115-334, and the Secretary shall take measures to ensure  
12 an equal distribution of funds between the four regional  
13 innovation initiatives: *Provided further*, That this appro-  
14 priation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250)  
15 for the alteration and repair of buildings and improve-  
16 ments, but the cost of altering any one building during  
17 the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current  
18 replacement value of the building.

19 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization  
20 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31  
21 U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to  
22 the development or maintenance of grain standards under  
23 the United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et  
24 seq.

## 1           LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

2           Not to exceed \$62,596,000 (from fees collected) shall  
3 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-  
4 tive expenses: *Provided*, That if crop size is understated  
5 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may  
6 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification  
7 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
8 Congress.

## 9           FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND

## 10                               SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

## 11                               (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

12           Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-  
13 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-  
14 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other  
15 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the  
16 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and  
17 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-  
18 fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than  
19 \$24,464,000 for formulation and administration of mar-  
20 keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural  
21 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural  
22 Act of 1961 (Public Law 87–128).

## 23           PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

24           For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus  
25 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for

6 Not to exceed \$55,000,000 (from fees collected) shall  
7 be obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection  
8 and weighing services: *Provided*, That if grain export ac-  
9 tivities require additional supervision and oversight, or  
10 other uncontrollable factors occur, this limitation may be  
11 exceeded by up to 10 percent with notification to the Com-  
12 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, \$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

For necessary expenses to carry out services author-  
ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry  
Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection  
Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation  
allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the

1 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),  
2 \$1,226,000,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-  
3 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-  
4 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the  
5 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990  
6 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the  
7 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system  
8 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,  
9 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall  
10 be employed during fiscal year 2027 for purposes dedi-  
11 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the  
12 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et  
13 seq.): *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be  
14 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-  
15 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the  
16 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year  
17 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement  
18 value of the building.

1 TITLE II  
2 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION  
3 PROGRAMS

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM  
5 PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
7 Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation,  
8 \$1,000,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
9 Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conserva-  
10 tion mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
11 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
12 fice.

13 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS  
14 CENTER

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and  
18 Conservation Business Center, \$150,598,000 (reduced by  
19 \$2,000,000): *Provided*, That \$70,740,000 of amounts ap-  
20 propriated for the current fiscal year pursuant to section  
21 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act  
22 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred to and  
23 merged with this account.

## 1 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

## 2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

## 3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,  
5 \$1,105,526,000 (increased by \$2,000,000) (reduced by  
6 \$5,000,000) (increased by \$5,000,000), of which not less  
7 than \$15,000,000 shall be for the hiring of new employees  
8 to fill vacancies and anticipated vacancies at Farm Service  
9 Agency county offices and farm loan officers and shall be  
10 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That the  
11 agency shall submit a report by the end of the fourth quar-  
12 ter of fiscal year 2027 to the Committees on Appropria-  
13 tions of both Houses of Congress that identifies for each  
14 project/investment that is operational (a) current perform-  
15 ance against key indicators of customer satisfaction, (b)  
16 current performance of service level agreements or other  
17 technical metrics, (c) current performance against a pre-  
18 established cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown of cur-  
19 rent and planned spending on operational enhancements  
20 or upgrades, and (e) an assessment of whether the invest-  
21 ment continues to meet business needs as intended as well  
22 as alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*, That  
23 the Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities,  
24 and authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity  
25 Credit Corporation to make program payments for all pro-

1 grams administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That  
2 other funds made available to the Agency for authorized  
3 activities may be advanced to and merged with this ac-  
4 count: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated  
5 under this heading, \$696,594,000 shall be made available  
6 to county offices, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
7 *vided further*, That, notwithstanding the preceding pro-  
8 viso, any funds made available to county offices in the cur-  
9 rent fiscal year that the Administrator of the Farm Serv-  
10 ice Agency deems to exceed or not meet the amount need-  
11 ed for the county offices may be transferred to or from  
12 the Farm Service Agency for necessary expenses: *Provided*  
13 *further*, That none of the funds available for any depart-  
14 ment or agency in this or any other appropriations Acts,  
15 including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Farm  
16 Service Agency county offices: *Provided further*, That none  
17 of the funds available in this or any other Act, including  
18 prior year Acts, shall be used to permanently relocate  
19 county based employees that would result in an office with  
20 two or fewer employees without prior notification and ap-  
21 proval of the Committees on Appropriations of both  
22 Houses of Congress.

23 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

24 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-  
25 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–

1 5106), \$6,500,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agri-  
2 culture may determine that United States territories and  
3 Federally recognized Indian tribes are “States” for the  
4 purposes of Subtitle A of such Act.

5 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

6 For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or  
7 groundwater protection activities under section 1240O of  
8 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),  
9 \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended.

10 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity  
13 payments to dairy farmers and manufacturers of dairy  
14 products under a dairy indemnity program, such sums as  
15 may be necessary, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
16 *vided*, That such program is carried out by the Secretary  
17 in the same manner as the dairy indemnity program de-  
18 scribed in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and  
19 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-  
20 tions Act, 2001 (Public Law 106–387, 114 Stat. 1549A–  
21 12).

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: \$1,062,000 for emergency loans, to remain

1 available until expended; and \$30,553,000 for farm owner-  
2 ship direct loans.

3 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
4 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
5 \$326,053,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,  
6 \$305,803,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for  
7 “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

8 Funds appropriated by this Act to the Agricultural  
9 Credit Insurance Program Account for farm ownership,  
10 operating, conservation, and emergency direct loans and  
11 loan guarantees may be transferred among these pro-  
12 grams: *Provided*, That the Committees on Appropriations  
13 of both Houses of Congress are notified at least 15 days  
14 in advance of any transfer.

15 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

16 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

17 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management  
18 Agency, \$60,345,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the  
19 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall  
20 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-  
21 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-  
22 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall  
23 be in addition to amounts otherwise provided for such pur-  
24 pose: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall

1 be available for official reception and representation ex-  
2 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

3 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

4 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

5 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-  
6 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),  
7 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-  
8 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including  
9 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-  
10 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary  
11 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-  
12 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-  
13 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of  
14 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,  
15 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials  
16 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal  
17 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August  
18 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-  
19 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-  
20 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,  
21 \$800,000,000 (increased by \$2,000,000), which shall be  
22 for the purposes and in the amounts specified in the table  
23 titled “Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conserva-  
24 tion Operations” in the report accompanying this Act, to  
25 remain available until September 30, 2028, of which

1 \$49,005,500 shall for be for the purposes, and in the  
2 amounts specified for this account in the table titled  
3 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-  
4 panying this Act: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder  
5 shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construc-  
6 tion and improvement of buildings and public improve-  
7 ments at plant materials centers, except that the cost of  
8 alterations and improvements to other buildings and other  
9 public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Provided*  
10 *further*, That when buildings or other structures are erect-  
11 ed on non-Federal land, that the right to use such land  
12 is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a: *Provided fur-*  
13 *ther*, That of the total amount available under this head-  
14 ing, \$2,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses to carry  
15 out the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Pro-  
16 gram under section 222 of subtitle A of title II of the  
17 Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7  
18 U.S.C. 6923), as amended by section 12302 of Public Law  
19 115–334: *Provided further*, That for grants provided  
20 through the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production  
21 Program, grant recipients shall be subject to a fifty per-  
22 cent cost-share requirement.

23 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

24 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-  
25 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-

1 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and  
2 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed  
3 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–  
4 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-  
5 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,  
6 \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
7 *vided*, That for funds provided by this Act or any other  
8 prior Act, the limitation regarding the size of the water-  
9 shed or subwatershed exceeding two hundred and fifty  
10 thousand acres in which such activities can be undertaken  
11 shall only apply for activities undertaken for the primary  
12 purpose of flood prevention (including structural and land  
13 treatment measures): *Provided further*, That of the  
14 amounts made available under this heading, \$10,000,000  
15 shall be allocated to projects in states that are actively  
16 engaged in corrugated metal pipe pilot projects with  
17 NRCS.

18 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

19 Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed  
20 Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$3,000,000 is pro-  
21 vided.

22 CORPORATIONS

23 The following corporations and agencies are hereby  
24 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of  
25 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-

1 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make  
 2 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year  
 3 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government  
 4 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying  
 5 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current  
 6 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-  
 7 inafter provided.

8       FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

9       For payments as authorized by section 516 of the  
 10 Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1516), such sums  
 11 as may be necessary, to remain available until expended.

12       COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

13       REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

14       (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15       For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-  
 16 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for  
 17 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-  
 18 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,  
 19 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds  
 20 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-  
 21 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act  
 22 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the  
 23 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be  
 24 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-  
 25 ice for information resource management activities of the

1 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-  
2 modity Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,  
3 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-  
4 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior  
5 to the obligation, commitment, or transfer of any emer-  
6 gency funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation or  
7 the transfer or cancellation of any previously obligated  
8 Commodity Credit Corporation funds: *Provided further*,  
9 That such written notification shall include a detailed  
10 spend plan for the anticipated uses of such funds and an  
11 expected timeline for program execution if such obligation,  
12 commitment, transfer, or cancellation exceeds  
13 \$100,000,000.

14 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

15 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

16 For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit  
17 Corporation shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for  
18 site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations  
19 and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement  
20 of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental  
21 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.  
22 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal  
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 6961).

1 TITLE III  
2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL  
4 DEVELOPMENT

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
6 Secretary for Rural Development, \$1,000,000: *Provided*,  
7 That funds made available by this Act to an agency in  
8 the Rural Development mission area for salaries and ex-  
9 penses are available to fund up to one administrative sup-  
10 port staff for the Office.

11 RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-  
15 tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-  
16 grams, including activities with institutions concerning the  
17 development and operation of agricultural cooperatives;  
18 and for cooperative agreements; \$270,000,000 (increased  
19 by \$2,000,000): *Provided*, That of the amount made avail-  
20 able under this heading, no less than \$75,000,000, to re-  
21 main available until expended, shall be used for informa-  
22 tion technology expenses: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
23 standing any other provision of law, funds appropriated  
24 under this heading may be used for advertising and pro-  
25 motional activities that support Rural Development pro-

1 grams: *Provided further*, That in addition to any other  
 2 funds appropriated for purposes authorized by section  
 3 502(i) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(i)),  
 4 any amounts collected under such section, as amended by  
 5 this Act, will immediately be credited to this account and  
 6 will remain available until expended for such purposes:  
 7 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available  
 8 under this heading, \$2,000,000, to remain available until  
 9 expended, shall be for the Secretary of Agriculture to  
 10 carry out a pilot program that assists rural hospitals to  
 11 improve long-term operations and financial health, by pro-  
 12 viding technical assistance through analysis of current  
 13 hospital management practices.

#### 14 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

##### 15 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

##### 16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-  
 18 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the  
 19 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the  
 20 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$1,000,000,000  
 21 shall be for section 502 direct loans; \$6,000,000 shall be  
 22 for a Single Family Housing Relending demonstration  
 23 program for Native American Tribes; and  
 24 \$25,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
 25 2028, shall be for section 502 unsubsidized guaranteed

1 loans; \$25,000,000 for section 504 housing repair loans;  
2 \$50,000,000 for section 515 rental housing; \$400,000,000  
3 for section 538 guaranteed multi-family housing loans;  
4 \$10,000,000 for credit sales of single family housing ac-  
5 quired property; \$5,000,000 for section 523 self-help  
6 housing land development loans; \$5,000,000 for section  
7 524 site development loans; and \$15,000,000 for section  
8 514 direct farm labor housing loans.

9       For the cost of direct loans, guaranteed loans, and  
10 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined  
11 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
12 as follows: section 502 direct loans, \$132,900,000; Single  
13 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for  
14 Native American Tribes, \$2,653,000; section 504 housing  
15 repair loans, \$4,270,000; repair, rehabilitation, and new  
16 construction of section 515 rental housing, \$16,640,000,  
17 to remain available until expended; section 523 self-help  
18 housing land development loans, \$655,000; section 524  
19 site development loans, \$471,000; section 514 farm labor  
20 housing loans, \$5,057,000, to remain available until ex-  
21 pended; and farm labor housing grants, as authorized by  
22 section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484,  
23 1486), \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended:  
24 *Provided*, That to support the loan program level for sec-  
25 tion 538 guaranteed loans made available under this head-

1 ing the Secretary may charge or adjust any fees to cover  
2 the projected cost of such loan guarantees pursuant to the  
3 provisions of the Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C.  
4 661 et seq.), and the interest on such loans may not be  
5 subsidized: *Provided further*, That applicants in commu-  
6 nities that have a current rural area waiver under section  
7 541 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall  
8 be treated as living in a rural area for purposes of section  
9 502 guaranteed loans provided under this heading: *Pro-*  
10 *vided further*, That of the amounts available under this  
11 paragraph for section 502 direct loans, no less than  
12 \$5,000,000 shall be available for direct loans for individ-  
13 uals whose homes will be built pursuant to a program  
14 funded with a mutual and self-help housing grant author-  
15 ized by section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 until June  
16 1, 2027: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall imple-  
17 ment provisions to provide incentives to nonprofit organi-  
18 zations and public housing authorities to facilitate the ac-  
19 quisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS) multifamily  
20 housing properties by such nonprofit organizations and  
21 public housing authorities that commit to keep such prop-  
22 erties in the RHS multifamily housing program for a pe-  
23 riod of time as determined by the Secretary, with such  
24 incentives to include, but not be limited to, the following:  
25 allow such nonprofit entities and public housing authori-

1 ties to earn a Return on Investment on the owner's initial  
2 equity contributions, as defined by the Secretary, invested  
3 in the transaction; and allow reimbursement of organiza-  
4 tional costs associated with owner's oversight of asset re-  
5 ferred to as "Asset Management Fee" of up to \$15,000  
6 per property.

7       In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,  
8 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section  
9 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
10 \$30,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a  
11 demonstration program for the preservation and revital-  
12 ization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family  
13 rental housing properties to restructure existing USDA  
14 multi-family housing loans, as the Secretary deems appro-  
15 priate, expressly for the purposes of ensuring the project  
16 has sufficient resources to preserve the project for the pur-  
17 pose of providing safe and affordable housing for low-in-  
18 come residents and farm laborers including reducing or  
19 eliminating interest; deferring loan payments, subordi-  
20 nating, reducing or re-amortizing loan debt; and other fi-  
21 nancial assistance including advances, payments and in-  
22 centives (including the ability of owners to obtain reason-  
23 able returns on investment) required by the Secretary:  
24 *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, as part of the preser-  
25 vation and revitalization agreement, obtain a restrictive

1 use agreement consistent with the terms of the restruc-  
2 turing.

3 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
4 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
5 \$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for  
6 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

7 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

8 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-  
9 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)  
10 of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into  
11 in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible house-  
12 holds as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Hous-  
13 ing Act of 1949, \$1,795,000,000, and in addition such  
14 sums as may be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c)  
15 of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year  
16 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program under sec-  
17 tion 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That amounts made  
18 available under this heading shall be available for renewal  
19 of rental assistance agreements for a maximum of 5,000  
20 units where the Secretary determines that a maturing loan  
21 for a project cannot reasonably be restructured with an-  
22 other USDA loan or modification and the project was op-  
23 erating with rental assistance under section 521 of the  
24 Housing Act of 1949: *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
25 may enter into rental assistance contracts in maturing

1 properties with existing rental assistance agreements not-  
2 withstanding any provision of section 521 of the Housing  
3 Act of 1949, for a term of at least 10 years but not more  
4 than 20 years: *Provided further*, That any agreement to  
5 enter into a rental assistance contract under section 521  
6 of the Housing Act of 1949 for a maturing property shall  
7 obligate the owner to continue to maintain the project as  
8 decent, safe, and sanitary housing and to operate the de-  
9 velopment in accordance with the Housing Act of 1949,  
10 except that rents shall be based on current Fair Market  
11 Rents as established by the Department of Housing and  
12 Urban Development pursuant to 24 CFR 888 Subpart A,  
13 42 U.S.C. 1437f and 3535d, to determine the maximum  
14 initial rent and adjusted annually by the Operating Cost  
15 Adjustment Factor pursuant to 24 CFR 888 Subpart B,  
16 unless the Agency determines that the project's budget-  
17 based needs require a higher rent, in which case the Agen-  
18 cy may approve a budget-based rent level: *Provided fur-*  
19 *ther*, That rental assistance agreements entered into or re-  
20 newed during the current fiscal year shall be funded for  
21 a one year period: *Provided further*, That upon request by  
22 an owner under section 514 or 515 of the Act, the Sec-  
23 retary may renew the rental assistance agreement for a  
24 period of 20 years or until the term of such loan has ex-  
25 pired, subject to annual appropriations: *Provided further*,

1 That any unexpended balances remaining at the end of  
2 such one-year agreements may be transferred and used  
3 for purposes of any debt reduction, maintenance, repair,  
4 or rehabilitation of any existing projects; preservation; and  
5 rental assistance activities authorized under title V of the  
6 Act: *Provided further*, That rental assistance provided  
7 under agreements entered into prior to fiscal year 2027  
8 for a farm labor multi-family housing project financed  
9 under section 514 or 516 of the Act may not be recaptured  
10 for use in another project until such assistance has re-  
11 mained unused for a period of twelve consecutive months,  
12 if such project has a waiting list of tenants seeking such  
13 assistance or the project has rental assistance eligible ten-  
14 ants who are not receiving such assistance: *Provided fur-*  
15 *ther*, That such recaptured rental assistance shall, to the  
16 extent practicable, be applied to another farm labor multi-  
17 family housing project financed under section 514 or 516  
18 of the Act: *Provided further*, That except as provided in  
19 the seventh proviso under this heading and notwith-  
20 standing any other provision of the Act, the Secretary may  
21 recapture rental assistance provided under agreements en-  
22 tered into prior to fiscal year 2027 for a project that the  
23 Secretary determines no longer needs rental assistance  
24 and use such recaptured funds for current needs.

## RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

1                   RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

2           For the rural housing voucher program as authorized

3 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but not-

4 withstanding subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000,

5 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the

6 funds made available under this heading shall be available

7 for rural housing vouchers to any low-income household

8 (including those not receiving rental assistance) residing

9 in a property financed with a section 515 loan which has

10 been prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30,

11 2005, and is not receiving stand-alone section 521 rental

12 assistance: *Provided further*, That the amount of such

13 voucher shall be the difference between comparable market

14 rent for the section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for

15 such unit: *Provided further*, That funds made available for

16 such vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual

17 appropriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall,

18 to the maximum extent practicable, administer such

19 vouchers with current regulations and administrative guid-

20 ance applicable to section 8 housing vouchers administered

21 by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban

22 Development: *Provided further*, That in addition to any

23 other available funds, the Secretary may expend not more

24 than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made

1 available under this heading, for administrative expenses  
2 for activities funded under this heading.

3 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

4 For grants and contracts pursuant to section  
5 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.  
6 1490c), \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

7 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

8 For grants for very low-income housing repair and  
9 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing  
10 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,  
11 \$26,000,000, to remain available until expended.

12 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-  
15 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306  
16 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated  
17 Farm and Rural Development Act, \$1,250,000,000 for di-  
18 rect loans and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

19 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and  
20 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined  
21 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
22 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by  
23 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the  
24 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,  
25 \$422,980,252 to remain available until expended, of which

1 \$398,527,252 shall be for the purposes, and in the  
2 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled  
3 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-  
4 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$5,000,000 of the  
5 amount appropriated under this heading shall be available  
6 for a Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided*  
7 *further*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop  
8 the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-  
9 based housing and community development organizations,  
10 low-income rural communities, and Federally Recognized  
11 Native American Tribes to undertake projects to improve  
12 housing, community facilities, community and economic  
13 development projects in rural areas: *Provided further*,  
14 That such funds shall be made available to qualified pri-  
15 vate, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations pro-  
16 posing to carry out a program of financial and technical  
17 assistance: *Provided further*, That such intermediary orga-  
18 nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,  
19 including Federal funds for related activities, in an  
20 amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further*,  
21 That any unobligated balances from prior year appropria-  
22 tions under this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan  
23 guarantees and grants, including amounts deobligated or  
24 cancelled, may be made available to cover the subsidy costs  
25 for direct loans and or loan guarantees under this heading

1 in this fiscal year: *Provided further*, That no amounts may  
2 be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from  
3 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an  
4 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution  
5 on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
6 Deficit Control Act of 1985 or that were specified  
7 in the tables titled “Community Project Funding/Congress-  
8 sionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory statements  
9 accompanying prior year Agriculture, Rural Development,  
10 Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations  
11 Acts, as described in section 4 in the matter  
12 preceding division A of such Acts: *Provided further*, That  
13 no amounts may be made available pursuant to the fifth  
14 proviso without prior notification and approval of the  
15 Committees of Appropriations of both Houses of Congress:  
16 *Provided further*, That \$19,453,000 of the amount appropriated  
17 under this heading shall be available for community  
18 facilities grants, as authorized by section 306(a)(19)  
19 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, of  
20 which \$8,000,000 shall be for grants to tribal colleges as  
21 authorized by section 306(a)(25) of such Act and of which  
22 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be  
23 for the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a pilot program  
24 in coordination with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
25 Services Administrator that assists rural hospitals in

1 modernizing aging facilities by giving preference to critical  
 2 access hospitals receiving assistance from the Rural  
 3 Health Transformation Program: *Provided further*, That  
 4 sections 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and  
 5 Rural Development Act are not applicable to the funds  
 6 made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That  
 7 in addition to any other available funds, the Secretary may  
 8 expend not more than \$1,000,000 total, from the program  
 9 funds made available under this heading, for administra-  
 10 tive expenses for activities funded under this heading.

11           RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

12                   RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

13       For gross obligations for the principal amount of  
 14 guaranteed loans as authorized by section 310B of the  
 15 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.  
 16 1932(g)), \$2,000,000,000.

17       For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the  
 18 rural business development programs authorized by sec-  
 19 tion 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and  
 20 (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
 21 Development Act, \$63,600,000, to remain available until  
 22 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated  
 23 under this heading, \$38,600,000 shall be for business and  
 24 industry guaranteed loans: *Provided further*, That of the  
 25 amount appropriated under this heading, \$18,000,000

1 shall be for rural business development grants as author-  
2 ized by section 310B(c) of the Consolidated Farm and  
3 Rural Development Act: *Provided further*, That of the  
4 amount appropriated under this heading, \$7,000,000 shall  
5 be for grants to the Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C.  
6 2009aa et seq.), the Northern Border Regional Commis-  
7 sion (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.), the Southwest Border Re-  
8 gional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), and the Ap-  
9 palachian Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.)  
10 for any Rural Community Advancement Program purpose  
11 as described in section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm  
12 and Rural Development Act, of which not more than 5  
13 percent may be used for administrative expenses: *Provided*  
14 *further*, That \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated  
15 under this heading shall be for business grants to benefit  
16 Federally Recognized Native American Tribes, including  
17 \$250,000 for a grant to a qualified national organization  
18 to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in  
19 order to promote economic development: *Provided further*,  
20 That sections 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated  
21 Farm and Rural Development Act are not applicable to  
22 funds made available under this heading.

1 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT  
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-  
4 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-  
5 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$9,000,000.

6 For the cost of direct loans, \$2,631,000 as authorized  
7 by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Account (7  
8 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$263,000 shall be available  
9 through June 30, 2027, for Federally Recognized Native  
10 American Tribes; and of which \$526,000 shall be available  
11 through June 30, 2027, for Mississippi Delta Region  
12 counties (as determined in accordance with Public Law  
13 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost  
14 of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502  
15 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

16 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out  
17 the direct loan programs, \$4,468,000 shall be paid to the  
18 appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries and Ex-  
19 penses”.

20 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM  
21 ACCOUNT

22 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-  
23 ized under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification  
24 Act, for the purpose of promoting rural economic develop-  
25 ment and job creation projects, \$50,000,000.

1       The cost of grants authorized under section 313B(a)  
2 of the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of pro-  
3 moting rural economic development and job creation  
4 projects shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

5           RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

6       For rural cooperative development grants authorized  
7 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and  
8 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$17,600,000:  
9 *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated under this  
10 heading, \$2,800,000 shall be for cooperative agreements  
11 for the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas  
12 program; \$3,000,000 shall be for grants for cooperative  
13 development centers, individual cooperatives, or groups of  
14 cooperatives that serve socially disadvantaged groups and  
15 a majority of the boards of directors or governing boards  
16 of which are comprised of individuals who are members  
17 of socially disadvantaged groups; \$6,500,000 (reduced by  
18 \$10,000,000) (increased by \$10,000,000), to remain avail-  
19 able until expended, shall be for value-added agricultural  
20 product market development grants, as authorized by sec-  
21 tion 210A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946; and  
22 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be  
23 for Agriculture Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to  
24 section 6402 of Public Law 107–171.

1       RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2       For the principal amount of direct loans as author-  
3 ized by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
4 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$15,000,000.

5       For the cost of loans and grants, \$3,600,000 under  
6 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section  
7 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development  
8 Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s).

9               RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

10       For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under  
11 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section  
12 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of  
13 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$50,000,000.

14       For the cost of loans, \$1,890,000 under the same  
15 terms and conditions as authorized by section 9007 of the  
16 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7  
17 U.S.C. 8107).

18               RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

19       RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
20               (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21       For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-  
22 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306  
23 and described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated  
24 Farm and Rural Development Act, as follows:

1 \$1,015,000,000 for direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for  
2 guaranteed loans.

3 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and  
4 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined  
5 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
6 for rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid  
7 waste management programs authorized by sections 306,  
8 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sec-  
9 tions 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the  
10 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,  
11 \$385,343,050 (increased by \$2,000,000) to remain avail-  
12 able until expended: *Provided*, That \$75,824,000 of the  
13 amount appropriated under this heading shall be available  
14 for direct loans, of which no less than \$4,224,000 shall  
15 be available for water and waste direct one percent loans  
16 for distressed communities as the Secretary deems appro-  
17 priate: *Provided further*, That \$1,000,000 shall be avail-  
18 able for the rural utilities program described in section  
19 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act: *Provided further*, That  
20 \$5,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
21 ing shall be available for the rural utilities program de-  
22 scribed in section 306E of such Act: *Provided further*,  
23 That \$7,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this  
24 heading shall be for grants authorized by section  
25 306A(i)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-

1 ment Act in addition to funding authorized by section  
2 306A(i)(1) of such Act: *Provided further*, That  
3 \$20,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
4 ing shall be for loans and grants including water and  
5 waste disposal systems grants authorized by section  
6 306C(a)(2)(B) and section 306D of the Consolidated  
7 Farm and Rural Development Act, and Federally Recog-  
8 nized Native American Tribes authorized by 306C(a)(1)  
9 of such Act, and the Department of Hawaiian Home  
10 Lands (of the State of Hawaii): *Provided further*, That  
11 funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated  
12 Farm and Rural Development Act may be provided to a  
13 consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law  
14 105–83: *Provided further*, That not more than 2 percent  
15 of the funding provided for section 306D of the Consoli-  
16 dated Farm and Rural Development Act may be used by  
17 the State of Alaska for training and technical assistance  
18 programs and not more than 2 percent of the funding pro-  
19 vided for section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and  
20 Rural Development Act may be used by a consortium  
21 formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law 105–83 for  
22 training and technical assistance programs: *Provided fur-*  
23 *ther*, That \$35,000,000 of the amount appropriated under  
24 this heading shall be for technical assistance grants for  
25 rural water and waste systems pursuant to section

1 306(a)(14) of such Act, unless the Secretary makes a de-  
2 termination of extreme need, of which \$11,000,000 shall  
3 be made available for a grant to a qualified nonprofit  
4 multi-State regional technical assistance organization,  
5 with experience in working with small communities on  
6 water and waste water problems, the principal purpose of  
7 such grant shall be to assist rural communities with popu-  
8 lations of 3,300 or less, in improving the planning, financ-  
9 ing, development, operation, and management of water  
10 and waste water systems, and of which not less than  
11 \$800,000 shall be for a qualified national Native American  
12 organization to provide technical assistance for rural water  
13 systems for tribal communities: *Provided further*, That  
14 \$24,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
15 ing shall be for contracting with qualified national organi-  
16 zations for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-  
17 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That  
18 \$4,000,000 of the amounts made available under this  
19 heading shall be for solid waste management grants: *Pro-*  
20 *vided further*, That \$213,519,050 of the amounts made  
21 available under this heading shall be for grants pursuant  
22 to section 306(a)(2)(a) of the Consolidated Farm and  
23 Rural Development Act, of which \$135,519,050 shall be  
24 for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this  
25 account in the table titled “Community Project Funding”

1 in the report accompanying this Act: *Provided further*,  
2 That if any funds made available for the direct loan sub-  
3 sidy costs under this heading remain unobligated after  
4 July 31, 2027, such unobligated balances may be used for  
5 grant programs funded under this heading: *Provided fur-*  
6 *ther*, That any unobligated balances from prior year ap-  
7 propriations under this heading for the cost of direct  
8 loans, loan guarantees and grants, including amounts  
9 deobligated or cancelled, may be made available to cover  
10 the subsidy costs for direct loans, loan guarantees and or  
11 grants under this heading in this fiscal year: *Provided fur-*  
12 *ther*, That no amounts may be made available pursuant  
13 to the two preceding provisos from amounts that were des-  
14 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement  
15 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the  
16 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
17 1985, or that are specified for this account in the table  
18 titled “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Di-  
19 rected Spending” in the explanatory statement described  
20 in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this  
21 consolidated Act): *Provided further*, That sections 381E–  
22 H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-  
23 opment Act are not applicable to the funds made available  
24 under this heading.

1 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
2 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees  
5 as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of  
6 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,  
7 936, 940c–1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaran-  
8 teed rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of  
9 that Act, \$2,867,000,000; cost of money direct loans made  
10 pursuant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of  
11 one percent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c),  
12 of that Act, \$4,533,000,000; guaranteed underwriting  
13 loans pursuant to section 313A of that Act, \$910,000,000;  
14 for cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans made  
15 pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of that Act, \$350,000,000;  
16 and for guaranteed rural telecommunications loans made  
17 pursuant to section 306 of that Act, \$200,000,000.

18 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section  
19 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7  
20 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,  
21 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act  
22 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,  
23 \$3,185,000.

24 In addition, \$4,535,000, to remain available until ex-  
25 pended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security

1 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): *Pro-*  
 2 *vided*, That the energy efficiency measures supported by  
 3 the funding in this paragraph shall contribute in a demon-  
 4 strable way to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

5 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
 6 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
 7 \$33,270,000, which shall be paid to the appropriation for  
 8 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

9 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND  
 10 PROGRAM

11 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning  
 12 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa  
 13 et seq., \$33,160,198 (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased  
 14 by \$1,000,000), to remain available until expended, of  
 15 which \$3,160,198 shall be for the purposes, and in the  
 16 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled  
 17 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-  
 18 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be  
 19 made available for grants authorized by section 379G of  
 20 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: *Pro-*  
 21 *vided further*, That funding provided under this heading  
 22 for grants under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm  
 23 and Rural Development Act may only be provided to enti-  
 24 ties that meet all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium  
 25 as established by this section.

1       For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant  
2 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of  
3 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law  
4 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as  
5 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$40,000,000, to remain  
6 available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary  
7 may award grants described in section 601(a) of the Rural  
8 Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C.  
9 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such pilot pro-  
10 gram: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct loans shall  
11 be defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act  
12 of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90 percent of the  
13 households to be served by a project receiving a loan or  
14 grant under the pilot program shall be in a rural area  
15 without sufficient access to broadband: *Provided further*,  
16 That for purposes of such pilot program, a rural area  
17 without sufficient access to broadband shall be defined as  
18 twenty-five megabits per second downstream and three  
19 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That to  
20 the extent possible, projects receiving funds provided  
21 under the pilot program must build out service to at least  
22 one hundred megabits per second downstream, and twenty  
23 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That an  
24 entity to which a loan or grant is made under the pilot  
25 program shall not use the loan or grant to overbuild or

1 duplicate broadband service in a service area by any entity  
2 that has received a broadband loan from the Rural Utili-  
3 ties Service unless such service is not provided sufficient  
4 access to broadband at the minimum service threshold:  
5 *Provided further*, That not more than four percent of the  
6 funds made available in this paragraph can be used for  
7 administrative costs to carry out the pilot program and  
8 up to three percent of funds made available in this para-  
9 graph may be available for technical assistance and pre-  
10 development planning activities to support the most rural  
11 communities: *Provided further*, That the Rural Utilities  
12 Service is directed to expedite program delivery methods  
13 that would implement this paragraph: *Provided further*,  
14 That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall  
15 adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-  
16 ment requirements set forth in section 701 of the Rural  
17 Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).

18 In addition, \$15,000,000, to remain available until  
19 expended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-  
20 thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb–3.

1 TITLE IV  
2 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS  
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,  
4 NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
6 Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,  
7 \$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
8 Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer  
9 Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-  
10 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for  
11 the Office.

12 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE  
13 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS  
14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.  
16 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et  
17 seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of  
18 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and  
19 21; \$37,900,930,000 to remain available through Sep-  
20 tember 30, 2028, of which such sums as are made avail-  
21 able under section 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation,  
22 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as  
23 amended by this Act, shall be merged with and available  
24 for the same time period and purposes as provided herein:  
25 *Provided*, That of the total amount available, \$18,004,000

1 shall be available to carry out section 19 of the Child Nu-  
2 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.): *Provided*  
3 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$22,378,000  
4 shall be available to carry out studies and evaluations and  
5 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,  
6 That of the total amount available, \$5,000,000 shall re-  
7 main available until expended to carry out section 18(g)  
8 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 1769(g)): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding  
10 section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National  
11 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total  
12 grant amount provided to a farm to school grant recipient  
13 in fiscal year 2027 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*  
14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$5,000,000  
15 shall be available to provide competitive grants to State  
16 agencies for subgrants to local educational agencies and  
17 schools to purchase the equipment, with a value of greater  
18 than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier meals, improve food  
19 safety, and to help support the establishment, mainte-  
20 nance, or expansion of the school breakfast program: *Pro-*  
21 *vided further*, That of the total amount available,  
22 \$4,470,000 shall be available for food safety education in-  
23 cluding activities that support sections 17 and 21 of the  
24 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786, 1790) and  
25 to support the safe distribution of USDA Foods, as de-

1 fined in 7 CFR 250.2: *Provided further*, That section  
 2 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
 3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is amended in the first sentence  
 4 by striking “2010 through 2027” and inserting “2010  
 5 through 2028”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(3) of  
 6 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
 7 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended in the first sentence by  
 8 striking “For fiscal year 2026” and inserting “For fiscal  
 9 year 2027”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(4) of the  
 10 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
 11 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first sentence by striking  
 12 “For fiscal year 2026” and inserting “For fiscal year  
 13 2027”.

14 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR  
 15 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

16 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-  
 17 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17  
 18 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),  
 19 \$8,000,000,000, to remain available through September  
 20 30, 2028: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section  
 21 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
 22 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for  
 23 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities:  
 24 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall use funds made  
 25 available under this heading to provide a cash-value vouch-

1 er for women and children participants that is set at an  
2 amount equal to 267 percent of the amount provided for  
3 such voucher in fiscal year 2020 for children participants,  
4 and 428 percent of the amount provided for such voucher  
5 in such fiscal year for women participants: *Provided fur-*  
6 *ther*, That none of the funds provided in this account shall  
7 be available for the purchase of infant formula except in  
8 accordance with the cost containment and competitive bid-  
9 ding requirements specified in section 17 of such Act: *Pro-*  
10 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall require State agen-  
11 cies to authorize fresh, frozen, canned, and dried fruit and  
12 vegetables for Food Packages III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII  
13 under the special supplemental nutrition program for  
14 women, infants, and children established under section 17  
15 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786): *Pro-*  
16 *vided further*, That none of the funds provided shall be  
17 available for activities that are not fully reimbursed by  
18 other Federal Government departments or agencies unless  
19 authorized by section 17 of such Act: *Provided further*,  
20 That upon termination of a federally mandated vendor  
21 moratorium and subject to terms and conditions estab-  
22 lished by the Secretary, the Secretary may waive the re-  
23 quirement at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the request of a  
24 State agency.

## 1 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and  
3 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),  
4 \$101,241,955,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain  
5 available through September 30, 2029, shall be placed in  
6 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times  
7 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:  
8 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended  
9 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition  
10 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made  
11 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to  
12 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and  
13 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food  
14 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*  
15 *further*, That of the funds made available under this head-  
16 ing, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
17 2028, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public  
18 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal  
19 organizations: *Provided further*, That of the funds made  
20 available under this heading, \$4,000,000 shall be used to  
21 carry out section 4208 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*  
22 *further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to any  
23 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-  
24 quired by law: *Provided further*, That funds made available  
25 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-

1 main available through September 30, 2028: *Provided fur-*  
2 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading for  
3 section 4(b) and section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition  
4 Act of 2008 shall remain available through September 30,  
5 2028: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made  
6 available under this heading may be obligated or expended  
7 in contravention of section 213A of the Immigration and  
8 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A): *Provided further*, That  
9 funds made available under this heading may be used to  
10 enter into contracts and employ staff to conduct studies,  
11 evaluations, or to conduct activities related to program in-  
12 tegrity provided that such activities are authorized by the  
13 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

14 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

15 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster and  
16 commodity assistance, \$546,070,000, to remain available  
17 through September 30, 2028, of which \$460,000,000 shall  
18 be for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, as au-  
19 thorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer  
20 Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note), \$75,000,000  
21 shall be for the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983,  
22 \$1,070,000 shall be for assistance for the nuclear affected  
23 islands, as authorized by section 103(f)(2) of the Compact  
24 of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law  
25 108–188), and \$10,000,000 shall be for the Farmers’

1 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section  
2 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966: *Provided*, That  
3 none of these funds shall be available to reimburse the  
4 Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities donated  
5 to the program: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding  
6 any other provision of law, effective with funds made avail-  
7 able in fiscal year 2027 to support the Seniors Farmers'  
8 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section 4402  
9 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002,  
10 such funds shall remain available through September 30,  
11 2028: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available  
12 under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
13 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may use up to 20 per-  
14 cent for costs associated with the distribution of commod-  
15 ities.

16 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

17 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food  
18 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-  
19 tion assistance program, \$135,234,000: *Provided*, That of  
20 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for  
21 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as  
22 amended by section 4401 of Public Law 110–246.

1 TITLE V  
2 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED  
3 PROGRAMS

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND  
5 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
7 Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,  
8 \$614,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
9 Act to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural  
10 Affairs mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-  
11 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for  
12 the Office.

13 OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

14 For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex  
15 Alimentarius, \$4,922,000, including not to exceed  
16 \$100,000 for official reception and representation ex-  
17 penses.

18 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural  
22 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-  
23 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of  
24 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),  
25 \$230,000,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall re-

1 main available until September 30, 2028, for overseas op-  
2 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff:  
3 *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,  
4 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on  
5 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-  
6 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-  
7 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-  
8 grams (7 U.S.C. 1737): *Provided further*, That of the  
9 funds made available under this heading, \$5,000,000, to  
10 remain available until expended, shall be for the Cochran  
11 Fellowship Program, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 3293,  
12 \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be  
13 for the Borlaug International Agricultural Science and  
14 Technology Fellowship program, as authorized by 7  
15 U.S.C. 3319j, and up to \$2,000,000, to remain available  
16 until expended, shall be for the purpose of offsetting fluc-  
17 tuations in international currency exchange rates, subject  
18 to documentation by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

19 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

20 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-  
21 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-  
22 cluding interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act  
23 (Public Law 83-480), for commodities and expenses sup-  
24 plied in connection with dispositions abroad under title II

1 of said Act, \$900,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
2 pended.

3 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION  
4 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

5 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions  
6 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-  
7 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1), \$240,000,000, to  
8 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Com-  
9 modity Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the  
10 services, facilities, and authorities for the purpose of im-  
11 plementing such section, subject to reimbursement from  
12 amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That of the  
13 amount made available under this heading, not more than  
14 10 percent, but not less than \$24,000,000, shall remain  
15 available until expended to purchase agricultural commod-  
16 ities as described in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm  
17 Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.  
18 1736o–1(a)(2)).

19 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)  
20 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

22 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-  
23 modity Credit Corporation’s Export Guarantee Program,  
24 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common  
25 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-

1 modify Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity  
2 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall  
3 be paid to the appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural  
4 Service, Salaries and Expenses”.

1 TITLE VI  
2 RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG  
3 ADMINISTRATION  
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
5 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-  
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger  
10 motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related  
11 costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and  
12 activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are  
13 included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space  
14 in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; for miscellaneous  
15 and emergency expenses of enforcement activities, author-  
16 ized and approved by the Secretary and to be accounted  
17 for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not to exceed  
18 \$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of Public Law  
19 107–188; \$7,109,336,000 (increased by \$1,000,000) (re-  
20 duced by \$1,000,000): *Provided*, That of the amount pro-  
21 vided under this heading, \$1,639,642,000 shall be derived  
22 from prescription drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.  
23 379h, and shall be credited to this account and remain  
24 available until expended; \$560,251,000 shall be derived  
25 from medical device user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.

1 379j, and shall be credited to this account and remain  
2 available until expended; \$704,432,000 shall be derived  
3 from human generic drug user fees authorized by 21  
4 U.S.C. 379j–42, and shall be credited to this account and  
5 remain available until expended; \$61,985,000 shall be de-  
6 rived from biosimilar biological product user fees author-  
7 ized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, and shall be credited to this  
8 account and remain available until expended; \$36,374,000  
9 shall be derived from animal drug user fees authorized by  
10 21 U.S.C. 379j–12, and shall be credited to this account  
11 and remain available until expended; \$28,559,000 shall be  
12 derived from generic new animal drug user fees authorized  
13 by 21 U.S.C. 379j–21, and shall be credited to this ac-  
14 count and remain available until expended; \$712,000,000  
15 shall be derived from tobacco product user fees authorized  
16 by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be credited to this account  
17 and remain available until expended: *Provided further,*  
18 That in addition to and notwithstanding any other provi-  
19 sion under this heading, amounts collected for prescription  
20 drug user fees, medical device user fees, human generic  
21 drug user fees, biosimilar biological product user fees, ani-  
22 mal drug user fees, and generic new animal drug user fees  
23 that exceed the respective fiscal year 2027 limitations are  
24 appropriated and shall be credited to this account and re-  
25 main available until expended: *Provided further,* That fees

1 derived from prescription drug, medical device, human ge-  
2 neric drug, biosimilar biological product, animal drug, and  
3 generic new animal drug assessments for fiscal year 2027,  
4 including any such fees collected prior to fiscal year 2027  
5 but credited for fiscal year 2027, shall be subject to the  
6 fiscal year 2027 limitations: *Provided further*, That the  
7 Secretary may accept payment during fiscal year 2027 of  
8 user fees specified under this heading and authorized for  
9 fiscal year 2028, prior to the due date for such fees, and  
10 that amounts of such fees assessed for fiscal year 2028  
11 for which the Secretary accepts payment in fiscal year  
12 2027 shall not be included in amounts under this heading:  
13 *Provided further*, That none of these funds shall be used  
14 to develop, establish, or operate any program of user fees  
15 authorized by 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of  
16 the total amount appropriated: (1) \$1,279,088,000 shall  
17 be for the Human Foods Program and for related field  
18 activities, including inspections, investigations, and import  
19 operations, conducted by the Human Foods Program, the  
20 Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of  
21 the Chief Scientist, of which no less than \$15,000,000  
22 shall be used for inspections of foreign seafood manufac-  
23 turers and field examinations of imported seafood; (2)  
24 \$2,536,961,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evalua-  
25 tion and Research and for related field activities, including

1 inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-  
2 ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-  
3 tations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist, of which no  
4 less than \$10,000,000 shall be for pilots to increase unan-  
5 nounced foreign inspections and shall remain available  
6 until expended; (3) \$576,096,000 shall be for the Center  
7 for Biologics Evaluation and Research and for related field  
8 activities, including inspections, investigations, and import  
9 operations, conducted by the Center, the Office of Inspec-  
10 tions and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief Sci-  
11 entist; (4) \$268,032,000 shall be for the Center for Veteri-  
12 nary Medicine and for related field activities, including in-  
13 spections, investigations, and import operations, con-  
14 ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-  
15 tations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (5)  
16 \$985,566,000 shall be for the Center for Devices and Ra-  
17 diological Health and for related field activities, including  
18 inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-  
19 ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-  
20 tations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (6)  
21 \$69,453,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxi-  
22 cological Research; (7) \$687,120,000 shall be for the Cen-  
23 ter for Tobacco Products and for related field activities,  
24 including inspections, investigations, and import oper-  
25 ations, conducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections

1 and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist;  
2 (8) \$257,928,000 shall be for Rent and Related activities,  
3 of which \$44,400,000 is for White Oak Consolidation,  
4 other than the amounts paid to the General Services Ad-  
5 ministration for rent; (9) \$154,335,000 shall be for pay-  
6 ments to the General Services Administration for rent;  
7 and (10) \$294,757,000 shall be for other activities, includ-  
8 ing the Office of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs,  
9 the Office of the Chief Scientist, the Office of the Chief  
10 Medical Officer, and central services for these offices: *Pro-*  
11 *vided further*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of this amount  
12 shall be for official reception and representation expenses,  
13 not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Commis-  
14 sioner: *Provided further*, That any transfer of funds pursu-  
15 ant to, and for the administration of, section 770(n) of  
16 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
17 379dd(n)) shall only be from amounts made available  
18 under this heading for other activities and shall not exceed  
19 \$2,000,000: *Provided further*, That of the amounts that  
20 are made available under this heading for “other activi-  
21 ties”, and that are not derived from user fees, \$1,500,000  
22 shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation  
23 for “Department of Health and Human Services—Office  
24 of Inspector General” for oversight of the programs and  
25 operations of the Food and Drug Administration and shall

1 be in addition to funds otherwise made available for over-  
 2 sight of the Food and Drug Administration: *Provided fur-*  
 3 *ther*, That funds may be transferred from one specified  
 4 activity to another with the prior approval of the Commit-  
 5 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

6 In addition, mammography user fees authorized by  
 7 42 U.S.C. 263b, export certification user fees authorized  
 8 by 21 U.S.C. 381, priority review user fees authorized by  
 9 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, food and feed recall fees, food  
 10 reinspection fees, and voluntary qualified importer pro-  
 11 gram fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–31, outsourcing  
 12 facility fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription  
 13 drug wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees  
 14 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics  
 15 provider licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21  
 16 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized  
 17 by 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), medical countermeasure priority  
 18 review voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–  
 19 4a, and fees relating to over-the-counter monograph drugs  
 20 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–72 shall be credited to this  
 21 account, to remain available until expended.

## 22 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

23 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-  
 24 sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-  
 25 ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Admin-

1 istration, where not otherwise provided, \$1,000,000, to re-  
2 main available until expended.

### 3 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

#### 4 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### 5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions  
7 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), in-  
8 cluding the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles,  
9 and the rental of space (to include multiple year leases),  
10 in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$355,000,000,  
11 including not to exceed \$3,000 for official reception and  
12 representation expenses, and not to exceed \$25,000 for the  
13 expenses for consultations and meetings hosted by the  
14 Commission with foreign governmental and other regu-  
15 latory officials, of which not less than \$80,000,000 (re-  
16 duced by \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000) shall re-  
17 main available until September 30, 2029, and of which  
18 not less than \$5,773,000 shall be for expenses of the Of-  
19 fice of the Inspector General: *Provided*, That notwith-  
20 standing the limitations in 31 U.S.C. 1553, amounts pro-  
21 vided under this heading are available for the liquidation  
22 of obligations equal to current year payments on leases  
23 entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act:  
24 *Provided further*, That for the purpose of recording and  
25 liquidating any lease obligations that should have been re-

1 corded and liquidated against accounts closed pursuant to  
2 31 U.S.C. 1552, and consistent with the preceding pro-  
3 viso, such amounts shall be transferred to and recorded  
4 in a no-year account in the Treasury, which has been es-  
5 tablished for the sole purpose of recording adjustments for  
6 and liquidating such unpaid obligations.

7 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

8 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

9 Not to exceed \$106,500,000 (from assessments col-  
10 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal  
11 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated  
12 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses  
13 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this  
14 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-  
15 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed  
16 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the  
17 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
18 gress: *Provided further*, That the purposes of section  
19 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.  
20 2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may  
21 exempt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the applica-  
22 tion of the limitation provided in that clause of export  
23 loans described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a  
24 manner other than described in subclause (II) of the  
25 clause.

1 TITLE VII  
2 GENERAL PROVISIONS  
3 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)  
4 SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations  
5 made available to the Department of Agriculture in this  
6 Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition  
7 to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the  
8 total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year 2027  
9 does not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased  
10 in fiscal year 2018: *Provided*, That, prior to purchasing  
11 additional motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine  
12 that such vehicles are necessary for transportation safety,  
13 to reduce operational costs, and for the protection of life,  
14 property, and public safety: *Provided further*, That the  
15 Secretary may not increase the Department of Agri-  
16 culture's fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary  
17 notifies in writing, and receives approval from, the Com-  
18 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
19 within 30 days of the notification.  
20 SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
21 this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobli-  
22 gated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this  
23 Act or any other available unobligated discretionary bal-  
24 ances that are remaining available of the Department of  
25 Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisi-

tion of property, plant and equipment and for the improvement, delivery, and implementation of Department financial, and administrative information technology services, and other support systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture, such transferred funds to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency administrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this section shall be available for obligation without written notification to and the prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or made available to the Department's Working Capital Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to make any changes to the Department's National Finance Center without written notification to and prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress as required by section 716 of this Act: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or made available to the Department's Working Capital

1 Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to  
2 initiate, plan, develop, implement, or make any changes  
3 to remove or relocate any systems, missions, personnel, or  
4 functions of the offices of the Chief Financial Officer and  
5 the Chief Information Officer, co-located with or from the  
6 National Finance Center prior to written notification to  
7 and prior approval of the Committee on Appropriations  
8 of both Houses of Congress and in accordance with the  
9 requirements of section 716 of this Act: *Provided further*,  
10 That the National Finance Center Information Tech-  
11 nology Services Division personnel and data center man-  
12 agement responsibilities, and control of any functions,  
13 missions, and systems for current and future human re-  
14 sources management and integrated personnel and payroll  
15 systems (PPS) and functions provided by the Chief Finan-  
16 cial Officer and the Chief Information Officer shall remain  
17 in the National Finance Center and under the manage-  
18 ment responsibility and administrative control of the Na-  
19 tional Finance Center: *Provided further*, That the Sec-  
20 retary of Agriculture and the offices of the Chief Financial  
21 Officer shall actively market to existing and new Depart-  
22 ments and other government agencies National Finance  
23 Center shared services including, but not limited to, pay-  
24 roll, financial management, and human capital shared  
25 services and allow the National Finance Center to perform

1 technology upgrades: *Provided further*, That of annual in-  
2 come amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the De-  
3 partment of Agriculture allocated for the National Fi-  
4 nance Center, the Secretary shall reserve not more than  
5 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition of capital  
6 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-  
7 livery, and implementation of financial, administrative,  
8 and information technology services, and other systems of  
9 the National Finance Center or to pay any unforeseen,  
10 extraordinary cost of the National Finance Center: *Pro-*  
11 *vided further*, That none of the amounts reserved shall be  
12 available for obligation unless the Secretary submits writ-  
13 ten notification of the obligation to the Committees on Ap-  
14 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,  
15 That the limitations on the obligation of funds pending  
16 notification to Congressional Committees shall not apply  
17 to any obligation that, as determined by the Secretary,  
18 is necessary to respond to a declared state of emergency  
19 that significantly impacts the operations of the National  
20 Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of the National  
21 Finance Center to a safe haven to continue operations of  
22 the National Finance Center.

23 SEC. 703. No part of any appropriation contained in  
24 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the  
25 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

1        SEC. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be  
2 used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative  
3 agreements or similar arrangements between the United  
4 States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-  
5 tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of  
6 the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative ar-  
7 rangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest  
8 between the two parties. This does not preclude appro-  
9 priate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts  
10 with such institutions when such indirect costs are com-  
11 puted on a similar basis for all agencies for which appro-  
12 priations are provided in this Act.

13        SEC. 705. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-  
14 culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made  
15 available in the current fiscal year shall remain available  
16 until expended to disburse obligations made in the current  
17 fiscal year for the following accounts: The Rural Develop-  
18 ment Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrifica-  
19 tion and Telecommunication Loans program account, and  
20 the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.

21        SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the  
22 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-  
23 quire new information technology systems or significant  
24 upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-  
25 mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-

1 tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-  
2 tion Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That  
3 notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the  
4 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this  
5 Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Informa-  
6 tion Officer without written notification to and the prior  
7 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both  
8 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
9 standing section 11319 of title 40, United States Code,  
10 none of the funds available to the Department of Agri-  
11 culture for information technology shall be obligated for  
12 projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000  
13 prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Informa-  
14 tion Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information  
15 Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without  
16 written approval from the Chief Information Officer for  
17 projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000  
18 based upon the performance of an agency measured  
19 against the performance plan requirements described in  
20 the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 113–  
21 235.

22 SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b)  
23 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in  
24 the current fiscal year shall remain available until ex-

1    pended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal  
2    year.

3           SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
4    law, any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has  
5    repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan  
6    under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-  
7    for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or  
8    direct loan under such Act, shall be eligible for assistance  
9    under section 313B(a) of such Act in the same manner  
10   as a borrower under such Act.

11          SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided  
12   by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated bal-  
13   ances from appropriations made available for salaries and  
14   expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall  
15   remain available through September 30, 2028, for infor-  
16   mation technology expenses.

17          SEC. 710. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
18   wise made available by this Act may be used for first-class  
19   travel by the employees of agencies funded by this Act in  
20   contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124  
21   of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

22          SEC. 711. In the case of each program established  
23   or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law  
24   113–79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title  
25   I or subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for

1 which indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that  
2 is authorized or required to be carried out using funds  
3 of the Commodity Credit Corporation—

4           (1) such funds shall be available for salaries  
5           and related administrative expenses, including tech-  
6           nical assistance, associated with the implementation  
7           of the program, without regard to the limitation on  
8           the total amount of allotments and fund transfers  
9           contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit  
10          Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and

11          (2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall  
12          not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment  
13          for purposes of applying the limitation on the total  
14          amount of allotments and fund transfers contained  
15          in such section.

16          SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act,  
17 not more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary  
18 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,  
19 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department  
20 of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-  
21 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-  
22 tively awarded grants.

23          SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in  
24 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer

1 network unless such network blocks the viewing,  
2 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

3 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of  
4 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law  
5 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-  
6 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

7 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section  
8 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this  
9 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds  
10 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any  
11 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses  
12 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of  
13 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section  
14 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,717,000,000  
15 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal  
16 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement  
17 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—  
18 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—  
19 \$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-  
20 chases—\$41,862,000: *Provided*, That, of the total funds  
21 made available in the matter preceding this proviso that  
22 remain unobligated on October 1, 2027, such unobligated  
23 balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2028 and shall  
24 remain available until expended for any of the purposes  
25 of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used

1 in accordance with clause (3) of section 32 may not exceed  
2 \$350,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Sec-  
3 retary of Agriculture provides written notification of the  
4 expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
5 Houses of Congress at least two weeks in advance: *Pro-*  
6 *vided further*, That, with the exception of any available  
7 carryover funds authorized in any prior appropriations Act  
8 to be used for the purposes of clause (3) of section 32,  
9 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-  
10 able by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the  
11 salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department  
12 of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section 32.

13 SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this or  
14 any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and ex-  
15 penses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations  
16 language as part of the President's budget submission to  
17 the Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the  
18 Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural De-  
19 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related  
20 Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction  
21 from the previous year due to user fees proposals that  
22 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission  
23 of the budget unless such budget submission identifies  
24 which additional spending reductions should occur in the  
25 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the

1 date of the convening of a committee of conference for  
2 the fiscal year 2027 appropriations Act.

3 SEC. 716. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,  
4 or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agen-  
5 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation  
6 or expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from  
7 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of  
8 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be  
9 available for obligation or expenditure through a re-  
10 programming, transfer of funds, or reimbursements as au-  
11 thorized by the Economy Act, or in the case of the Depart-  
12 ment of Agriculture, through use of the authority provided  
13 by section 702(b) of the Department of Agriculture Or-  
14 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2257) or section 8 of Public  
15 Law 89–106 (7 U.S.C. 2263), that—

- 16 (1) creates new programs;
- 17 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
- 18 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means  
19 for any project or activity for which funds have been  
20 denied or restricted;
- 21 (4) relocates an office or employees;
- 22 (5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities;
- 23 or
- 24 (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or  
25 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

1 unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of  
2 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-  
3modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)  
4 notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-  
5tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least  
6 30 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds  
7 or the use of such authority.

8 (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-  
9 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies  
10 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or  
11 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from  
12 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of  
13 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be  
14 available for obligation or expenditure for activities, pro-  
15 grams, or projects through a reprogramming or use of the  
16 authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds  
17 in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less,  
18 that—

19 (1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-  
20 tivities;

21 (2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any exist-  
22 ing program, project, or activity, or numbers of per-  
23 sonnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or

24 (3) results from any general savings from a re-  
25 duction in personnel which would result in a change

1 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-  
2 proved by Congress;  
3 unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of  
4 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-  
5modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)  
6 notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-  
7tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least  
8 30 days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of  
9 such funds or the use of such authority.

10 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of  
11 Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-  
12modity Futures Trading Commission shall notify in writ-  
13ing and receive approval from the Committees on Appro-  
14priations of both Houses of Congress before implementing  
15 any program or activity not carried out during the pre-  
16vious fiscal year unless the program or activity is funded  
17 by this Act or specifically funded by any other Act.

18 (d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-  
19vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies  
20 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or  
21 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from  
22 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of  
23 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be  
24 available for—

1           (1) modifying major capital investments fund-  
2           ing levels, including information technology systems,  
3           that involves increasing or decreasing funds in the  
4           current fiscal year for the individual investment in  
5           excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent of the total cost,  
6           whichever is less;

7           (2) realigning or reorganizing new, current, or  
8           vacant positions or agency activities or functions to  
9           establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity  
10          with five or more personnel; or

11          (3) carrying out activities or functions that  
12          were not described in the budget request;

13 unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing,  
14 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
15 gress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for  
16 these purposes.

17          (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used  
18 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the  
19 Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chair-  
20 man of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission re-  
21 ceives from the Committee on Appropriations of both  
22 Houses of Congress written or electronic mail confirma-  
23 tion of receipt of the notification as required in this sec-  
24 tion.

1        SEC. 717. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the  
2 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.  
3 1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for  
4 any guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount  
5 that does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal  
6 portion of the loan.

7        SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
8 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the  
9 Food and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures  
10 Trading Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration  
11 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available re-  
12 ports, questions, or responses to questions that are a re-  
13 sult of information requested for the appropriations hear-  
14 ing process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-  
15 Department of Health and Human Services, non-Com-  
16 modity Futures Trading Commission, or non-Farm Credit  
17 Administration employee.

18        SEC. 719. Unless otherwise authorized by existing  
19 law, none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used  
20 by an executive branch agency to produce any pre-  
21 packaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution  
22 in the United States unless the story includes a clear noti-  
23 fication within the text or audio of the prepackaged news  
24 story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or  
25 funded by that executive branch agency.

1        SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-  
2 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or  
3 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other  
4 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days  
5 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency  
6 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or  
7 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the  
8 period of assignment.

9        SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of  
10 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the  
11 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the  
12 Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commis-  
13 sion, and the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administra-  
14 tion shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of  
15 the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed  
16 obligation plan delineated by program, project, and activ-  
17 ity, as defined in the report accompanying this Act, for  
18 all amounts made available by this Act and prior appro-  
19 priations Acts that remain available for obligation, includ-  
20 ing appropriated user fees and loan authorizations: *Pro-*  
21 *vided*, That such obligation plan shall include breakdowns  
22 of estimated obligations for each such program, project,  
23 or activity by fiscal quarter, source appropriation, and the  
24 number of full-time equivalent positions supported: *Pro-*  
25 *vided further*, That such obligation plan shall serve as the

1 baseline for reprogramming notifications for the purposes  
2 of section 716 of this Act.

3       SEC. 722. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide  
4 written notification to the House and Senate Committees  
5 on Appropriations no fewer than 3 business days in ad-  
6 vance of termination of any grant, cooperative agreement,  
7 or contract award totaling \$1,000,000 or more issued  
8 from funds made available in this Act or any previous Act:  
9 *Provided*, That such notification shall include the recipient  
10 of the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year  
11 for which the funds for the award were appropriated, the  
12 account and program, project, or activity from which the  
13 funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a de-  
14 tailed justification for the termination.

15       SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility  
16 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service  
17 programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated  
18 prison populations.

19       SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not  
20 require budget authority and for which the program level  
21 has been established in this Act, the Secretary of Agri-  
22 culture may increase the program level for such loans and  
23 loan guarantees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*,  
24 That for loans and loan guarantees authorized by Sections  
25 4 and 306 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7

1 U.S.C. 936) that do not require budget authority and for  
2 which the program level has been authorized under this  
3 Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may increase the pro-  
4 gram level for such loans and loan guarantees by not more  
5 than 50 percent: *Provided further*, That prior to the Sec-  
6 retary implementing such an increase, the Secretary noti-  
7 fies, in writing, the Committees on Appropriations of both  
8 Houses of Congress at least 15 days in advance.

9       SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates  
10 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-  
11 tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and  
12 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-  
13 tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107–76)  
14 shall be available for obligation without written notifica-  
15 tion to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Ap-  
16 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That  
17 the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for  
18 obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and  
19 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-  
20 livery, and implementation of Departmental financial  
21 management, information technology, and other support  
22 systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administra-  
23 tive, and information technology services, including cloud  
24 adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies  
25 of the Department of Agriculture.

1        SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the  
3 “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-  
4 ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-  
5 sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department  
6 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15,  
7 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agri-  
8 culture amends the definition of the term “variety” as de-  
9 fined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Fed-  
10 eral Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition  
11 of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of  
12 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-  
13 ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each  
14 staple food category so that the total number of such items  
15 in each staple food category exceeds the number of such  
16 items in each staple food category included in the final  
17 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That  
18 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-  
19 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-  
20 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-  
21 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were  
22 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of  
23 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

24        SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section  
25 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the

1 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority  
2 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and  
3 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under  
4 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 1490p-2) with respect to loans guaranteed under  
6 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

7       SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
8 wise made available by this Act shall be available for the  
9 United States Department of Agriculture to propose, fi-  
10 nalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate  
11 new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date  
12 of the enactment of this Act.

13       SEC. 729. Notwithstanding any provision of law that  
14 regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and hol-  
15 iday pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge  
16 establishments subject to the inspection requirements of  
17 the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et  
18 seq., the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et  
19 seq., and the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C.  
20 1031 et seq., for the cost of inspection services provided  
21 outside of an establishment's approved inspection shifts,  
22 and for inspection services provided on Federal holidays:  
23 *Provided*, That any sums charged pursuant to this para-  
24 graph shall be deemed as overtime pay or holiday pay  
25 under section 1001(d) of the American Rescue Plan Act

1 of 2021 (Public Law 117–2, 135 Stat. 242): *Provided fur-*  
2 *ther*, That sums received by the Secretary under this para-  
3 graph shall, in addition to other available funds, remain  
4 available until expended to the Secretary without further  
5 appropriation for the purpose of funding all costs associ-  
6 ated with FSIS inspections.

7 SEC. 730. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

8 (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates  
9 the following factors in the country or region being  
10 audited, as applicable—

11 (A) veterinary control and oversight;

12 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-  
13 tices;

14 (C) livestock demographics and  
15 traceability;

16 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-  
17 tial sources of infection;

18 (E) surveillance practices;

19 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and

20 (G) emergency preparedness and response;

21 and

22 (2) promptly make publicly available the final  
23 reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant  
24 to paragraph (1).

1       (b) This section shall be applied in a manner con-  
2       sistent with United States obligations under its inter-  
3       national trade agreements.

4       SEC. 731. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for  
5       this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-  
6       posal, and solid waste management programs authorized  
7       by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of  
8       the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7  
9       U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the  
10      construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public  
11      water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel  
12      products used in the project are produced in the United  
13      States.

14      (2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products”  
15      means the following products made primarily of iron or  
16      steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers  
17      and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges,  
18      pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, rein-  
19      forced precast concrete, and construction materials.

20      (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or cat-  
21      egory of cases in which the Secretary of Agriculture (in  
22      this section referred to as the “Secretary”) or the designee  
23      of the Secretary finds that—

24              (1) applying subsection (a) would be incon-  
25      sistent with the public interest;

1           (2) iron and steel products are not produced in  
2           the United States in sufficient and reasonably avail-  
3           able quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or

4           (3) inclusion of iron and steel products pro-  
5           duced in the United States will increase the cost of  
6           the overall project by more than 25 percent.

7           (c) If the Secretary or the designee receives a request  
8           for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the des-  
9           ignee shall make available to the public on an informal  
10          basis a copy of the request and information available to  
11          the Secretary or the designee concerning the request, and  
12          shall allow for informal public input on the request for  
13          at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the  
14          request. The Secretary or the designee shall make the re-  
15          quest and accompanying information available by elec-  
16          tronic means, including on the official public Internet Web  
17          site of the Department.

18          (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-  
19          sistent with United States obligations under international  
20          agreements.

21          (e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of  
22          the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities  
23          Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-  
24          count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-

1 section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the re-  
2 quirements of this section.

3 (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a  
4 project for which the engineering plans and specifications  
5 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited  
6 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-  
7 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the  
8 date of enactment of this Act.

9 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United  
10 States” and “State” shall include each of the several  
11 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-  
12 ognized Indian Tribe.

13 SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated by this Act  
14 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence  
15 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation  
16 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-  
17 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.  
18 1913.

19 SEC. 733. Of the total amounts made available by  
20 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following  
21 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-  
22 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—  
23 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing  
24 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural  
25 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program

1 Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural  
 2 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business—Coopera-  
 3 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-  
 4 gram Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—  
 5 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-  
 6 ness—Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-  
 7 sistance Program”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water  
 8 and Waste Disposal Program Account”; “Rural Utilities  
 9 Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications  
 10 Loans Program Account”; and “Rural Utilities Service—  
 11 Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-  
 12 gram”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 per-  
 13 cent of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in per-  
 14 sistent poverty counties under this section, including, not-  
 15 withstanding any other provision regarding population  
 16 limits, any county seat of such a persistent poverty county  
 17 that has a population that does not exceed the authorized  
 18 population limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided*, That  
 19 for purposes of this section, the term “persistent poverty  
 20 counties” means any county that has had 20 percent or  
 21 more of its population living in poverty over the past 30  
 22 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial cen-  
 23 suses, and 2007–2011 American Community Survey 5-  
 24 year average, or any territory or possession of the United  
 25 States: *Provided further*, That with respect to specific ac-

1 tivities for which program levels have been made available  
2 by this Act that are not supported by budget authority,  
3 the requirements of this section shall be applied to such  
4 program level.

5       SEC. 734. None of the funds made available by this  
6 Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-  
7 edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for inves-  
8 tigational use of a drug or biological product under section  
9 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21  
10 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health  
11 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which  
12 a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to  
13 include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submis-  
14 sion shall be deemed to have not been received by the Sec-  
15 retary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

16       SEC. 735. None of the funds made available by this  
17 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule  
18 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-  
19 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,  
20 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and  
21 published on November 27, 2015, and the proposed rule  
22 issued by the Food and Drug Administration pending at  
23 the Office of Management and Budget entitled “Stand-  
24 ards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding  
25 Produce for Human Consumption Related to Agricultural

1 Water” (86 Fed. Reg. 69120 and 87 Fed. Reg. 42973),  
2 with respect to the regulation of entities that grow, har-  
3 vest, pack, or hold wine grapes, hops, pulse crops, or al-  
4 monds.

5 SEC. 736. For school years 2026–2027 and 2027–  
6 2028, none of the funds made available by this Act may  
7 be used to restrict or limit the substitution of any vege-  
8 table subgroup for fruits under the school breakfast pro-  
9 gram established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition  
10 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

11 SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this  
12 Act or any other Act may be used—

13 (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Ag-  
14 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G  
15 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or sec-  
16 tion 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of  
17 2018; or

18 (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,  
19 sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is  
20 grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606  
21 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the  
22 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or out-  
23 side the State in which the hemp is grown or cul-  
24 tivated.

1        SEC. 738. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive  
2 the matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of  
3 the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Re-  
4 form Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

5        SEC. 739. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be in-  
6 cluded as a member of the Committee on Foreign Invest-  
7 ment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case  
8 basis pursuant to the authorities in section 721(k)(2)(J)  
9 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.  
10 4565(k)(2)(J)) with respect to each covered transaction  
11 (as defined in section 721(a)(4) of the Defense Production  
12 Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4))) involving agricultural  
13 land, agriculture biotechnology, or the agriculture industry  
14 (including agricultural transportation, agricultural stor-  
15 age, and agricultural processing), as determined by the  
16 CFIUS Chairperson in coordination with the Secretary of  
17 Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, to the  
18 maximum extent practicable, notify CFIUS of any agricul-  
19 tural land transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture  
20 has reason to believe, based on information from or in co-  
21 operation with the Intelligence Community, is a covered  
22 transaction (A) that may pose a risk to the national secu-  
23 rity of the United States, with particular emphasis on cov-  
24 ered transactions of an interest in agricultural land by for-  
25 eign governments or entities of concern, as defined in 42

1 U.S.C. 19221(a), including the People’s Republic of  
2 China, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the  
3 Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and  
4 (B) with respect to which a person is required to submit  
5 a report to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2(a)  
6 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of  
7 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

8       SEC. 740. Any remaining unobligated balances from  
9 amounts made available by section 743 of division A of  
10 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law  
11 115–31) may be used, in addition to any funds otherwise  
12 made available for such purposes, for plans, construction,  
13 repair, preventive maintenance, environmental support,  
14 improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed  
15 equipment or facilities, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250,  
16 and acquisition of land as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a.

17       SEC. 741. Funds made available under title II of the  
18 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be  
19 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate  
20 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Secretary,  
21 are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is received  
22 by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by food  
23 shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inappro-  
24 priate purposes.

1        SEC. 742. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-  
3 ucts or seafood imported into the United States from the  
4 People's Republic of China for use in the school lunch pro-  
5 gram under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care  
7 Food Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 1766), the Summer Food Service Program for Children  
9 under section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the  
10 school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act  
11 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

12        SEC. 743. For school year 2027–2028, only a school  
13 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit  
14 school food service account as of June 30, 2026, shall be  
15 required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance  
16 with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National  
17 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

18        SEC. 744. Any funds made available by this or any  
19 other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section  
20 1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and  
21 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended,  
22 shall be available for grants for biotechnology risk assess-  
23 ment research: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer  
24 such funds among appropriations of the Department of  
25 Agriculture for purposes of making such grants.

1       SEC. 745. For fiscal year 2027, the maximum month-  
2 ly allowances of fluid milk for the following food packages  
3 described in section 246.10(e) of title 7, Code of Federal  
4 Regulations, are:

5           (1) For Food Package IV, 16 quarts.

6           (2) For Food Package V, 22 quarts.

7           (3) For Food Package VI, 16 quarts.

8           (4) For Food Package VII, 24 quarts.

9           (5) For Food Package III, the maximum  
10 monthly allowances of fluid milk should conform to  
11 the changes made to food packages IV, V, VI, and  
12 VII in this section.

13       SEC. 746. The Secretary, acting through the Chief  
14 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use  
15 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for  
16 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program  
17 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out  
18 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-  
19 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency  
20 Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to  
21 section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16  
22 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such pro-  
23 grams pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Secu-  
24 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding  
25 subsection (c) of such section.

1        SEC. 747. In administering the pilot program estab-  
2        lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-  
3        propriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-  
4        retary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining en-  
5        tities eligible to receive assistance, consider those commu-  
6        nities which are “Areas Rural in Character”: *Provided*,  
7        That not more than 10 percent of the funds made avail-  
8        able under the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine,  
9        and Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot  
10       program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–  
11       141 may be used for this purpose.

12       SEC. 748. Section 7502 of the Food, Conservation,  
13       and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246; 122 Stat.  
14       2019) is amended by striking “or otherwise be conveyed  
15       or transferred in whole or in part, for the period beginning  
16       on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on  
17       September 30, 2026” and inserting “beginning on the  
18       date of the enactment of this Act”.

19       SEC. 749. A bank referenced in 12 U.S.C. 2128 may  
20       make and participate in loans and commitments and pro-  
21       vide technical and other financial assistance to coopera-  
22       tives and any other public or private entity (except for the  
23       Federal Government) for the purpose of installing, main-  
24       taining, expanding, improving, or operating facilities in a  
25       rural area as defined in 12 U.S.C. 2128(f) for the proc-

1 essing or disposal of waste from any source, provision of  
2 telecommunication services, and producing electricity from  
3 any source for use or sale by the borrower.

4 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 750. Of the unobligated balances made available  
6 by section 22006 of Public Law 117– 169, \$95,000,000  
7 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no  
8 amounts shall be cancelled from amounts that were des-  
9 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement  
10 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the  
11 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
12 1985.

13 SEC. 751. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,  
14 to remain available until expended, to carry out section  
15 758 of division B of Public Law 118–42, in addition to  
16 amounts otherwise available for such purpose.

17 SEC. 752. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
18 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food  
19 and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any  
20 new guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufac-  
21 turers of low risk ready-to-eat (RTE) foods for *Listeria*  
22 *monocytogenes* (Lm) until the FDA considers the avail-  
23 able new science in developing the Compliance Policy  
24 Guide (CPG), Guidance for FDA Staff, section 555.320

1 *Listeria monocytogenes* regarding Lm in low-risk foods,  
2 meaning foods that do not support the growth of Lm.

3 SEC. 753. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision  
4 of law, not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

6 (1) amend the covered Food Packages to require the  
7 inclusion of peanut-containing foods for the purposes of  
8 early introduction of potentially allergenic foods; and

9 (2) ensure that all such peanut-containing foods eligi-  
10 ble are safe for consumption by infants.

11 (b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out sub-  
12 section (a) in a manner consistent with the recommenda-  
13 tions for early introduction of peanut-containing foods in-  
14 cluded in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-  
15 2030, published under section 301 of the National Nutri-  
16 tion Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7  
17 U.S.C. 5341).

18 (c) In this section, the term “covered Food Pack-  
19 ages” means Food Packages I and II under section 246.10  
20 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, as amended by  
21 the rule entitled “Special Supplemental Nutrition Pro-  
22 gram for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions  
23 to the WIC Food Packages” published by the Department  
24 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on April 18, 2024  
25 (89 Fed. Reg. 28488).

1       SEC. 754. Section 9(a)(2) of the Richard B. Russell  
2 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(a)(2)) is  
3 amended—

4           (1) in subparagraph (A), in the matter pre-  
5 ceding clause (i), by striking “Act—” and inserting  
6 “Act and breakfasts served by schools participating  
7 in the school breakfast program under section 4 of  
8 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773)—  
9 ”;

10          (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or the  
11 school breakfast program under section 4 of the  
12 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773)” after  
13 “Act”; and

14          (3) in subparagraph (D), by striking “section  
15 210.10” and inserting “sections 210.10 and 220.8”.

16       SEC. 755. If services performed by APHIS employees  
17 are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and  
18 Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an  
19 animal disease or plant health emergency outbreak, any  
20 premium pay that is funded, either directly or through re-  
21 imbursement, shall be exempted from the aggregate of  
22 basic pay and premium pay calculated under section  
23 5547(b)(1) and (2) of title 5, United States Code, and  
24 any other provision of law limiting the aggregate amount

1 of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar year  
2 basis.

3 SEC. 756. None of the funds made available by this  
4 Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of per-  
5 sonnel—

6 (1) to inspect horses under section 3 of the  
7 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603);

8 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the  
9 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of  
10 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or

11 (3) to implement or enforce section 352.19 of  
12 title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor  
13 regulation).

14 SEC. 757. None of the funds made available by this  
15 Act may be used by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Com-  
16 missioner of Food and Drugs, the Chairman of the Com-  
17 modity Futures Trading Commission, or the Chairman of  
18 the Farm Credit Administration to fly or display a flag  
19 over a facility of the Department of Agriculture, the Food  
20 and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures Trad-  
21 ing Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration other  
22 than the flag of the United States; the flag of a State,  
23 territory, the District of Columbia; the flag of an Indian  
24 Tribal Government; the official flag of a U.S. Department  
25 or agency; or the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action flag.

1        SEC. 758. None of the funds made available by this  
2 or any other Act thereafter may be used to write, prepare,  
3 or publish a proposed rule, final rule, or an interim final  
4 rule in furtherance of, or otherwise to implement or en-  
5 force the final rule entitled “Transparency in Poultry  
6 Grower Contracting and Tournaments”, published by the  
7 Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on No-  
8 vember 28, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 83210 et seq.), the final  
9 rule entitled “Inclusive Competition and Market Integrity  
10 Under the Packers and Stockyards Act”, published by the  
11 Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on  
12 March 6, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 16092 et seq.), the final  
13 rule entitled “Poultry Grower Payment Systems and Cap-  
14 ital Improvement Systems”, published by the Department  
15 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on January 16,  
16 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 5146 et seq.), the proposed rule enti-  
17 tled “Fair and Competitive Livestock and Poultry Mar-  
18 kets”, published by the Department of Agriculture in the  
19 Federal Register on June 28, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 53886  
20 et seq.), or any subsequent substantially similar rule-  
21 making effort, except that funds may be used to, and the  
22 Secretary of Agriculture shall, withdraw or rescind any  
23 such proposed rules, advanced notices of proposed rule-  
24 making, and any such rules that may have been finalized,  
25 and discontinue and provide notice of closure to affected

1 parties of any investigations or enforcement activities  
2 pending under said rules.

3       SEC. 759. None of the funds made available by this  
4 Act may be used by the Department of Agriculture to im-  
5 plement or enforce the reduced maximum allowable loan  
6 limit of 60 percent established in Field Office Handbook-  
7 1-3550 for loans issued made on or after February 10,  
8 2026 (PN655); *Provided*, That the maximum allowable  
9 loan limit of 80 percent established in prior Field Office  
10 Handbooks shall remain in effect unless the Department  
11 of Agriculture issues a proposed rule, with notice and com-  
12 ment, that establishes a reduced maximum allowable loan  
13 limit, and is subsequently finalized.

14       SEC. 760. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
15 law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal  
16 approved prior to the effective date of the National Bio-  
17 engineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19,  
18 2019) shall include the words “genetically engineered”  
19 prior to the existing acceptable market name.

20       SEC. 761. Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insur-  
21 ance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the  
22 end the following:

23               “(20) FROST OR COLD WEATHER INSUR-  
24       ANCE.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall  
2           carry out research and development, or offer to  
3           enter into 1 or more contracts with 1 or more  
4           qualified persons to carry out research and de-  
5           velopment, regarding an index-based policy to  
6           insure crops (including table grapes, wine  
7           grapes, juice grapes, tomatoes, peppers, sugar-  
8           cane, strawberries, melons, citrus, peaches,  
9           blueberries, and any other crop) on a nation-  
10          ally-available basis against losses due to a frost  
11          or cold weather event.

12           “(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—  
13          Research and development under subparagraph  
14          (A) shall—

15                  “(i) evaluate the effectiveness of risk  
16                  management tools, such as the use of an  
17                  index, with respect to low frequency and  
18                  catastrophic loss weather events; and

19                  “(ii) result in a policy that provides  
20                  protection for at least 1 of the following:

21                          “(I) Production loss.

22                          “(II) Revenue loss.

23           “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year  
24          after the date of enactment of this paragraph,  
25          the Corporation shall submit to the Committee

1           on Agriculture of the House of Representatives  
2           and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
3           and Forestry of the Senate a report that de-  
4           scribes—

5                   “(i) the results of the research and  
6                   development carried out under this para-  
7                   graph; and

8                   “(ii) any recommendations with re-  
9                   spect to those results.”.

10       SEC. 762. No funds shall be made available for en-  
11       forcement of section 118.4(e) of title 21, Code of Federal  
12       Regulations, or any successor regulation with respect to  
13       surplus broiler hatching eggs that are intended to be sold  
14       to an egg breaker for purposes of processing such eggs  
15       as liquid egg products subject to regulation under the Egg  
16       Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.).

17       SEC. 763. The agencies and offices of the Depart-  
18       ment of Agriculture may reimburse the Office of the Gen-  
19       eral Counsel (OGC), out of the funds provided in this Act,  
20       for costs incurred by OGC in providing services to such  
21       agencies or offices under time-limited agreements entered  
22       into with such agencies and offices: *Provided*, That such  
23       transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer au-  
24       thority provided by law.

1       SEC. 764. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-  
2   tion 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of  
3   title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law,  
4   none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appro-  
5   priations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take  
6   any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or par-  
7   tially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in  
8   accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral  
9   conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as,  
10  a union of one man and one woman.

11       (b) DISCRIMINATORY ACTION DEFINED.—As used in  
12  subsection (a), a discriminatory action means any action  
13  taken by the Federal Government to—

14           (1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment  
15       of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be as-  
16       sessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemp-  
17       tion from taxation under section 501(a) of the Inter-  
18       nal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to  
19       in subsection (a);

20           (2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax pur-  
21       poses of any charitable contribution made to or by  
22       such person;

23           (3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for,  
24       exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or  
25       deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, co-

1       operative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, li-  
2       cense, certification, accreditation, employment, or  
3       other similar position or status from or to such per-  
4       son;

5           (4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-  
6       erwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or  
7       benefit under a Federal benefit program, including  
8       admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a  
9       degree from an educational program, from or to  
10      such person; or

11          (5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-  
12      erwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitle-  
13      ment to Federal property, facilities, educational in-  
14      stitutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited,  
15      and nonpublic fora), or charitable fundraising cam-  
16      paigns from or to such person.

17      (c) ACCREDITATION; LICENSURE; CERTIFICATION.—  
18      The 10 Federal Government shall consider accredited, li-  
19      censed, or 11 certified for purposes of Federal law any  
20      person that 12 would be accredited, licensed, or certified,  
21      respectively, for 13 such purposes but for a determination  
22      against such person 14 wholly or partially on the basis  
23      that the person speaks, 15 or acts, in accordance with a  
24      sincerely held religious belief 16 or moral conviction de-  
25      scribed in subsection (a).

## (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

1  
2 SEC. 765. Of the unobligated balances from prior  
3 year appropriations made available under the heading  
4 “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-  
5 gram” for the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant  
6 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of  
7 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law  
8 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as  
9 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$40,000,000 are hereby  
10 rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded  
11 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as  
12 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-  
13 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
14 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 SEC. 766. (a) Of the amounts made available in this  
16 Act under the heading “Department of Health and  
17 Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Sala-  
18 ries and Expenses” that are derived from tobacco product  
19 user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, not less than  
20 \$200,000,000 shall be used by the Commissioner of Food  
21 and Drugs for enforcement activities related to e-ciga-  
22 rettes, vapes, and other electronic nicotine delivery sys-  
23 tems (in this section referred to as “ENDS”), not limited  
24 to activities under section 801(a) of the Federal Food,  
25 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)): *Provided*,

1 That not less than \$20,000,000 of such amount shall be  
2 used to fund the activities of the Federal multi-agency  
3 ENDS Enforcement Task Force led by the Department  
4 of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and the  
5 FDA, including partner agency activities, to further work  
6 to bring all available criminal and civil tools to bear  
7 against the illegal manufacture, importation, distribution,  
8 and sale of e-cigarettes, vapes, and other ENDS products  
9 from the Republic of China, other foreign countries, and  
10 domestic manufacturers conducting the “final assembly”  
11 of illegal products: *Provided further*, That the Commis-  
12 sioner is directed to enter into a Memorandum of Under-  
13 standing with the Department of Justice and the Depart-  
14 ment of Homeland Security and other partner agencies to  
15 ensure that such task force is adequately resourced for  
16 (1) increased criminal and civil litigation and law enforce-  
17 ment activities by FDA, the Department of Justice, and  
18 the Department of Homeland Security, and (2) additional  
19 targeted inspections by FDA and Customs and Border Pa-  
20 trol at high-risk ports of entry into the United States.

21 (b) Not later than November 12, 2026, the Commis-  
22 sioner of Food and Drugs shall update the FDA document  
23 titled “Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine De-  
24 livery Systems (ENDS) and Other Deemed Products on  
25 the Market Without Premarket Authorization”, published

1 in January 2020 and updated in April 2020, to expand  
2 FDA’s prioritized enforcement to flavored disposable  
3 ENDS products in addition to cartridge-based products  
4 and to define the term “disposable ENDS product.”

5 (c) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall sub-  
6 mit a detailed report on funding and activities planned for  
7 enforcement activities within 60 days of enactment of this  
8 Act, and shall continue to submit a semi-annual written  
9 report to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
10 Houses of Congress on the progress that the Center for  
11 Tobacco Products is making in preventing all mis-declared  
12 ENDS products from entering the U.S. (including those  
13 that are properly declared and those that are improperly  
14 mis-declared at ports of entry) and in removing all illegal  
15 ENDS products from the market inside the U.S., includ-  
16 ing information specific to refusals, seizures, and disposi-  
17 tion of illicit products; state support for enforcement ef-  
18 forts, including standardized reporting and communica-  
19 tion channels; and educating retailers on which products  
20 may be legally marketed in the U.S.

21 SEC. 767. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Mar-  
22 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by strik-  
23 ing “2026” and inserting “2027”.

1 (b) Section 942 of the Livestock Mandatory Report-  
2 ing Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635 note; Public Law 106-  
3 78) is amended by striking “2026” and inserting “2027”.

4 SEC. 768. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
5 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food  
6 and Drug Administration to develop, issue, promote, or  
7 advance any new guidelines or regulations applicable to  
8 food manufacturers for population-wide sodium reduction  
9 actions until the publication of the 2025-26 National  
10 Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES),  
11 What We Eat in America Survey, which will begin to re-  
12 flect the impact on population intake of Phase I reduction.

13 SEC. 769. None of the funds made available for any  
14 department or agency in this or any other appropriations  
15 Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Nat-  
16 ural Resources Conservation Service or Rural Develop-  
17 ment mission area field offices or to permanently relocate  
18 any field-based employees of those agencies that would re-  
19 sult in an office with two or fewer employees without prior  
20 notification and approval of the Committees on Appropria-  
21 tions of both Houses of Congress.

22 SEC. 770. No funds appropriated by this Act may be  
23 used to administer or enforce the final rule on “Require-  
24 ments for Additional Traceability Records for Certain  
25 Foods” published on November 21, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg.

1 70910), or any other rule promulgated in accordance with  
2 section 204 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act  
3 (21 U.S.C. 2223), prior to July 20, 2028. Further, the  
4 U.S. Food and Drug Administration shall—

5           (1) continue identifying flexibilities for satis-  
6           fying the rule’s lot-level tracking requirement that  
7           leverage existing traceability systems, including al-  
8           lowing covered entities to maintain and transmit  
9           traceability records that reflect a reasonable range of  
10          all possible traceability lot codes included in a ship-  
11          ment, when maintaining records for each individual  
12          traceability lot is not practicable such that com-  
13          plying would constitute a case-level tracking require-  
14          ment, which is prohibited under section  
15          204(d)(1)(L)(iii) of the Food Safety Modernization  
16          Act;

17          (2) clarify the circumstances under which ac-  
18          tivities conducted in warehouse and distribution en-  
19          vironments constitute a transformation event under  
20          the rule;

21          (3) ensure each quarterly engagement with in-  
22          dustry between enactment and July 20, 2028 be  
23          open to all covered entities outside of member-only  
24          organizations and include a hypothetical data intake

1       exercise, the results of which should be made pub-  
2       licly available within 75 days; and

3           (4) establish a panel of experts to assess the  
4       agency's foodborne illness traceback investigation  
5       process, for both foreign and domestic food sup-  
6       pliers, and to provide feedback for the data intake  
7       exercise. This panel shall include diverse stake-  
8       holders, such as growers, distributors, retailers, state  
9       and local officials, and public health officials. The  
10      FDA shall publish the panel outcomes and rec-  
11      ommendations no later than one year from the date  
12      of enactment of this Act.

13      SEC. 771. In addition to amounts otherwise made  
14      available, there is hereby appropriated \$1,000,000, to re-  
15      main available until expended, for the Meat and Poultry  
16      Processing Expansion Program established pursuant to  
17      section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
18      2021 (Public Law 117–2) to award grants to processors  
19      of invasive, wild-caught catfish.

20      SEC. 772. (a) Chapter IV of the Federal Food, Drug,  
21      and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by  
22      adding at the end the following:

23      **“SEC. 425. ANIMAL FOOD.**

24      **“(a) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

1           “(1) The term ‘animal food’ means food for  
2           animals other than man and includes pet food, ani-  
3           mal feed, and raw materials and ingredients. (ref-  
4           erence 21 CFR 507.3).

5           “(2) The term ‘animal food ingredient submis-  
6           sion’ means an ingredient for submission to the  
7           Food and Drug Administration that is a petition  
8           under section 409 for any food additive, a petition  
9           under section 721 for a color additive, or a GRAS  
10          ingredient notification under subpart E of part 570  
11          of subchapter E of chapter I of title 21, Code of  
12          Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

13          “(3) The term ‘commercial feed’ means animal  
14          food manufactured and distributed for consumption  
15          by animals, other than companion animals.

16          “(4) The term ‘companion animal’ means a do-  
17          mesticated canine or feline.

18          “(5) The terms ‘generally recognized as safe’  
19          and ‘GRAS’ mean generally recognized as safe under  
20          section 201(s).

21          “(6) The term ‘pet food’ means any animal  
22          food manufactured and distributed for consumption  
23          by companion animals, including treats, nutritional  
24          supplements, and pet food ingredients.

1           “(7) The term ‘specialty pet’ means any animal  
2 normally maintained in a household, such as, but  
3 not limited to, rodents, ornamental birds, orna-  
4 mental fish, reptiles, and amphibians, ferrets, hedge-  
5 hogs, marsupials, and rabbits not raised for food or  
6 fur.

7           “(8) The term ‘specialty pet food’ means any  
8 commercial feed prepared and distributed for con-  
9 sumption by specialty pets.

10       “(b) PREEMPTION.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—No State or a political sub-  
12 division of a State may directly or indirectly estab-  
13 lish, maintain, implement, or enforce any law, regu-  
14 lation, or other requirement relating to the labels, la-  
15 beling, or advertising of animal food that differs  
16 from or extends beyond those established by the  
17 Food and Drug Administration.

18           “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in (b)  
19 (1) shall be construed to restrict, prevent, or other-  
20 wise prohibit State post-market food safety oversight  
21 activities, including but not limited to any such ac-  
22 tivities relating to implementation of the FDA Food  
23 Safety Modernization Act (Public Law 111-353),  
24 outbreak investigations, surveillance sampling, the  
25 ability of states to regulate the names and defini-

1        tions of commercial feed ingredients (excluding in-  
2        ingredients for use in pet food) not defined by the  
3        Food and Drug Administration, or investigations of  
4        consumer complaints.

5        “(c) SAFE FOOD ADDITIVES AND GRAS IN-  
6        GREDIENTS.—

7                “(1) INGREDIENTS DEEMED SAFE FOOD ADDI-  
8        TIVES.—Ingredients that are intended for use in ani-  
9        mal food and are not specifically authorized for such  
10       use by the Food and Drug Administration as a food  
11       additive, a color additive, or otherwise as of the date  
12       of enactment of the PURR Act of 2026, are deemed  
13       to be safe food additives and acceptable for use in  
14       animal food if—

15               “(A) such ingredients are included in the  
16       Official Common or Usual Names and Defini-  
17       tions of Feed Ingredients section of chapter 6  
18       of the 2024 edition of the ‘AAFCO Official  
19       Publication’ as accepted for use in specified  
20       species, or where species is not identified; and

21               “(B) there is no finding by the Food and  
22       Drug Administration that such ingredients are  
23       not safe food additives.

24               “(2) GRAS INGREDIENTS; VOLUNTARY NOTIFI-  
25       CATION.—An animal food manufacturer is not re-

1       quired to notify the Food and Drug Administration  
2       of GRAS ingredients used in animal food, but may  
3       voluntarily notify the Food and Drug Administration  
4       of such GRAS ingredients that have not previously  
5       been recognized by the Food and Drug Administra-  
6       tion as GRAS for use in animal food.

7       “(d) **TIMELY REVIEW.**—Not later than 180 days  
8       after receipt of an animal food ingredient submission, the  
9       Secretary shall review such submission and issue an action  
10      letter that—

11               “(1) approves such submission or, in the case  
12              of a GRAS ingredient notification, does not object to  
13              use; or

14               “(2) sets forth—

15                       “(A) the specific deficiencies in such sub-  
16                      mission; and

17                       “(B) where appropriate, the actions nec-  
18                      essary—

19                               “(i) for such submission to be ap-  
20                              proved; or

21                               “(ii) in the case of a GRAS ingredient  
22                              notification, to resolve any concerns of the  
23                              Secretary.

24       “(e) **PET FOOD AND SPECIALTY PET INGRE-**  
25      **DIENTS SOMETIMES PRESENT.**—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Pet food and specialty pet  
2           food shall not be treated as misbranded by reason of  
3           stating in the ingredient list on the product label  
4           that an ingredient of a type described in paragraph  
5           (2) is sometimes, but not always, present in the pet  
6           food or specialty pet food.

7           “(2) TYPES OF INGREDIENTS.—Paragraph (1)  
8           applies with respect to the following types of ingredi-  
9           ents:

10                   “(A) Fat or oil ingredients.

11                   “(B) Flavor ingredients.

12                   “(C) Grain ingredients (including grain  
13                   protein ingredients).

14           “(3) LANGUAGE TO BE USED.—For an ingre-  
15           dient in pet food or specialty pet food to be labeled  
16           as sometimes present for purposes of paragraph (1),  
17           such ingredient shall be identified by—

18                   “(A) words such as ‘or’, ‘and/or’, or ‘con-  
19                   tains one or more of the following:’; or

20                   “(B) other words indicating that the ingre-  
21                   dient may not be present.

22           “(f) ORDER OF INGREDIENT LISTING.—

23           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Pet food and specialty pet  
24           food shall be treated as misbranded unless the ingre-  
25           dients required to be declared on the label are listed

1 by common or usual name in descending order of  
2 predominance by weight.

3 “(2) EXCEPTION.—If an ingredient in pet food  
4 or specialty pet food is present in amounts of 2 per-  
5 cent or less by weight, then instead of identifying  
6 the ingredient in the order required by paragraph  
7 (1), the ingredient may be placed at the end of the  
8 ingredient list following an appropriate quantifying  
9 statement, such as ‘Contains \_\_\_ percent or less of  
10 \_\_\_’ or ‘Less than \_\_\_ percent of \_\_\_’, with the blank  
11 percentage filled in with a threshold level of 2 per-  
12 cent, or, if desired, 1.5 percent, 1.0 percent, or 0.5  
13 percent, as applicable.

14 “(g) MARKETING CLAIMS.—Animal food shall  
15 not be treated as misbranded by reason of the following  
16 claims on labels and labeling and in advertising for animal  
17 food, without premarket approval of such claims by the  
18 Food and Drug Administration, if truthful, nonmis-  
19 leading, and adequately substantiated with scientifically  
20 validated protocols endorsed by FDA guidance where  
21 available:

22 “(1) Pet food claims regarding hairball control.

23 “(2) Pet food claims regarding tartar control,  
24 plaque removal, and bad breath odor.

1           “(3) Claims regarding the ability of pet food to  
2       support general urinary tract health.

3           “(4) ‘Natural’ claims for animal food if all of  
4       the following circumstances are met:

5           “(A) Subject to subparagraph (C), the  
6       term ‘natural’ refers to a food or ingredient de-  
7       rived solely from plant, animal, or mined  
8       sources—

9           “(i) in its unprocessed state; or

10          “(ii) having been subject to physical  
11       processing, heat processing, rendering, pu-  
12       rification,       extraction,       hydrolysis,  
13       enzymolysis, or fermentation, but not hav-  
14       ing been produced by or subject to a  
15       chemically synthetic process and not con-  
16       taining any additives or processing aids  
17       that are chemically synthetic except in  
18       amounts as might occur unavoidably in  
19       good manufacturing practices.

20          “(B) The term ‘natural’ is only used to  
21       reference the product as a whole when all of the  
22       ingredients and components of ingredients meet  
23       the description in subparagraph (A).

24          “(C) If the food or ingredient contains  
25       chemically synthesized vitamins, minerals, or

1 other trace nutrients used as ingredients in ani-  
2 mal food, a disclaimer—

3 “(i) discloses the addition of such vi-  
4 tamins, minerals, and other trace nutrients  
5 by name or category;

6 “(ii) is juxtaposed with the term ‘nat-  
7 ural’; and

8 “(iii) appears with the largest or most  
9 prominent use of the term ‘natural’ on  
10 each panel of the label on which the term  
11 appears, in the same style and color print  
12 and at least one-half the size of the term  
13 natural.

14 “(D) A disclaimer under subparagraph (C)  
15 is not required when the term ‘natural’ is used  
16 in reference to one ingredient and is not refer-  
17 ring to the whole product.

18 “(h) GUIDANCE ON CERTAIN TOPICS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue  
20 guidance addressing each of the following topics:

21 “(A) Methods for substantiating nutri-  
22 tional adequacy of pet foods.

23 “(B) Pet food metabolizable energy proto-  
24 cols.

1           “(C) Affidavits for pet food testing pro-  
2           tocol completion.

3           “(D) Data to support a calorie content  
4           claim for pet foods.

5           “(E) Analytical variations (AVs) for ani-  
6           mal food.

7           “(F) Recommendations for use of mena-  
8           dione sodium bisulfite complex (MSBC) in ani-  
9           mal feed.

10          “(2) INITIAL GUIDANCE.—

11           “(A) TIMING.—Not later than 18 months  
12           after the date of enactment of the PURR Act  
13           of 2026, the Secretary shall issue initial guid-  
14           ance under this subsection.

15           “(B) BASIS.—The initial guidance under  
16           subparagraph (A) shall be based on the guid-  
17           ance contained in the 2024 edition of ‘AAFCO  
18           Official Publication’.”.

19          (b) Title X of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
20          Act (21 U.S.C. 391 et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
21          end the following:

22          **“SEC. 1016. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ANIMAL FOOD REGULA-**  
23                  **TION.**

24           “(a) DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY.—The  
25          Secretary shall delegate to the Director of the Center for

1 Veterinary Medicine responsibility for carrying out section  
2 425 and, as appropriate, other responsibilities and au-  
3 thorities of the Food and Drug Administration with re-  
4 spect to animal food.

5 “(b) DUTIES.—The responsibilities of the Director  
6 of the Center for Veterinary Medicine shall include—

7 “(1) conducting and coordinating science-based  
8 reviews of animal food ingredient submissions;

9 “(2) submitting an annual report to the Con-  
10 gress on performance metrics, including performance  
11 on—

12 “(A) the review of submissions and  
13 issuance of action letters under section 425(d);

14 “(B) the issuance of initial guidance under  
15 section 425(h) and any subsequent revisions to  
16 such guidance; and

17 “(C) the proposal and finalization of initial  
18 regulations under subsection (c) and (d) of the  
19 PURR Act of 2026 and any subsequent revi-  
20 sions to such regulations;

21 “(3) educating pet owners, veterinarians, and  
22 the companion animal industry about pet food;

23 “(4) communicating and educating consumers  
24 on the safety of pet food; and

1           “(5) carrying out research to support and im-  
2       prove policies and regulatory decisions regarding  
3       animal food.

4       “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms  
5       ‘animal food’, ‘companion animal’, ‘pet food’, ‘specialty  
6       pet’ and ‘animal food ingredient submission’, have the  
7       meanings given to those terms in section 425.”.

8       (c) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
9       Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of  
10      Food and Drugs, shall—

11           (1) not later than two years after the date of  
12      enactment of this Act, issue proposed regulations to  
13      implement the amendments made by this Act; and

14           (2) not later than three years after the date of  
15      enactment of this Act, finalize such regulations.

16      (d) CONTENTS.—The initial regulations promulgated  
17      to implement the amendments made by this Act shall in-  
18      clude:

19           (1) for commercial feed, Regulation 1 through  
20      Regulation 10 of the “Model Regulations Under the  
21      Model Bill” in chapter 4 of the 2024 edition of the  
22      “AAFCO Official Publication”; and

23           (2) PF 1 through PF 12 of the “Model Regula-  
24      tions for Pet Food and Specialty Pet Food Under

1 the Model Bill” in chapter 4 of the 2024 edition of  
2 the “AAFCO Official Publication”.

3 SEC. 773. There is appropriated \$1,500,000 for the  
4 emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assist-  
5 ance grant program established under section 12502(b) of  
6 the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (34 U.S.C.  
7 20127).

8 SEC. 774. (a) IN GENERAL.—

9 (1) LIABILITY OF PERSONS.—A person shall  
10 not be subject to civil or criminal liability arising  
11 from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of an  
12 apparently fit pet-related product that the person  
13 donates in good faith to a State or unit of local gov-  
14 ernment or a nonprofit organization for ultimate dis-  
15 tribution to qualified animals.

16 (2) LIABILITY OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-  
17 TIONS.—A nonprofit organization shall not be sub-  
18 ject to civil or criminal liability arising from the na-  
19 ture, age, packaging, or condition of an apparently  
20 fit pet-related product that the nonprofit organiza-  
21 tion received as a donation from a person in good  
22 faith for ultimate distribution to qualified animals.

23 (3) LIABILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERN-  
24 MENTS.—A State or unit of local government shall  
25 not be subject to liability arising from the nature,

1 age, packaging, or condition of an apparently fit pet-  
2 related product that the State or unit of local gov-  
3 ernment received as a donation from a person in  
4 good faith for ultimate distribution to qualified ani-  
5 mals.

6 (4) WAIVER NOT APPLICABLE TO GROSS NEG-  
7 LIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT.—Para-  
8 graphs (1), (2), and (3) shall not apply to an injury  
9 to, or death of, an ultimate user or recipient of the  
10 apparently fit pet-related product that results from  
11 an act or omission of the person, nonprofit organiza-  
12 tion, or State or unit of local government, as appli-  
13 cable, constituting gross negligence or intentional  
14 misconduct.

15 (b) PARTIAL COMPLIANCE.—If a person donates in  
16 good faith pet food or pet supplies that do not meet all  
17 quality and labeling standards imposed by Federal, State,  
18 and local laws and regulations, such person shall not be  
19 subject to civil or criminal liability in accordance with this  
20 section if the State or unit of local government or non-  
21 profit organization to which the food or supplies are do-  
22 nated—

23 (1) is informed by such person of the distressed  
24 or defective condition of the food or supplies;

1           (2) agrees to recondition such food or supplies  
2           to comply with such quality and labeling standards  
3           prior to distribution of such food or supplies; and

4           (3) is knowledgeable of such quality and label-  
5           ing standards to properly recondition such food or  
6           supplies.

7           (c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be  
8           construed to—

9           (1) create any liability; or

10          (2) supersede State or local health regulations.

11          (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12           (1) APPARENTLY FIT PET-RELATED PROD-  
13           UCT.—The term “apparently fit pet-related product”  
14           means any pet food or pet supply that meets all  
15           quality and labeling standards imposed by Federal,  
16           State, and local laws and regulations even though  
17           the product may not be readily marketable due to  
18           appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or  
19           other conditions.

20           (2) CHILD NUTRITION ACT OF 1966 TERMS.—  
21           The terms “donate”, “gross negligence”, “inten-  
22           tional misconduct”, “nonprofit organization”, and  
23           “person” have the meanings given such terms in sec-  
24           tion 22(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
25           U.S.C. 1791(b)).

1           (3) EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL.—The term  
2           “emotional support animal” means an animal that—

3                   (A) is covered by the exclusion specified in  
4                   section 5.303 of title 24, Code of Federal Regu-  
5                   lations (or successor regulation); and

6                   (B) is not a service animal.

7           (4) PET.—The term “pet” means a domes-  
8           ticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent, fish,  
9           turtle, or other animal that is kept for pleasure rath-  
10          er than for commercial purposes.

11          (5) PET FOOD.—The term “pet food” means  
12          any raw, cooked, processed, or prepared edible sub-  
13          stance, ice, beverage, or ingredient used or intended  
14          for use in whole or in part for consumption by a  
15          qualified animal.

16          (6) PET SUPPLY.—The term “pet supply”  
17          means tangible personal property used for qualified  
18          animals, including pet carriers, crates, kennels,  
19          houses, cages, clothing, bedding, toys, collars,  
20          leashes, leads, tie-outs, feeders, bowls, dishes, pet  
21          gates, or pet doors.

22          (7) QUALIFIED ANIMAL.—The term “qualified  
23          animal” means a pet, an emotional support animal,  
24          or a service animal.

1           (8) SERVICE ANIMAL.—The term “service ani-  
2           mal” has the meaning given the term in section  
3           36.104 of title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
4           successor regulation).

5           SEC. 775. None of the funds made available by this  
6           Act may be used to impose any cost sharing or matching  
7           requirements for any awards or subawards under the Spe-  
8           cialty Crop Block Grant Program (7 U.S.C. 1621 note)  
9           for fiscal year 2027.

10          SEC. 776. None of the funds made available to the  
11          Department of Agriculture in this or any other Act may  
12          be used to close or consolidate the resources or locations  
13          of any existing Agricultural Research Service laboratories  
14          and facilities without prior notification, including cost  
15          analysis, how many research scientists will likely not be  
16          willing to relocate, and which research projects will be ter-  
17          minated or adversely impacted by the relocation, and ap-  
18          proval of the Committees on Appropriations of both  
19          Houses of Congress.

20          SEC. 777. In addition to funds made available by this  
21          or any other Act, there is hereby appropriated \$2,500,000  
22          for the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program as au-  
23          thorized by 7 U.S.C. 3007(a).

24          SEC. 778. Section 3(1) of the Specialty Crops Com-  
25          petitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note) is amended

1 by striking “dried fruits,” and inserting “dried fruits, mil-  
2 let,”.

3 SEC. 779. Public Law 87–590 (76 Stat. 389; 123  
4 Stat. 1320) is amended—

5 (1) in the first section—

6 (A) in subsection (c), in the second sen-  
7 tence, by striking “or in the case of the Arkan-  
8 sas Valley Conduit, payment in an amount  
9 equal to 35 percent of the cost of the conduit  
10 that is comprised of revenue generated by pay-  
11 ments pursuant to a repayment contract and  
12 revenue that may be derived from contracts for  
13 the use of Fryingpan-Arkansas project excess  
14 capacity or exchange contracts using  
15 Fryingpan-Arkansas project facilities,”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(d) ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT.—

18 “(1) REPAYMENT CONTRACT.—To provide do-  
19 mestic water supplies to communities and house-  
20 holds that do not have reliable access to domestic  
21 water supplies, the contract for the Arkansas Valley  
22 Conduit shall provide for payment in an amount  
23 equal to 35 percent of the cost of the conduit, not-  
24 withstanding the reclamation laws or any other pro-

vision of this Act. The contract payments shall consist of—

“(A) funding provided during construction from any entity other than the Secretary; and

“(B) based on a demonstration of financial hardship, as determined by the Secretary, repayment of the balance not covered under subparagraph (A) for a period of not more than 75 years with simple interest at a rate that is equal to 50 percent of the interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury under section 2(c), including revenue derived from contracts for the use of excess capacity or exchange contracts using Fryingpan-Arkansas project facilities.

“(2) OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.—The contract for the Arkansas Valley Conduit shall provide for the assumption by the contracting parties of the care, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the conduit.”; and

(2) in section 2(b)(3)(A), by striking “this section” and inserting “subsection (d) of the first section”.

#### SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

SEC. 780. \$0.

1        SEC. 781. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used by the Center for Drug Evaluation and  
3 Research, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research,  
4 or Center for Devices and Radiological Health within the  
5 Food and Drug Administration to issue or finalize guid-  
6 ance recommending or requiring testing in dogs.

7        SEC. 782. None of the funds made available by this  
8 Act may be used by the National Institute of Food and  
9 Agriculture within the Department of Agriculture to con-  
10 duct or fund research involving a dog or cat (as such  
11 terms are defined in section 1.1 of title 9, Code of Federal  
12 Regulations) that is classified in pain category D or E,  
13 as defined by the Department of Agriculture.

14        SEC. 783. None of the funds made available by this  
15 Act may be used in contravention of section 506C(g) of  
16 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
17 356c(g)) with respect to the review of an application or  
18 supplement, or the inspection or reinspection of an estab-  
19 lishment, that could help mitigate or prevent a shortage  
20 of a sterile injectable drug used in cancer treatment and  
21 listed as being in shortage by the Food and Drug Adminis-  
22 tration.

1        This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-  
2   velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related  
3   Agency Appropriations Act, 2027”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 4, 2026.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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**AN ACT**

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes.