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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 2025

Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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**A BILL**

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, 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,*  
3       That the following sums are appropriated, out of any  
4       money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-  
5       riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-

tion, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:

## TITLE I

### AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

#### PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING

#### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

#### (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, \$51,792,000 of which not to exceed \$7,000,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary, of which \$650,000 shall be for the establishment of a Seafood Industry Liaison; not to exceed \$1,896,000 shall be available for the Office of Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000 shall be available for the Office of Tribal Relations, of which \$1,000,000 shall be to continue a Tribal Public Health Resource Center at a land grant university with existing indigenous public health expertise to expand current partnerships and collaborative efforts with indigenous groups to improve the delivery of public health services and functions in American Indian communities focusing on indigenous food sovereignty; not to exceed \$6,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, of which \$1,500,000 shall be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5); not to exceed \$21,706,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary

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

1 for official reception and representation expenses, not oth-  
2 erwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Pro-*  
3 *vided further*, That the amount made available under this  
4 heading for Departmental Administration shall be reim-  
5 bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for trav-  
6 el expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required  
7 by 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That funds made  
8 available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant  
9 Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovern-  
10 mental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the De-  
11 partment of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain  
12 personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no  
13 funds made available under this heading for the Office of  
14 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be  
15 obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this  
16 Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on  
17 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the alloca-  
18 tion of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided further*,  
19 That during any 30 day notification period referenced in  
20 section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall  
21 take no action to begin implementation of the action that  
22 is subject to section 716 of this Act or make any public  
23 announcement of such action in any form.

## EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Economist, \$30,500,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall be for grants or cooperative agreements for policy research under 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$2,450,000 shall be for an interdisciplinary center based at a land grant university focused on agricultural policy relevant to the Midwest region which will provide private entities, policymakers, and the public with timely insights and targeted economic solutions: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available to carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6924), as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–334.

## OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, \$16,000,000.

## OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and Program Analysis, \$14,967,000.

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Information Officer, \$91,000,000, of which not less than

1 \$77,428,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the de-  
 2 partment.

3 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-  
 5 nancial Officer, \$6,867,000.

6 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL

7 RIGHTS

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant  
 9 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$1,466,000: *Provided*, That  
 10 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil  
 11 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
 12 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
 13 fice.

14 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

15 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,  
 16 \$37,000,000.

17 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

19 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-  
 20 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant  
 21 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-  
 22 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-  
 23 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities  
 24 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for  
 25 alterations and other actions needed for the Department

1 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-  
 2 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of  
 3 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-  
 4 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-  
 5 ties, and for related costs, \$22,603,000, to remain avail-  
 6 able until expended.

#### 7 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-  
 10 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental  
 11 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.  
 12 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.  
 13 6901 et seq.), \$3,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
 14 pended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available  
 15 herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Man-  
 16 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-  
 17 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to  
 18 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

#### 19 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-  
 21 rity, and Protection, \$20,800,000.

#### 22 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector  
 24 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector  
 25 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.),

1 \$111,561,000, including such sums as may be necessary  
 2 for contracting and other arrangements with public agen-  
 3 cies and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the  
 4 Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5  
 5 U.S.C. App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for  
 6 certain confidential operational expenses, including the  
 7 payment of informants, to be expended under the direction  
 8 of the Inspector General pursuant to the Inspector Gen-  
 9 eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and  
 10 section 1337 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981  
 11 (Public Law 97–98).

12 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General  
 14 Counsel, \$60,537,000.

15 OFFICE OF ETHICS

16 For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,  
 17 \$4,500,000.

18 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,

19 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
 21 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,  
 22 \$1,884,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
 23 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-  
 24 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-  
 25 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for



1 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made  
 2 available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be made  
 3 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

4 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

5 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research  
 6 Service, \$90,612,000.

7 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

8 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural  
 9 Statistics Service, \$187,513,000, of which up to  
 10 \$46,000,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-  
 11 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available  
 12 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-  
 13 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.  
 14 2204g(d) and (f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
 15 shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both  
 16 Houses of Congress in writing at least 30 days prior to  
 17 discontinuing data collection programs and reports.

18 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research  
 21 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,  
 22 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and  
 23 with prior notification and approval of the Committees on  
 24 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land  
 25 exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal

1 value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the  
2 grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total  
3 value of the land or interests transferred out of Federal  
4 ownership, \$1,826,778,000: *Provided*, That appropriations  
5 hereunder shall be available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed one  
6 for replacement only: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C.  
8 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the  
9 cost of constructing any one building shall not exceed  
10 \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses which  
11 shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10 buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed  
12 \$1,100,000 each, and except for four buildings to be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 each, and the  
13 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year  
14 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement  
15 value of the building or \$500,000, whichever is greater:  
16 *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be  
17 available for entering into lease agreements at any Agricultural Research Service location for the construction of  
18 a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by the  
19 Agricultural Research Service and a condition of the lease  
20 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 no later than 60 days from

1 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pro-  
 2 vide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
 3 House of Congress that outlines the current staffing levels  
 4 and hiring plans in fiscal year 2026 for each research unit.

5 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

6 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-  
 7 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed  
 8 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-  
 9 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-  
 10 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$42,650,000, to re-  
 11 main available until expended, which shall be for the pur-  
 12 poses, and in the amounts, specified for this account in  
 13 the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in  
 14 the report accompanying this Act.

15 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

16 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

17 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for  
 18 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and  
 19 for other expenses, \$1,089,510,000, which shall be for the  
 20 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 \$559,760,000 shall remain available until expended and  
 25 of which \$2,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-

1   tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That of the amounts provided  
2   under this heading, \$13,560,000 shall be for the purposes,  
3   and in the amounts, specified for this account in the table  
4   titled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report  
5   accompanying this Act, to remain available until ex-  
6   pended, which shall not be subject to section 6(c) and sec-  
7   tion 6(d) of the Research Facilities Act (7 U.S.C. 390d):  
8   *Provided further*, That each institution eligible to receive  
9   funds under the Evans-Allen program receives no less  
10   than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for edu-  
11   cation grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-  
12   serving institutions be made available to individual eligible  
13   institutions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds  
14   awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Ha-  
15   waii: *Provided further*, That funds for education grants for  
16   1890 institutions shall be made available to institutions  
17   eligible to receive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222:  
18   *Provided further*, That not more than 5 percent of the  
19   amounts made available by this or any other Act to carry  
20   out the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative under  
21   7 U.S.C. 3157 may be retained by the Secretary of Agri-  
22   culture to pay administrative costs incurred by the Sec-  
23   retary in carrying out that authority.

1       NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

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

5                       EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

6       For payments to States, the District of Columbia,  
7 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the  
8 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$561,700,000  
9 which shall be for the purposes, in the amounts, and for  
10 the periods of availability specified in the table titled “Na-  
11 tional Institute of Food and Agriculture, Extension Activi-  
12 ties” in the report accompanying this Act, of which  
13 \$32,500,000 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
14 *vided*, That institutions eligible to receive funds under 7  
15 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension receive no less than  
16 \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for cooperative  
17 extension under sections 3(b) and (c) of the Smith-Lever  
18 Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and section 208(c) of Public  
19 Law 93–471 shall be available for retirement and employ-  
20 ees’ compensation costs for extension agents.

21                       INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

22       For the integrated research, education, and extension  
23 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-  
24 penses, \$41,100,000, which shall be for the purposes, in  
25 the amounts, and for the periods of availability specified

1 in the table titled “National Institute of Food and Agri-  
2 culture, Integrated Activities” in the report accompanying  
3 this Act, of which \$8,000,000 shall remain available until  
4 expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other pro-  
5 vision of law, indirect costs shall not be charged against  
6 any Extension Implementation Program Area grant  
7 awarded under the Crop Protection/Pest Management  
8 Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

9 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING  
10 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

11 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
12 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,  
13 \$1,617,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
14 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-  
15 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
16 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
17 fice.

18 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant  
22 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for  
23 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to  
24 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),  
25 \$1,167,534,000 which shall be for the purposes, in the

1 amounts, and for the periods of availability specified in  
2 the table titled “Animal and Plant Health Inspection Serv-  
3 ice” in the report accompanying this Act, of which  
4 \$601,551,000 shall remain available until expended, of  
5 which \$11,384,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the  
6 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled  
7 “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-  
8 panying this Act, to remain available until expended, and  
9 of which \$8,500,000 shall remain available until Sep-  
10 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That no funds shall be used  
11 to formulate or administer a brucellosis eradication pro-  
12 gram for the current fiscal year that does not require min-  
13 imum matching by the States of at least 40 percent: *Pro-*  
14 *vided further*, That this appropriation shall be available  
15 for the purchase, replacement, operation, and maintenance  
16 of aircraft: *Provided further*, That in addition, in emer-  
17 gencies which threaten any segment of the agricultural  
18 production industry of the United States, the Secretary  
19 may transfer from other appropriations or funds available  
20 to the agencies or corporations of the Department such  
21 sums as may be deemed necessary, to be available only  
22 in such emergencies for the arrest and eradication of con-  
23 tagious or infectious disease or pests of animals, poultry,  
24 or plants, and for expenses in accordance with sections  
25 10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Protection Act



1 (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431 and 442 of  
2 the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and  
3 any unexpended balances of funds transferred for such  
4 emergency purposes in the preceding fiscal year shall be  
5 merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided further*,  
6 That the Secretary must notify the Committees on Appro-  
7 priations about any transfer of funds in the preceding pro-  
8 viso within 15 days after such transfer being made: *Pro-*  
9 *vided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be  
10 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair  
11 and alteration of leased buildings and improvements, but  
12 unless otherwise provided the cost of altering any one  
13 building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent  
14 of the current replacement value of the building.

15       In fiscal year 2026, the agency is authorized to collect  
16 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-  
17 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political  
18 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,  
19 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such  
20 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such  
21 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,  
22 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such  
23 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-  
24 able until expended, without further appropriation, for  
25 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

1 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

2 For plans, construction, repair, preventive maintenance,  
 3 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, alteration,  
 4 and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250,  
 5 and acquisition of land as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a,  
 6 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

8 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

9 MARKETING SERVICES

10 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing  
 11 Service, \$222,887,000, which shall be for the purposes and in the  
 12 amounts specified in the table titled “Agricultural Marketing Service—  
 13 Marketing Services” in the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That  
 14 amounts made available for Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives  
 15 to carry out section 12513 of Public Law 115–334 (7 U.S.C. 1632d)  
 16 shall remain available until expended and the Secretary shall take  
 17 measures to ensure an equal distribution of funds between the three  
 18 regional innovation initiatives that were first established using funds  
 19 made available under this heading in Public Law 116–6: *Provided further*,  
 20 That this appropriation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C.  
 21 2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings and improvements,  
 22 but the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not

1 exceed 10 percent of the current replacement value of the  
2 building.

3 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization  
4 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31  
5 U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to  
6 the development or maintenance of grain standards under  
7 the United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et  
8 seq.

9 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

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

17 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND

18 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-  
21 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-  
22 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other  
23 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the  
24 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and  
25 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-

1   fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than  
 2   \$23,880,000 for formulation and administration of mar-  
 3   keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural  
 4   Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural  
 5   Act of 1961 (Public Law 87–128).

6                   PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

7           For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus  
 8   and departments of markets, and similar agencies for  
 9   marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-  
 10   tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),  
 11   \$1,000,000.

12           LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

13                               EXPENSES

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

21           OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

22           For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
 23   Secretary for Food Safety, \$1,117,000: *Provided*, That  
 24   funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food  
 25   Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available

1 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
2 fice.

3 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

4 For necessary expenses to carry out services author-  
5 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry  
6 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection  
7 Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation  
8 allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the  
9 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),  
10 \$1,226,000,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-  
11 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-  
12 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the  
13 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990  
14 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the  
15 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system  
16 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,  
17 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall  
18 be employed during fiscal year 2026 for purposes dedi-  
19 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the  
20 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et  
21 seq.): *Provided further*, That the Food Safety and Inspec-  
22 tion Service shall continue implementation of section  
23 11016 of Public Law 110–246 as further clarified by the  
24 amendments made in section 12106 of Public Law 113–  
25 79: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be

1 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-  
2 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the  
3 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year  
4 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement  
5 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 \$1,527,000: *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, \$238,500,000, of which  
19 \$1,000,000 shall be for the implementation of section 773  
20 of Public Law 117–328: *Provided*, That \$70,740,000 of  
21 amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year pursuant  
22 to section 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-  
23 ment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred  
24 to and 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 \$1,209,307,000, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall  
6 be for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and  
7 anticipated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county of-  
8 fices and farm loan officers and shall be available until  
9 September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That the agency shall sub-  
10 mit a report by the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal  
11 year 2026 to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
12 Houses of Congress that identifies for each project/invest-  
13 ment that is operational (a) current performance against  
14 key indicators of customer satisfaction, (b) current per-  
15 formance of service level agreements or other technical  
16 metrics, (c) current performance against a pre-established  
17 cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown of current and  
18 planned spending on operational enhancements or up-  
19 grades, and (e) an assessment of whether the investment  
20 continues to meet business needs as intended as well as  
21 alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*, That the  
22 Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities, and  
23 authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity Credit  
24 Corporation to make program payments for all programs  
25 administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That other



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

#### 21 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

22 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-  
 23 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–  
 24 5106), \$6,500,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agri-  
 25 culture may determine that United States territories and

1 Federally recognized Indian tribes are “States” for the  
 2 purposes of Subtitle A of such Act.

3 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

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

8 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

20 GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND

21 RANCHERS

22 For necessary expenses to carry out direct reimburse-  
 23 ment payments to geographically disadvantaged farmers  
 24 and ranchers under section 1621 of the Food Conserva-

tion, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8792),  
\$3,500,000, to remain available until expended.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM

ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For gross obligations for the principal amount of direct and guaranteed farm ownership (7 U.S.C. 1922 et seq.) and operating (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.) loans, emergency loans (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.), Indian tribe land acquisition loans (25 U.S.C. 5136), boll weevil loans (7 U.S.C. 1989), guaranteed conservation loans (7 U.S.C. 1924 et seq.), and relending program (7 U.S.C. 1936e), to be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund, as follows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed farm ownership loans and \$3,100,000,000 for farm ownership direct loans; \$2,000,000,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed operating loans and \$1,633,000,000 for direct operating loans; emergency loans, \$14,388,000; Indian tribe land acquisition loans, \$20,000,000; guaranteed conservation loans, \$150,000,000; and for boll weevil eradication program loans, \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall deem the pink bollworm to be a boll weevil for the purpose of boll weevil eradication program loans.

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined

1 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
 2 as follows: \$1,000,000 for emergency loans, to remain  
 3 available until expended; \$39,370,000 for farm ownership  
 4 direct loans, and \$84,000 for boll weevil eradication pro-  
 5 gram loans.

6 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
 7 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
 8 \$326,053,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,  
 9 \$305,803,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for  
 10 “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

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

#### 18 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

#### 19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management  
 21 Agency, \$65,637,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the  
 22 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall  
 23 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-  
 24 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-  
 25 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall

1 be in addition to amounts otherwise provided for such pur-  
 2 pose: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall  
 3 be available for official reception and representation ex-  
 4 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

5       NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
 6                   CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

7       For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-  
 8 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),  
 9 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-  
 10 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including  
 11 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-  
 12 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary  
 13 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-  
 14 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-  
 15 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of  
 16 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,  
 17 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials  
 18 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal  
 19 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August  
 20 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-  
 21 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-  
 22 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,  
 23 \$895,754,000, which shall be for the purposes and in the  
 24 amounts specified in the table titled “Natural Resources  
 25 Conservation Service, Conservation Operations” in the re-

1 port accompanying this Act, to remain available until Sep-  
 2 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That appropriations here-  
 3 under shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for  
 4 construction and improvement of buildings and public im-  
 5 provements at plant materials centers, except that the cost  
 6 of alterations and improvements to other buildings and  
 7 other public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Pro-*  
 8 *vided further*, That when buildings or other structures are  
 9 erected on non-Federal land, that the right to use such  
 10 land is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a.

11 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

12 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-  
 13 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-  
 14 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and  
 15 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed  
 16 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–  
 17 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-  
 18 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,  
 19 \$52,360,000, to remain available until expended, of which  
 20 \$32,360,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the  
 21 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled  
 22 “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-  
 23 panying this Act: *Provided*, That for funds provided by  
 24 this Act or any other prior Act, the limitation regarding  
 25 the size of the watershed or subwatershed exceeding two

1 hundred and fifty thousand acres in which such activities  
2 can be undertaken shall only apply for activities under-  
3 taken for the primary purpose of flood prevention (includ-  
4 ing structural and land treatment measures): *Provided*  
5 *further*, That of the amounts made available under this  
6 heading, \$10,000,000 shall be allocated to multi-benefit  
7 irrigation modernization projects and activities that in-  
8 crease fish or wildlife habitat, reduce drought impact, im-  
9 prove water quality or instream flow, or provide off-chan-  
10 nel renewable energy production.

11 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

12 Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed  
13 Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$1,000,000 is pro-  
14 vided.

15 CORPORATIONS

16 The following corporations and agencies are hereby  
17 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of  
18 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-  
19 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make  
20 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year  
21 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government  
22 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying  
23 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current  
24 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-  
25 inafter provided.

1       FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

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

5       COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

6       REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

7               (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8       For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-  
9 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for  
10 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-  
11 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,  
12 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds  
13 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-  
14 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act  
15 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the  
16 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be  
17 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-  
18 ice for information resource management activities of the  
19 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-  
20 modity Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,  
21 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-  
22 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior  
23 to the obligation or commitment of any emergency funds  
24 from the Commodity Credit Corporation or the transfer  
25 or cancellation of any previously obligated Commodity



1 Credit Corporation funds: *Provided further*, That such  
2 written notification shall include a detailed spend plan for  
3 the anticipated uses of such funds and an expected  
4 timeline for program execution if such obligation, commit-  
5 ment, transfer, or cancellation exceeds \$100,000,000.

6 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

7 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

8 For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit  
9 Corporation shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for  
10 site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations  
11 and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement  
12 of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental  
13 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.  
14 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal  
15 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, \$1,620,000: *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; \$351,087,000: *Provided*,  
19 That of the amount made available under this heading,  
20 no less than \$75,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
21 pended, shall be used for information technology expenses:  
22 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provi-  
23 sion of law, funds appropriated under this heading may  
24 be used for advertising and promotional activities that  
25 support Rural Development programs: *Provided further*,

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

#### 13 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

#### 14 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

#### 15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-  
 17 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the  
 18 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the  
 19 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$1,000,000,000  
 20 shall be for section 502 direct loans; \$5,000,000 shall be  
 21 for a Single Family Housing Relending demonstration  
 22 program for Native American Tribes; and  
 23 \$25,000,000,000 shall be for section 502 unsubsidized  
 24 guaranteed loans; \$25,000,000 for section 504 housing re-  
 25 pair loans; \$50,000,000 for section 515 rental housing;

1 \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaranteed multi-family  
 2 housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit sales of single fam-  
 3 ily housing acquired property; \$5,000,000 for section 523  
 4 self-help housing land development loans; \$5,000,000 for  
 5 section 524 site development loans; and \$15,000,000 for  
 6 section 514 direct farm labor housing loans.

7 For the cost of direct loans, guaranteed loans, and  
 8 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined  
 9 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
 10 as follows: section 502 direct loans, \$130,600,000, of  
 11 which \$32,650,000 shall remain available until September  
 12 30, 2027; Single Family Housing Relending demonstra-  
 13 tion program for Native American Tribes, \$2,469,000;  
 14 section 504 housing repair loans, \$4,333,000; repair, re-  
 15 habilitation, and new construction of section 515 rental  
 16 housing, \$15,130,000, to remain available until expended;  
 17 section 523 self-help housing land development loans,  
 18 \$657,000; section 524 site development loans, \$502,000;  
 19 section 514 farm labor housing loans, \$4,761,000, to re-  
 20 main available until expended; and farm labor housing  
 21 grants, as authorized by section 516 of the Housing Act  
 22 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486), \$7,500,000, to remain  
 23 available until expended: *Provided*, That to support the  
 24 loan program level for section 538 guaranteed loans made  
 25 available under this heading the Secretary may charge or

1 adjust any fees to cover the projected cost of such loan  
2 guarantees pursuant to the provisions of the Credit Re-  
3 form Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), and the interest  
4 on such loans may not be subsidized: *Provided further,*  
5 That applicants in communities that have a current rural  
6 area waiver under section 541 of the Housing Act of 1949  
7 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall be treated as living in a rural  
8 area for purposes of section 502 guaranteed loans pro-  
9 vided under this heading: *Provided further,* That of the  
10 amounts available under this paragraph for section 502  
11 direct loans, no less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for  
12 direct loans for individuals whose homes will be built pur-  
13 suant to a program funded with a mutual and self-help  
14 housing grant authorized by section 523 of the Housing  
15 Act of 1949 until June 1, 2026: *Provided further,* That  
16 the Secretary shall implement provisions to provide incen-  
17 tives to nonprofit organizations and public housing au-  
18 thorities to facilitate the acquisition of Rural Housing  
19 Service (RHS) multifamily housing properties by such  
20 nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities  
21 that commit to keep such properties in the RHS multi-  
22 family housing program for a period of time as determined  
23 by the Secretary, with such incentives to include, but not  
24 be limited to, the following: allow such nonprofit entities  
25 and public housing authorities to earn a Return on Invest-

1 ment on the owner's initial equity contributions, as defined  
2 by the Secretary, invested in the transaction; and allow  
3 reimbursement of organizational costs associated with  
4 owner's oversight of asset referred to as "Asset Manage-  
5 ment Fee" of up to \$7,500 per property.

6 In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,  
7 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section  
8 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
9 \$34,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a  
10 demonstration program for the preservation and revital-  
11 ization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family  
12 rental housing properties to restructure existing USDA  
13 multi-family housing loans, as the Secretary deems appro-  
14 priate, expressly for the purposes of ensuring the project  
15 has sufficient resources to preserve the project for the pur-  
16 pose of providing safe and affordable housing for low-in-  
17 come residents and farm laborers including reducing or  
18 eliminating interest; deferring loan payments, subordi-  
19 nating, reducing or re-amortizing loan debt; and other fi-  
20 nancial assistance including advances, payments and in-  
21 centives (including the ability of owners to obtain reason-  
22 able returns on investment) required by the Secretary:  
23 *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, as part of the preser-  
24 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, \$1,715,000,000, 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 2026  
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 eighth proviso under this heading and notwithstanding  
20 any other provision of the Act, the Secretary may recap-  
21 ture rental assistance provided under agreements entered  
22 into prior to fiscal year 2026 for a project that the Sec-  
23 retary determines no longer needs rental assistance and  
24 use such recaptured funds for current needs: *Provided fur-*  
25 *ther*, That in addition to any other available funds, the

1 Secretary may expend not more than \$1,000,000 total,  
 2 from the program funds made available under this head-  
 3 ing, for information technology improvements under this  
 4 heading.

5 RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

6 For the rural housing voucher program as authorized  
 7 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but not-  
 8 withstanding subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000,  
 9 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the  
 10 funds made available under this heading shall be available  
 11 for rural housing vouchers to any low-income household  
 12 (including those not receiving rental assistance) residing  
 13 in a property financed with a section 515 loan which has  
 14 been prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30,  
 15 2005, and is not receiving stand-alone section 521 rental  
 16 assistance: *Provided further*, That the amount of such  
 17 voucher shall be the difference between comparable market  
 18 rent for the section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for  
 19 such unit: *Provided further*, That funds made available for  
 20 such vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual  
 21 appropriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall,  
 22 to the maximum extent practicable, administer such  
 23 vouchers with current regulations and administrative guid-  
 24 ance applicable to section 8 housing vouchers administered  
 25 by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban

1 Development: *Provided further*, That in addition to any  
 2 other available funds, the Secretary may expend not more  
 3 than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made  
 4 available under this heading, for administrative expenses  
 5 for activities funded under this heading.

6 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

7 For grants and contracts pursuant to section  
 8 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.  
 9 1490c), \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

10 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

11 For grants for very low-income housing repair and  
 12 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing  
 13 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,  
 14 \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended.

15 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES 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 section 306  
 19 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated  
 20 Farm and Rural Development Act, \$1,250,000,000 for di-  
 21 rect loans and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

22 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and  
 23 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined  
 24 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
 25 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by

1 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the  
2 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,  
3 \$217,436,000, to remain available until expended, of  
4 which \$199,436,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the  
5 amounts specified in the table titled “Congressionally Di-  
6 rected Spending” in the report accompanying this Act:  
7 *Provided*, That \$5,000,000 of the amount appropriated  
8 under this heading shall be available for a Rural Commu-  
9 nity Development Initiative: *Provided further*, That such  
10 funds shall be used solely to develop the capacity and abil-  
11 ity of private, nonprofit community-based housing and  
12 community development organizations, low-income rural  
13 communities, and Federally Recognized Native American  
14 Tribes to undertake projects to improve housing, commu-  
15 nity facilities, community and economic development  
16 projects in rural areas: *Provided further*, That such funds  
17 shall be made available to qualified private, nonprofit and  
18 public intermediary organizations proposing to carry out  
19 a program of financial and technical assistance: *Provided*  
20 *further*, That such intermediary organizations shall pro-  
21 vide matching funds from other sources, including Federal  
22 funds for related activities, in an amount not less than  
23 funds provided: *Provided further*, That any unobligated  
24 balances from prior year appropriations under this head-  
25 ing for the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and

1 grants, including amounts deobligated or cancelled, may  
2 be made available to cover the subsidy costs for direct  
3 loans, loan guarantees and or grants under this heading  
4 in this fiscal year: *Provided further*, That no amounts may  
5 be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from  
6 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an  
7 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu-  
8 tion on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
9 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That  
10 amounts specified in the tables titled “Community Project  
11 Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” in the ex-  
12 planatory statements accompanying prior year Agri-  
13 culture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-  
14 tion, and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts, as de-  
15 scribed in section 4 in the matter preceding division A of  
16 such Acts, may not be made available pursuant to the fifth  
17 proviso until at least three fiscal years after the fiscal year  
18 in which such funds were originally made available: *Pro-*  
19 *vided further*, That no amounts may be made available  
20 pursuant to the preceding proviso without prior notifica-  
21 tion and approval of the Committees of Appropriations of  
22 both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That  
23 \$13,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
24 ing shall be available for community facilities grants, as  
25 authorized by section 306(a)(19) of the Consolidated

1 Farm and Rural Development Act, of which \$8,000,000  
 2 shall be for grants to tribal colleges as authorized by sec-  
 3 tion 306(a)(25) of such Act: *Provided further*, That sec-  
 4 tions 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)), \$1,750,000,000.

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, \$55,575,000, to remain available until  
 22 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated  
 23 under this heading, \$15,575,000 shall be for business and  
 24 industry guaranteed loans: *Provided further*, That of the  
 25 amount appropriated under this heading, \$26,000,000

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, of which not to exceed \$500,000  
4 shall be made available for one grant to a qualified na-  
5 tional organization to provide technical assistance for  
6 rural transportation in order to promote economic develop-  
7 ment: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated  
8 under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be for grants to the  
9 Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.), the  
10 Northern Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101  
11 et seq.), the Southwest Border Regional Commission (40  
12 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), and the Appalachian Regional  
13 Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.) for any Rural Com-  
14 munity Advancement Program purpose as described in  
15 section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-  
16 velopment Act, of which not more than 5 percent may be  
17 used for administrative expenses: *Provided further*, That  
18 \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
19 ing shall be for business grants to benefit Federally Recog-  
20 nized Native American Tribes, including \$250,000 for a  
21 grant to a qualified national organization to provide tech-  
22 nical assistance for rural transportation in order to pro-  
23 mote economic development: *Provided further*, That sec-  
24 tions 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and

1 Rural Development Act are not applicable to funds made  
 2 available under this heading.

3 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT  
 4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-  
 6 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-  
 7 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$13,000,000.

8 For the cost of direct loans, \$2,954,000, as author-  
 9 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-  
 10 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$295,000 shall be avail-  
 11 able through June 30, 2026, for Federally Recognized Na-  
 12 tive American Tribes; and of which \$591,000 shall be  
 13 available through June 30, 2026, for Mississippi Delta Re-  
 14 gion counties (as determined in accordance with Public  
 15 Law 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the  
 16 cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section  
 17 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

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

22 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM  
 23 ACCOUNT

24 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-  
 25 ized under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification



1 Act, for the purpose of promoting rural economic develop-  
 2 ment and job creation projects, \$50,000,000.

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

7 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

8 For rural cooperative development grants authorized  
 9 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and  
 10 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$24,800,000, of  
 11 which \$3,500,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for  
 12 the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas pro-  
 13 gram: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be  
 14 for grants for cooperative development centers, individual  
 15 cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives that serve socially  
 16 disadvantaged groups and a majority of the boards of di-  
 17 rectors or governing boards of which are comprised of in-  
 18 dividuals who are members of socially disadvantaged  
 19 groups; and of which \$12,500,000, to remain available  
 20 until expended, shall be for value-added agricultural prod-  
 21 uct market development grants, as authorized by section  
 22 210A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, of which  
 23 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be  
 24 for Agriculture Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to  
 25 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), \$19,515,000.

5           For the cost of loans and grants, \$5,000,000 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), \$100,000,000.

14          HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE

15          For the cost of loans and grants that is consistent  
16 with section 243 of subtitle D of title II of the Department  
17 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.  
18 6953), as added by section 4206 of the Agricultural Act  
19 of 2014, for necessary expenses of the Secretary to sup-  
20 port projects that provide access to healthy food in under-  
21 served areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to  
22 revitalize low-income communities, \$500,000, to remain  
23 available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs of  
24 loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be

1 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act  
 2 of 1974.

### 3 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

4 RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
 5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-  
 7 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306  
 8 and described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated  
 9 Farm and Rural Development Act, as follows:  
 10 \$1,015,000,000 for direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for  
 11 guaranteed loans.

12 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and  
 13 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined  
 14 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
 15 for rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid  
 16 waste management programs authorized by sections 306,  
 17 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sec-  
 18 tions 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the  
 19 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,  
 20 \$443,776,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
 21 *vided*, That \$51,476,000 of the amount appropriated  
 22 under this heading shall be available for direct loans, of  
 23 which no less than \$3,876,000 shall be available for water  
 24 and waste direct one percent loans for distressed commu-  
 25 nities as the Secretary deems appropriate: *Provided fur-*

1 *ther*, That \$1,000,000 shall be available for the rural utili-  
 2 ties program described in section 306(a)(2)(B) of such  
 3 Act: *Provided further*, That \$5,000,000 of the amount ap-  
 4 propriated under this heading shall be available for the  
 5 rural utilities program described in section 306E of such  
 6 Act: *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 of the amount  
 7 appropriated under this heading shall be for grants au-  
 8 thorized by section 306A(i)(2) of the Consolidated Farm  
 9 and Rural Development Act in addition to funding author-  
 10 ized by section 306A(i)(1) of such Act: *Provided further*,  
 11 That \$65,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this  
 12 heading shall be for loans and grants including water and  
 13 waste disposal systems grants authorized by section  
 14 306C(a)(2)(B) and section 306D of the Consolidated  
 15 Farm and Rural Development Act, and Federally Recog-  
 16 nized Native American Tribes authorized by 306C(a)(1)  
 17 of such Act, and the Department of Hawaiian Home  
 18 Lands (of the State of Hawaii): *Provided further*, That  
 19 funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated  
 20 Farm and Rural Development Act may be provided to a  
 21 consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law  
 22 105–83: *Provided further*, That not more than 2 percent  
 23 of the funding provided for section 306D of the Consoli-  
 24 dated Farm and Rural Development Act may be used by  
 25 the State of Alaska for training and technical assistance

1 programs and not more than 2 percent of the funding pro-  
2 vided for section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and  
3 Rural Development Act may be used by a consortium  
4 formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law 105–83 for  
5 training and technical assistance programs: *Provided fur-*  
6 *ther*, That \$35,000,000 of the amount appropriated under  
7 this heading shall be for technical assistance grants for  
8 rural water and waste systems pursuant to section  
9 306(a)(14) of such Act, unless the Secretary makes a de-  
10 termination of extreme need, of which \$9,000,000 shall  
11 be made available for a grant to a qualified nonprofit  
12 multi-State regional technical assistance organization,  
13 with experience in working with small communities on  
14 water and waste water problems, the principal purpose of  
15 such grant shall be to assist rural communities with popu-  
16 lations of 3,300 or less, in improving the planning, financ-  
17 ing, development, operation, and management of water  
18 and waste water systems, and of which not less than  
19 \$800,000 shall be for a qualified national Native American  
20 organization to provide technical assistance for rural water  
21 systems for tribal communities: *Provided further*, That  
22 \$23,900,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
23 ing shall be for contracting with qualified national organi-  
24 zations for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-  
25 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That

1 \$4,000,000 of the amounts made available under this  
2 heading shall be for solid waste management grants: *Pro-*  
3 *vided further*, That \$240,400,000 of the amounts made  
4 available under this heading shall be for grants pursuant  
5 to section 306(a)(2)(a) of the Consolidated Farm and  
6 Rural Development Act: *Provided further*, That  
7 \$8,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
8 ing shall be transferred to, and merged with, the Rural  
9 Utilities Service, High Energy Cost Grants Account to  
10 provide grants authorized under section 19 of the Rural  
11 Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 918a): *Provided fur-*  
12 *ther*, That if any funds made available for the direct loan  
13 subsidy costs under this heading remain unobligated after  
14 July 31, 2026, such unobligated balances may be used for  
15 grant programs funded under this heading: *Provided fur-*  
16 *ther*, That any unobligated balances from prior year ap-  
17 propriations under this heading for the cost of direct  
18 loans, loan guarantees and grants, including amounts  
19 deobligated or cancelled, may be made available to cover  
20 the subsidy costs for direct loans, loan guarantees and or  
21 grants under this heading in this fiscal year: *Provided fur-*  
22 *ther*, That no amounts may be made available pursuant  
23 to the two preceding provisos from amounts that were des-  
24 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement  
25 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the

1 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
 2 1985: *Provided further*, That sections 381E–H and 381N  
 3 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are  
 4 not applicable to the funds made available under this  
 5 heading.

6 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

7 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees  
 10 as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of  
 11 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,  
 12 936, 940c–1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaran-  
 13 teed rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of  
 14 that Act, \$2,667,000,000; cost of money direct loans made  
 15 pursuant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of  
 16 one percent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c),  
 17 of that Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting  
 18 loans pursuant to section 313A of that Act, \$900,000,000;  
 19 for cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans made  
 20 pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of that Act, \$350,000,000;  
 21 and for guaranteed rural telecommunications loans made  
 22 pursuant to section 306 of that Act, \$200,000,000: *Pro-*  
 23 *vided*, That up to \$2,000,000,000 shall be used for the  
 24 construction, acquisition, design, engineering or improve-  
 25 ment of fossil-fueled electric generating plants (whether

1 new or existing) that utilize carbon subsurface utilization  
 2 and storage systems.

3 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section  
 4 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7  
 5 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,  
 6 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act  
 7 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,  
 8 \$3,570,000.

9 In addition, \$4,200,000 to remain available until ex-  
 10 pended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security  
 11 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): *Pro-*  
 12 *vided*, That the energy efficiency measures supported by  
 13 the funding in this paragraph shall contribute in a demon-  
 14 strable way to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

15 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
 16 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
 17 \$33,270,000, which shall be paid to the appropriation for  
 18 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

19 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND  
 20 PROGRAM

21 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning  
 22 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa  
 23 et seq., \$40,610,000, to remain available until expended,  
 24 of which \$610,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the  
 25 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled



1 “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-  
2 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be  
3 made available for grants authorized by section 379G of  
4 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: *Pro-*  
5 *vided further*, That funding provided under this heading  
6 for grants under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm  
7 and Rural Development Act may only be provided to enti-  
8 ties that meet all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium  
9 as established by this section.

10 For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant  
11 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of  
12 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law  
13 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as  
14 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$35,000,000, to remain  
15 available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary  
16 may award grants described in section 601(a) of the Rural  
17 Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C.  
18 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such pilot pro-  
19 gram: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct loans shall  
20 be defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act  
21 of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90 percent of the  
22 households to be served by a project receiving a loan or  
23 grant under the pilot program shall be in a rural area  
24 without sufficient access to broadband: *Provided further*,  
25 That for purposes of such pilot program, a rural area

1 without sufficient access to broadband shall be defined as  
2 twenty-five megabits per second downstream and three  
3 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That to  
4 the extent possible, projects receiving funds provided  
5 under the pilot program must build out service to at least  
6 one hundred megabits per second downstream, and twenty  
7 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That an  
8 entity to which a loan or grant is made under the pilot  
9 program shall not use the loan or grant to overbuild or  
10 duplicate broadband service in a service area by any entity  
11 that has received a broadband loan from the Rural Utili-  
12 ties Service unless such service is not provided sufficient  
13 access to broadband at the minimum service threshold:  
14 *Provided further*, That not more than four percent of the  
15 funds made available in this paragraph can be used for  
16 administrative costs to carry out the pilot program and  
17 up to three percent of funds made available in this para-  
18 graph may be available for technical assistance and pre-  
19 development planning activities to support the most rural  
20 communities: *Provided further*, That the Rural Utilities  
21 Service is directed to expedite program delivery methods  
22 that would implement this paragraph: *Provided further*,  
23 That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall  
24 adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-

1 ment requirements set forth in section 701 of the Rural  
2 Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).

3 In addition, \$20,000,000, to remain available until  
4 expended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-  
5 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 \$1,127,000: *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; \$36,285,902,000 to remain available through Sep-  
20 tember 30, 2027, 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, \$21,918,000  
 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 2026 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*  
 14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$10,000,000  
 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 \$1,500,000 shall remain available until expended to carry  
 23 out activities authorized under subsections (a)(2) and  
 24 (e)(2) of section 21 of the Richard B. Russell National  
 25 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769b–1(a)(2) and (e)(2)):

1 *Provided further*, That section 26(d) of the Richard B.  
 2 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d))  
 3 is amended in the first sentence by striking “2010 through  
 4 2026” and inserting “2010 through 2027”: *Provided fur-*  
 5 *ther*, That section 9(h)(3) of the Richard B. Russell Na-  
 6 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amend-  
 7 ed in the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2025”  
 8 and inserting “For fiscal year 2026”: *Provided further*,  
 9 That section 9(h)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National  
 10 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(4)) is amended in  
 11 the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2025” and  
 12 inserting “For fiscal year 2026”.

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

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-  
 16 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17  
 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),  
 18 \$8,200,000,000, to remain available through September  
 19 30, 2027: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section  
 20 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
 21 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for  
 22 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities,  
 23 and \$14,000,000 shall be used for infrastructure, includ-  
 24 ing investments to develop strategies to improve timely  
 25 program data collection and reporting: *Provided further*,

1 That funds made available under this heading may be  
2 used to award grants and cooperative agreements to State  
3 agencies or other entities: *Provided further*, That the Sec-  
4 retary shall use funds made available under this heading  
5 to maintain the amount for the cash-value voucher for  
6 women and children participants at an amount rec-  
7 ommended by the National Academies of Science, Engi-  
8 neering and Medicine and adjusted for inflation: *Provided*  
9 *further*, That none of the funds provided in this account  
10 shall be available for the purchase of infant formula except  
11 in accordance with the cost containment and competitive  
12 bidding requirements specified in section 17 of such Act:  
13 *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided shall  
14 be available for activities that are not fully reimbursed by  
15 other Federal Government departments or agencies unless  
16 authorized by section 17 of such Act: *Provided further*,  
17 That upon termination of a federally mandated vendor  
18 moratorium and subject to terms and conditions estab-  
19 lished by the Secretary, the Secretary may waive the re-  
20 quirement at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the request of a  
21 State agency.

22 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

23 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and  
24 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),  
25 \$118,139,341,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain

1 available through September 30, 2027, shall be placed in  
2 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times  
3 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:  
4 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended  
5 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition  
6 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made  
7 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to  
8 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and  
9 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food  
10 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*  
11 *further*, That of the funds made available under this head-  
12 ing, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
13 2027, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public  
14 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal  
15 organizations: *Provided further*, That of the funds made  
16 available under this heading, \$3,000,000 shall be used to  
17 carry out section 4208 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*  
18 *further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to any  
19 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-  
20 quired by law: *Provided further*, That funds made available  
21 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-  
22 main available through September 30, 2027: *Provided fur-*  
23 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading for  
24 section 28(d)(1), section 4(b), and section 27(a) of the  
25 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 shall remain available



1 through September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That none  
 2 of the funds made available under this heading may be  
 3 obligated or expended in contravention of section 213A of  
 4 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A):  
 5 *Provided further*, That funds made available under this  
 6 heading may be used to enter into contracts and employ  
 7 staff to conduct studies, evaluations, or to conduct activi-  
 8 ties related to program integrity provided that such activi-  
 9 ties are authorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

10 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

11 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster and  
 12 commodity assistance, \$516,070,000, to remain available  
 13 through September 30, 2027, of which \$425,000,000 shall  
 14 be for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, as au-  
 15 thorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer  
 16 Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note), \$80,000,000  
 17 shall be for the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983,  
 18 \$1,070,000 shall be for assistance for the nuclear affected  
 19 islands, as authorized by section 103(f)(2) of the Compact  
 20 of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law  
 21 108–188), and \$10,000,000 shall be for the Farmers’  
 22 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section  
 23 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966: *Provided*, That  
 24 none of these funds shall be available to reimburse the  
 25 Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities donated

1 to the program: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding  
 2 any other provision of law, effective with funds made avail-  
 3 able in fiscal year 2026 to support the Seniors Farmers'  
 4 Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section 4402  
 5 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002,  
 6 such funds shall remain available through September 30,  
 7 2027: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available  
 8 under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
 9 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may use up to 20 per-  
 10 cent for costs associated with the distribution of commod-  
 11 ities.

12 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

13 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food  
 14 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-  
 15 tion assistance program, \$177,348,000: *Provided*, That of  
 16 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for  
 17 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as  
 18 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 \$932,000: *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 \$40,000 for official reception and representation expenses.

17 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural  
21 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-  
22 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of  
23 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),  
24 \$227,330,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall re-  
25 main available until September 30, 2027, for overseas op-

1 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff:  
 2 *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,  
 3 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on  
 4 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-  
 5 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-  
 6 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-  
 7 grams (7 U.S.C. 1737) and the foreign assistance pro-  
 8 grams of the United States Agency for International De-  
 9 velopment: *Provided further*, That of the funds made avail-  
 10 able under this heading, \$5,000,000, to remain available  
 11 until expended, shall be for the Cochran Fellowship Pro-  
 12 gram, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 3293, \$4,000,000, to re-  
 13 main available until expended, shall be for the Borlaug  
 14 International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellow-  
 15 ship program, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 3319j, and up  
 16 to \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall  
 17 be for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations in inter-  
 18 national currency exchange rates, subject to documenta-  
 19 tion by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

20 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

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

1 \$1,500,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
 2 *vided*, That of the amount made available under this head-  
 3 ing, \$1,000,000, shall be for the Secretary of Agriculture,  
 4 in consultation with the Secretary of State and heads of  
 5 other relevant Federal departments and agencies as appli-  
 6 cable, to conduct an interagency review and, within 60  
 7 days of enactment of this Act, provide a detailed report  
 8 outlining the process and agency needs to support a trans-  
 9 fer of the Food for Peace program from the U.S. Agency  
 10 for International Development to the Foreign Agricultural  
 11 Service within the Department of Agriculture: *Provided*  
 12 *further*, That such report shall include the requirements  
 13 outlined in the section entitled “Food for Peace Inter-  
 14 agency Review and Report” in the report accompanying  
 15 this Act and shall also address any other needs that the  
 16 Department of Agriculture believes will be required to sup-  
 17 port successful implementation of such program transfer.

18 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION

19 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

20 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions  
 21 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-  
 22 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1), \$240,000,000, to  
 23 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Com-  
 24 modity Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the  
 25 services, facilities, and authorities for the purpose of im-

1 plementing such section, subject to reimbursement from  
 2 amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That of the  
 3 amount made available under this heading, not more than  
 4 10 percent, but not less than \$24,000,000, shall remain  
 5 available until expended to purchase agricultural commod-  
 6 ities as described in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm  
 7 Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.  
 8 1736o–1(a)(2)).

9 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)

10 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

12 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-  
 13 modity Credit Corporation’s Export Guarantee Program,  
 14 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common  
 15 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-  
 16 modity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity  
 17 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall  
 18 be paid to the appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural  
 19 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; \$7,015,038,000: *Provided*, That of the amount  
20 provided under this heading, \$1,543,226,000 shall be de-  
21 rived from prescription drug user fees authorized by 21  
22 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this account and  
23 remain available until expended; \$445,808,000 shall be de-  
24 rived from medical device user fees authorized by 21  
25 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account and re-

1 main available until expended; \$665,438,000 shall be de-  
2 rived from human generic drug user fees authorized by  
3 21 U.S.C. 379j-42, and shall be credited to this account  
4 and remain available until expended; \$55,731,000 shall be  
5 derived from biosimilar biological product user fees au-  
6 thorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-52, and shall be credited to  
7 this account and remain available until expended;  
8 \$34,142,000 shall be derived from animal drug user fees  
9 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-12, and shall be credited  
10 to this account and remain available until expended;  
11 \$26,503,000 shall be derived from generic new animal  
12 drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-21, and shall  
13 be credited to this account and remain available until ex-  
14 pended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-  
15 uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be  
16 credited to this account and remain available until ex-  
17 pended: *Provided further*, That in addition to and notwith-  
18 standing any other provision under this heading, amounts  
19 collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device  
20 user fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biologi-  
21 cal product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic  
22 new animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal  
23 year 2026 limitations are appropriated and shall be cred-  
24 ited to this account and remain available until expended:  
25 *Provided further*, That fees derived from prescription drug,



1 medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological  
2 product, animal drug, and generic new animal drug as-  
3 sessments for fiscal year 2026, including any such fees  
4 collected prior to fiscal year 2026 but credited for fiscal  
5 year 2026, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2026 limita-  
6 tions: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may accept  
7 payment during fiscal year 2026 of user fees specified  
8 under this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2027,  
9 prior to the due date for such fees, and that amounts of  
10 such fees assessed for fiscal year 2027 for which the Sec-  
11 retary accepts payment in fiscal year 2026 shall not be  
12 included in amounts under this heading: *Provided further*,  
13 That none of these funds shall be used to develop, estab-  
14 lish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by  
15 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of the total  
16 amount appropriated: (1) \$1,171,319,000 shall be for the  
17 Human Foods Program and for related field activities, in-  
18 cluding inspections, investigations, and import operations,  
19 conducted by the Human Foods Program, the Office of  
20 Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief  
21 Scientist, of which no less than \$15,000,000 shall be used  
22 for inspections of foreign seafood manufacturers and field  
23 examinations of imported seafood; (2) \$2,497,463,000  
24 shall be for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
25 and for related field activities, including inspections, inves-

1 tations, and import operations, conducted by the Center,  
2 the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office  
3 of the Chief Scientist, of which no less than \$10,000,000  
4 shall be for pilots to increase unannounced foreign inspec-  
5 tions and shall remain available until expended; (3)  
6 \$625,756,000 shall be for the Center for Biologics Evalua-  
7 tion and Research and for related field activities, including  
8 inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-  
9 ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-  
10 tations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (4)  
11 \$286,442,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary Medi-  
12 cine and for related field activities, including inspections,  
13 investigations, and import operations, conducted by the  
14 Center, the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the  
15 Office of the Chief Scientist; (5) \$863,358,000 shall be  
16 for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health and  
17 for related field activities, including inspections, investiga-  
18 tions, and import operations, conducted by the Center, the  
19 Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of  
20 the Chief Scientist; (6) \$77,740,000 shall be for the Na-  
21 tional Center for Toxicological Research; (7)  
22 \$689,258,000 shall be for the Center for Tobacco Prod-  
23 ucts and for related field activities, including inspections,  
24 investigations, and import operations, conducted by the  
25 Center, the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the

1 Office of the Chief Scientist; (8) \$434,455,000 shall be  
2 for Rent and Related activities, of which \$55,112,000 is  
3 for White Oak Consolidation, other than the amounts paid  
4 to the General Services Administration for rent; (9)  
5 \$219,639,000 shall be for payments to the General Serv-  
6 ices Administration for rent; and (10) \$369,267,000 shall  
7 be for other activities, including the Office of the Commis-  
8 sioner of Food and Drugs, the Office of the Chief Sci-  
9 entist, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, and central  
10 services for these offices: *Provided further*, That not to ex-  
11 ceed \$25,000 of this amount shall be for official reception  
12 and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for,  
13 as determined by the Commissioner: *Provided further*,  
14 That any transfer of funds pursuant to, and for the ad-  
15 ministration of, section 770(n) of the Federal Food, Drug,  
16 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(n)) shall only be from  
17 amounts made available under this heading for other ac-  
18 tivities and shall not exceed \$2,000,000: *Provided further*,  
19 That of the amounts that are made available under this  
20 heading for “other activities”, and that are not derived  
21 from user fees, \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to and  
22 merged with the appropriation for “Department of Health  
23 and Human Services—Office of Inspector General” for  
24 oversight of the programs and operations of the Food and  
25 Drug Administration and shall be in addition to funds oth-

1 erwise made available for oversight of the Food and Drug  
 2 Administration: *Provided further*, That funds may be  
 3 transferred from one specified activity to another with the  
 4 prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of  
 5 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, \$5,000,000, to re-  
 2 main available until expended.

### 3 INDEPENDENT AGENCY

#### 4 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

##### 5 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

6 Not to exceed \$106,500,000 (from assessments col-  
 7 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal  
 8 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated  
 9 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses  
 10 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this  
 11 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-  
 12 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed  
 13 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the  
 14 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
 15 gress: *Provided further*, That the purposes of section  
 16 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.  
 17 2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may  
 18 exempt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the applica-  
 19 tion of the limitation provided in that clause of export  
 20 loans described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a  
 21 manner other than described in subclause (II) of the  
 22 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 2026  
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-

1 tion of property, plant and equipment and for the improve-  
2 ment, delivery, and implementation of Department finan-  
3 cial, and administrative information technology services,  
4 and other support systems necessary for the delivery of  
5 financial, administrative, and information technology serv-  
6 ices, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary  
7 benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture,  
8 such transferred funds to remain available until expended:  
9 *Provided*, That none of the funds made available by this  
10 Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working  
11 Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency ad-  
12 ministrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds  
13 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this  
14 section shall be available for obligation without written no-  
15 tification to and the prior approval of the Committees on  
16 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided fur-*  
17 *ther*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or  
18 made available to the Department's Working Capital  
19 Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to  
20 make any changes to the Department's National Finance  
21 Center without written notification to and prior approval  
22 of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
23 Congress as required by section 716 of this Act: *Provided*  
24 *further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act  
25 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 attributable to the amounts in ex-  
4 cess of the true costs of the shared services provided by  
5 the National Finance Center and budgeted for the Na-  
6 tional Finance Center, the Secretary shall reserve not  
7 more than 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition  
8 of capital equipment, including equipment for the improve-  
9 ment, delivery, and implementation of financial, adminis-  
10 trative, and information technology services, and other  
11 systems of the National Finance Center or to pay any un-  
12 foreseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Cen-  
13 ter: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts reserved  
14 shall be available for obligation unless the Secretary sub-  
15 mits written notification of the obligation to the Commit-  
16 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Pro-*  
17 *vided further*, That the limitations on the obligation of  
18 funds pending notification to Congressional Committees  
19 shall not apply to any obligation that, as determined by  
20 the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a declared state  
21 of emergency that significantly impacts the operations of  
22 the National Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of  
23 the National Finance Center to a safe haven to continue  
24 operations of the National Finance Center.

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

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

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

24       SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the  
25 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-

1   quire new information technology systems or significant  
2   upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-  
3   mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-  
4   tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-  
5   tion Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That  
6   notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the  
7   funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this  
8   Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Informa-  
9   tion Officer without written notification to and the prior  
10   approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both  
11   Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
12   standing section 11319 of title 40, United States Code,  
13   none of the funds available to the Department of Agri-  
14   culture for information technology shall be obligated for  
15   projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000  
16   prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Informa-  
17   tion Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information  
18   Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without  
19   written approval from the Chief Information Officer for  
20   projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000  
21   based upon the performance of an agency measured  
22   against the performance plan requirements described in  
23   the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 113–  
24   235.

1        SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b)  
2 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in  
3 the current fiscal year shall remain available until ex-  
4 pended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal  
5 year.

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

14       SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided  
15 by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated bal-  
16 ances from appropriations made available for salaries and  
17 expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall  
18 remain available through September 30, 2027, for infor-  
19 mation technology expenses.

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

1        SEC. 711. In the case of each program established  
2 or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law  
3 113–79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title  
4 I or subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for  
5 which indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that  
6 is authorized or required to be carried out using funds  
7 of the Commodity Credit Corporation—

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

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

20       SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act,  
21 not more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary  
22 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,  
23 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department  
24 of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-

1 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-  
 2 tively awarded grants.

3 SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in  
 4 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer  
 5 network unless such network blocks the viewing,  
 6 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

11 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section  
 12 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this  
 13 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds  
 14 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any  
 15 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses  
 16 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of  
 17 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section  
 18 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,574,028,000  
 19 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal  
 20 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement  
 21 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—  
 22 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—  
 23 \$1,660,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-  
 24 chases—\$37,178,000: *Provided*, That, of the total funds  
 25 made available in the matter preceding this proviso that

1 remain unobligated on October 1, 2026, such unobligated  
2 balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2027 and shall  
3 remain available until expended for any of the purposes  
4 of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used  
5 in accordance with clause (3) of section 32 may not exceed  
6 \$350,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Sec-  
7 retary of Agriculture provides written notification of the  
8 expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
9 Houses of Congress at least two weeks in advance: *Pro-*  
10 *vided further*, That, with the exception of any available  
11 carryover funds authorized in any prior appropriations Act  
12 to be used for the purposes of clause (3) of section 32,  
13 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-  
14 able by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the  
15 salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department  
16 of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section 32.

17       SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this or  
18 any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and ex-  
19 penses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations  
20 language as part of the President's budget submission to  
21 the Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the  
22 Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural De-  
23 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related  
24 Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction  
25 from the previous year due to user fees proposals that

1 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission  
2 of the budget unless such budget submission identifies  
3 which additional spending reductions should occur in the  
4 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the  
5 date of the convening of a committee of conference for  
6 the fiscal year 2026 appropriations Act.

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

- 20           (1) creates new programs;
- 21           (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
- 22           (3) increases funds or personnel by any means  
23 for any project or activity for which funds have been  
24 denied or restricted;
- 25           (4) relocates an office or employees;



1           (5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities;

2           or

3           (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or

4           activities presently performed by Federal employees;

5           unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of

6           Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies

7           in writing and receives approval from the Committees on

8           Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30

9           days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds or

10          the use of such authority.

11          (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-

12          vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies

13          funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or

14          expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from

15          any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of

16          fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be

17          available for obligation or expenditure for activities, pro-

18          grams, or projects through a reprogramming or use of the

19          authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds

20          in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less,

21          that—

22                 (1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-

23          tivities;

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

4           (3) results from any general savings from a re-  
5           duction in personnel which would result in a change  
6           in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-  
7           proved by Congress;

8           unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of  
9           Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies  
10          in writing and receives approval from the Committees on  
11          Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30  
12          days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of such  
13          funds or the use of such authority.

14          (c) The Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of  
15          Health and Human Services shall notify in writing and  
16          receive approval from the Committees on Appropriations  
17          of both Houses of Congress before implementing any pro-  
18          gram or activity not carried out during the previous fiscal  
19          year unless the program or activity is funded by this Act  
20          or specifically funded by any other Act.

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

1 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be  
2 available for—

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

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

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

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

19          (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used  
20 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture or  
21 the Secretary of Health and Human Services receives from  
22 the Committee on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
23 gress written or electronic mail confirmation of receipt of  
24 the notification as required in this section.

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, or the Farm Credit Ad-  
10 ministration shall be used to transmit or otherwise make  
11 available reports, questions, or responses to questions that  
12 are a result of information requested for the appropria-  
13 tions hearing process to any non-Department of Agri-  
14 culture, non-Department of Health and Human Services,  
15 or non-Farm Credit Administration employee.

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

24       SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-  
25 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or

1 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other  
2 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days  
3 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency  
4 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or  
5 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the  
6 period of assignment.

7       SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of  
8 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the  
9 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and  
10 the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall  
11 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House  
12 of Representatives and the Senate a detailed obligation  
13 plan delineated by program, project, and activity, as de-  
14 fined in the report accompanying this Act, for all amounts  
15 made available by this Act and prior appropriations Acts  
16 that remain available for obligation, including appro-  
17 priated user fees and loan authorizations: *Provided*, That  
18 such obligation plan shall include breakdowns of estimated  
19 obligations for each such program, project, or activity by  
20 fiscal quarter, source appropriation, and the number of  
21 full-time equivalent positions supported: *Provided further*,  
22 That such obligation plan shall serve as the baseline for  
23 reprogramming notifications for the purposes of section  
24 716 of this Act.

1        SEC. 722. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used to propose, promulgate, or implement  
3 any rule, or take any other action with respect to, allowing  
4 or requiring information intended for a prescribing health  
5 care professional, in the case of a drug or biological prod-  
6 uct subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food,  
7 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)), to be dis-  
8 tributed to such professional electronically (in lieu of in  
9 paper form) unless and until a Federal law is enacted to  
10 allow or require such distribution.

11       SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility  
12 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service  
13 programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated  
14 prison populations.

15       SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not  
16 require budget authority and the program level has been  
17 established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may  
18 increase the program level for such loans and loan guaran-  
19 tees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*, That prior  
20 to the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Sec-  
21 retary notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropria-  
22 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in ad-  
23 vance.

24       SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates  
25 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-

tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107–76) shall be available for obligation without written notification to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, including equipment for the improvement, delivery, and implementation of Departmental financial management, information technology, 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.

SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agriculture amends the definition of the term “variety” as defined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition

1 of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of  
2 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-  
3 ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each  
4 staple food category so that the total number of such items  
5 in each staple food category exceeds the number of such  
6 items in each staple food category included in the final  
7 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That  
8 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-  
9 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-  
10 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-  
11 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were  
12 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of  
13 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

14 SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section  
15 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the  
16 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority  
17 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and  
18 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under  
19 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42  
20 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with respect to loans guaranteed under  
21 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

22 SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
23 wise made available by this Act shall be available for the  
24 United States Department of Agriculture to propose, fi-  
25 nalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate



1 new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act.

3       SEC. 729. Notwithstanding any provision of law that  
4 regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and hol-  
5 iday pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge  
6 establishments subject to the inspection requirements of  
7 the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et  
8 seq., the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et  
9 seq., and the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C.  
10 1031 et seq., for the cost of inspection services provided  
11 outside of an establishment's approved inspection shifts,  
12 and for inspection services provided on Federal holidays:  
13 *Provided*, That any sums charged pursuant to this para-  
14 graph shall be deemed as overtime pay or holiday pay  
15 under section 1001(d) of the American Rescue Plan Act  
16 of 2021 (Public Law 117–2, 135 Stat. 242): *Provided fur-*  
17 *ther*, That sums received by the Secretary under this para-  
18 graph shall, in addition to other available funds, remain  
19 available until expended to the Secretary without further  
20 appropriation for the purpose of funding all costs associ-  
21 ated with FSIS inspections.

22       SEC. 730. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—  
23               (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates  
24               the following factors in the country or region being  
25               audited, as applicable—

- 1 (A) veterinary control and oversight;
- 2 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-
- 3 tices;
- 4 (C) livestock demographics and
- 5 traceability;
- 6 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-
- 7 tial sources of infection;
- 8 (E) surveillance practices;
- 9 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and
- 10 (G) emergency preparedness and response;
- 11 and

12 (2) promptly make publicly available the final  
 13 reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant  
 14 to paragraph (1).

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

18 SEC. 731. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for  
 19 this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-  
 20 posal, and solid waste management programs authorized  
 21 by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of  
 22 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7  
 23 U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the  
 24 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public  
 25 water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel

1 products used in the project are produced in the United  
2 States.

3 (2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products”  
4 means the following products made primarily of iron or  
5 steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers  
6 and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges,  
7 pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, rein-  
8 forced precast concrete, and construction materials.

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

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

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

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

21 (c) If the Secretary or the designee receives a request  
22 for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the des-  
23 ignee shall make available to the public on an informal  
24 basis a copy of the request and information available to  
25 the Secretary or the designee concerning the request, and

1 shall allow for informal public input on the request for  
2 at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the  
3 request. The Secretary or the designee shall make the re-  
4 quest and accompanying information available by elec-  
5 tronic means, including on the official public Internet Web  
6 site of the Department.

7 (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-  
8 sistent with United States obligations under international  
9 agreements.

10 (e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of  
11 the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities  
12 Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-  
13 count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-  
14 section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the re-  
15 quirements of this section.

16 (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a  
17 project for which the engineering plans and specifications  
18 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited  
19 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-  
20 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the  
21 date of enactment of this Act.

22 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United  
23 States” and “State” shall include each of the several  
24 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-  
25 ognized Indian Tribe.

1       SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated by this Act  
2 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence  
3 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation  
4 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-  
5 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.  
6 1913.

7       SEC. 733. Of the total amounts made available by  
8 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following  
9 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-  
10 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—  
11 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing  
12 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural  
13 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program  
14 Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural  
15 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business—Coopera-  
16 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-  
17 gram Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—  
18 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-  
19 ness—Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-  
20 sistance Program”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water  
21 and Waste Disposal Program Account”; “Rural Utilities  
22 Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications  
23 Loans Program Account”; and “Rural Utilities Service—  
24 Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-  
25 gram”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 per-

1 cent of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in per-  
2 sistent poverty counties under this section, including, not-  
3 withstanding any other provision regarding population  
4 limits, any county seat of such a persistent poverty county  
5 that has a population that does not exceed the authorized  
6 population limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided*, That  
7 for purposes of this section, the term “persistent poverty  
8 counties” means any county that has had 20 percent or  
9 more of its population living in poverty over the past 30  
10 years, as measured by the Economic Research Service, or  
11 any territory or possession of the United States: *Provided*  
12 *further*, That with respect to specific activities for which  
13 program levels have been made available by this Act that  
14 are not supported by budget authority, the requirements  
15 of this section shall be applied to such program level.

16 SEC. 734. None of the funds made available by this  
17 Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-  
18 edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for inves-  
19 tigational use of a drug or biological product under section  
20 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21  
21 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health  
22 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which  
23 a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to  
24 include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submis-

1 sion shall be deemed to have not been received by the Sec-  
 2 retary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

3 SEC. 735. None of the funds made available by this  
 4 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule  
 5 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-  
 6 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,  
 7 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and  
 8 published on November 27, 2015, with respect to the regu-  
 9 lation of entities that grow, harvest, pack, or hold wine  
 10 grapes, hops, pulse crops, or almonds.

11 SEC. 736. For school years 2025–2026 and 2026–  
 12 2027, none of the funds made available by this Act may  
 13 be used to restrict or limit the substitution of any vege-  
 14 table subgroup for fruits under the school breakfast pro-  
 15 gram established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition  
 16 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

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

19 (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Ag-  
 20 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G  
 21 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or sec-  
 22 tion 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of  
 23 2018; or

24 (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,  
 25 sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is

1 grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606  
2 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the  
3 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or out-  
4 side the State in which the hemp is grown or cul-  
5 tivated.

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

10 SEC. 739. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be in-  
11 cluded as a member of the Committee on Foreign Invest-  
12 ment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case  
13 basis pursuant to the authorities in section 721(k)(2)(J)  
14 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.  
15 4565(k)(2)(J)) with respect to each covered transaction  
16 (as defined in section 721(a)(4) of the Defense Production  
17 Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4))) involving agricultural  
18 land, agriculture biotechnology, or the agriculture industry  
19 (including agricultural transportation, agricultural stor-  
20 age, and agricultural processing), as determined by the  
21 CFIUS Chairperson in coordination with the Secretary of  
22 Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, to the  
23 maximum extent practicable, notify the Committee on  
24 Foreign Investment in the United States of any agricul-  
25 tural land transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture



1 has reason to believe, based on information from or in co-  
2 operation with the Intelligence Community, is a covered  
3 transaction (A) that may pose a risk to the national secu-  
4 rity of the United States, with particular emphasis on cov-  
5 ered transactions of an interest in agricultural land by for-  
6 eign governments or entities of concern, as defined in 42  
7 U.S.C. 19221(a), including the People's Republic of  
8 China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the  
9 Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and  
10 (B) with respect to which a person is required to submit  
11 a report to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2(a)  
12 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of  
13 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

14 SEC. 740. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,  
15 to remain available until expended, for a pilot program  
16 for the Secretary to provide grants to qualified non-profit  
17 organizations and public housing authorities to provide  
18 technical assistance, including financial and legal services,  
19 to RHS multi-family housing borrowers to facilitate prop-  
20 erty preservation through the acquisition of RHS multi-  
21 family housing properties in areas where the Secretary de-  
22 termines a risk of loss of affordable housing, by non-profit  
23 housing organizations and public housing authorities as  
24 authorized by law that commit to keep such properties in  
25 the RHS multi-family housing program for a period of

1 time as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That such  
2 funds may also be used for technical assistance for non-  
3 profit organizations, public housing authorities, and pri-  
4 vate owners for the decoupling of rental assistance.

5 SEC. 741. Funds made available under title II of the  
6 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be  
7 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate  
8 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-  
9 trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is  
10 received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by  
11 food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-  
12 propriate purposes.

13 SEC. 742. None of the funds made available by this  
14 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-  
15 ucts or seafood imported into the United States from the  
16 People's Republic of China for use in the school lunch pro-  
17 gram under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care  
19 Food Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 1766), the Summer Food Service Program for Children  
21 under section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the  
22 school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act  
23 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

24 SEC. 743. For school year 2025–2026, only a school  
25 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit

1 school food service account as of June 30, 2025, shall be  
2 required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance  
3 with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National  
4 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

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

13 SEC. 745. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
14 law, no funds available to the Department of Agriculture  
15 may be used to move any staff office or any agency from  
16 the mission area in which it was located on August 1,  
17 2018, to any other mission area or office within the De-  
18 partment in the absence of the enactment of specific legis-  
19 lation affirming such move.

20 SEC. 746. The Secretary, acting through the Chief  
21 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use  
22 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for  
23 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program  
24 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out  
25 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-

tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such programs pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding subsection (c) of such section.

SEC. 747. In administering the pilot program established by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Secretary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining entities eligible to receive assistance, consider those communities which are “Areas Rural in Character”: *Provided*, That not more than 10 percent of the funds made available under the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–141 may be used for this purpose.

SEC. 748. In addition to amounts otherwise made available by this Act and notwithstanding the last sentence of 16 U.S.C. 1310, there is appropriated \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, to implement non-renewable agreements on eligible lands, including flooded agricultural lands, as determined by the Secretary, under the Water Bank Act (16 U.S.C. 1301–1311).

1        SEC. 749. Out of amounts appropriated to the Food  
2 and Drug Administration under title VI, the Secretary of  
3 Health and Human Services, acting through the Commis-  
4 sioner of Food and Drugs, shall, not later than September  
5 30, 2026, and following the review required under Execu-  
6 tive Order No. 12866 (5 U.S.C. 601 note; relating to regu-  
7 latory planning and review), issue advice revising the ad-  
8 vice provided in the notice of availability entitled “Advice  
9 About Eating Fish, From the Environmental Protection  
10 Agency and Food and Drug Administration; Revised Fish  
11 Advice; Availability” (82 Fed. Reg. 6571 (January 19,  
12 2017)), in a manner that is consistent with nutrition  
13 science recognized by the Food and Drug Administration  
14 on the net effects of seafood consumption.

15        SEC. 750. The Secretary shall set aside for Rural  
16 Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zones, until August  
17 15, 2026, an amount of funds made available in title III  
18 under the headings of Rural Housing Insurance Fund  
19 Program Account, Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants,  
20 Rural Housing Assistance Grants, Rural Community Fa-  
21 cilities Program Account, Rural Business Program Ac-  
22 count, Rural Development Loan Fund Program Account,  
23 and Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account,  
24 equal to the amount obligated in REAP Zones with re-  
25 spect to funds provided under such headings in the most

1 recent fiscal year any such funds were obligated under  
2 such headings for REAP Zones, excluding the funding  
3 provided through any Community Project Funding/Con-  
4 gressionally Directed Spending.

5       SEC. 751. (a) For an additional amount for the Office  
6 of the Secretary, \$2,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
7 pended, for the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out no  
8 more than 10 pilot projects, under the terms and condi-  
9 tions determined by the Secretary for a period not to ex-  
10 ceed 2 years, that award grants to an Indian tribe; a tribal  
11 organization approved by an Indian tribe; a tribal edu-  
12 cational agency; a consortium of Indian tribes; or a part-  
13 nership between an Indian tribe and either a State edu-  
14 cational agency, a local educational agency, a tribal edu-  
15 cational agency, or the Bureau of Indian Education to op-  
16 erate and implement the school lunch program as author-  
17 ized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act  
18 (42 U.S.C. 1769), the summer food service program as  
19 established under section 13 of the Richard B. Russell Na-  
20 tional School Lunch Act, the child and adult care food  
21 program as established by section 17 of the Richard B.  
22 Russell National School Lunch Act, or the school break-  
23 fast program established by the Child Nutrition Act of  
24 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) in either a Bureau-funded school  
25 (as defined in section 1141 of the Education Amendments

1 of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021)); a school (as defined in section  
2 12(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)) on or near an Indian reservation;  
4 or an early child care and education facility: *Provided*,  
5 That to carry out this pilot program each grant awarded  
6 shall be no less than \$10,000 and no more than \$100,000  
7 for each school year and shall not increase state adminis-  
8 trative costs or the amount of benefits provided in any  
9 program: *Provided further*, That the term “Indian tribe”  
10 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian  
11 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25  
12 U.S.C. 5304).

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
14 pilot project grant recipient shall be reimbursed for meals  
15 served under the school lunch program, the summer food  
16 service program, and the child and adult care food pro-  
17 gram as if the recipient were a State under the Richard  
18 B. Russell National School Lunch Act; and under the  
19 school breakfast program as if the recipient were a State  
20 educational agency.

21 (c) Not later than 1 year after the conclusion of the  
22 pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a  
23 report on the outcomes of the pilot program.

24 SEC. 752. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
25 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food

1 and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any  
2 new guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufac-  
3 turers of low risk ready-to-eat (RTE) foods for *Listeria*  
4 *monocytogenes* (Lm) until the FDA considers the avail-  
5 able new science in developing guidance regarding Lm in  
6 low-risk foods, meaning foods that do not support the  
7 growth of Lm.

8       SEC. 753. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,  
9 to remain available until September 30, 2027, for a Bison  
10 Production and Marketing Grant Program that the Agri-  
11 cultural Marketing Service shall develop and maintain:  
12 *Provided*, That this program shall be similar, as deter-  
13 mined by the Secretary, to the Sheep Production and Mar-  
14 keting Grant Program the Department of Agriculture cur-  
15 rently maintains pursuant to section 209(c) of the Agricul-  
16 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627a(c)), and  
17 shall prioritize grants to national non-profits and federally  
18 chartered Tribal organizations that have expertise in bison  
19 production or marketing.

20       SEC. 754. For an additional amount for the Office  
21 of the Secretary, \$700,000, for the Office of Tribal Rela-  
22 tions to cover costs incurred for the slaughtering, proc-  
23 essing, and voluntary meat inspection fees, notwith-  
24 standing the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7  
25 U.S.C. 1622 et seq.) and 9 CFR part 352, for bison owned



1 by Tribal governments (as defined by the List Act of 1994  
2 (25 U.S.C. 5131)), Tribal entities (including Tribal orga-  
3 nizations and corporations), and Tribal members that  
4 slaughter and process bison at establishments that receive  
5 USDA voluntary inspection or state inspection.

6 SEC. 755. If services performed by APHIS employees  
7 are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and  
8 Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an  
9 animal disease or plant health emergency outbreak, any  
10 premium pay that is funded, either directly or through re-  
11 imbursement, shall be exempted from the aggregate of  
12 basic pay and premium pay calculated under section  
13 5547(b)(1) and (2) of title 5, United States Code, and  
14 any other provision of law limiting the aggregate amount  
15 of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar year  
16 basis.

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

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

22 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the  
23 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of  
24 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or

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

4           SEC. 757. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,  
5 to remain available until expended, to carry out section  
6 2103 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*, That the Sec-  
7 retary shall prioritize the wetland compliance needs of  
8 areas with significant numbers of individual wetlands, wet-  
9 land acres, and conservation compliance requests.

10          SEC. 758. There is appropriated \$3,000,000 for the  
11 emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assist-  
12 ance grant program established under section 12502(b) of  
13 the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (34 U.S.C.  
14 20127).

15          SEC. 759. The National Academies of Sciences, Engi-  
16 neering and Medicine (NASEM) were tasked with pro-  
17 viding findings and recommendations on alcohol consump-  
18 tion for the purposes of inclusion in the 2025 Dietary  
19 Guidelines for Americans as required by section 772 of  
20 division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023  
21 (Public Law 117–328): *Provided*, That the Secretary of  
22 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agri-  
23 culture shall only consider the findings and recommenda-  
24 tions of the NASEM report in the development of the  
25 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and further, both

1 Secretaries shall ensure that the alcohol consumption rec-  
2 ommendations in the 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Ameri-  
3 cans shall be based on the preponderance of scientific and  
4 medical knowledge consistent with section 5341 of title 7  
5 of United States Code.

6 SEC. 760. (a) Section 313B(a) of the Rural Elec-  
7 trification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940c–2(a)), shall be ap-  
8 plied for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter  
9 until the specified funding has been expended as if the  
10 following were inserted after the final period: “In addition,  
11 the Secretary shall use \$9,465,000 of the funds available  
12 to carry out this section in fiscal year 2024 for an addi-  
13 tional amount for the same purpose and under the same  
14 terms and conditions as the Rural Business Development  
15 Grants authorized by section 310B of the Consolidated  
16 Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)) and  
17 shall use \$9,953,000 of the funds available to carry out  
18 this section in fiscal year 2026 for an additional amount  
19 for the same purpose and under the same terms and condi-  
20 tions as the Rural Business Development Grants author-  
21 ized by section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
22 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)).”.

23 (b) Section 780 of division B of Public Law 118–42  
24 and such section as continued in effect as an authority

1 and condition under section 1101(a)(1) of Public Law  
2 119–4 shall no longer apply.

3 SEC. 761. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
4 law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal  
5 approved prior to the effective date of the National Bio-  
6 engineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19,  
7 2019) shall include the words “genetically engineered”  
8 prior to the existing acceptable market name.

9 SEC. 762. For an additional amount for the Office  
10 of the Secretary, \$6,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
11 pended, to continue the Institute for Rural Partnerships  
12 as established in section 778 of Public Law 117–103: *Pro-*  
13 *vided*, That the Institute for Rural Partnerships shall con-  
14 tinue to dedicate resources to researching the causes and  
15 conditions of challenges facing rural areas, and develop  
16 community partnerships to address such challenges: *Pro-*  
17 *vided further*, That administrative or other fees shall not  
18 exceed one percent: *Provided further*, That such partner-  
19 ship shall coordinate and publish an annual report.

20 SEC. 763. There is hereby appropriated \$500,000 to  
21 carry out the duties of the working group established  
22 under section 770 of the Agriculture, Rural Development,  
23 Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-  
24 propriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6; 133 Stat. 89).

1        SEC. 764. The agencies and offices of the Depart-  
 2        ment of Agriculture may reimburse the Office of the Gen-  
 3        eral Counsel (OGC), out of the funds provided in this Act,  
 4        for costs incurred by OGC in providing services to such  
 5        agencies or offices under time-limited agreements entered  
 6        into with such agencies and offices: *Provided*, That such  
 7        transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer au-  
 8        thority provided by law.

9        SEC. 765. Section 363 of the Multifamily Mortgage  
 10       Foreclosure Act of 1981 (12 U.S.C. 3702) is amended at  
 11       paragraph (2)—

12                (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and”;

13                (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period  
 14       at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15                (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-  
 16       lowing:

17                        “(F) section 514 or 515 of the Housing  
 18       Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485).”.

19        SEC. 766. The last proviso in the second paragraph  
 20       under the heading “Rural Community Facilities Program  
 21       Account” in division B of the Consolidated Appropriations  
 22       Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42) shall be amended to read  
 23       as follows: “*Provided further*, That in addition to any other  
 24       available funds, the Secretary may expend not more than  
 25       \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made available

1 under this heading, for administrative expenses for activi-  
2 ties funded under this heading and in section 778(1).”.

3 SEC. 767. Of the unobligated balances from prior  
4 year appropriations made available for conservation activi-  
5 ties under the heading “Natural Resources Conservation  
6 Service—Conservation Operations”, \$30,000,000 are  
7 hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be re-  
8 scinded from amounts that were designated by the Con-  
9 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concur-  
10 rent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and  
11 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 SEC. 768. Of the unobligated balances from prior  
13 year appropriations made available for the “National In-  
14 stitute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education  
15 Activities”, \$22,000,000 are hereby rescinded: *Provided*,  
16 That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that  
17 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-  
18 ment pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget  
19 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
20 Act of 1985.

21 SEC. 769. Of the unobligated balances from prior  
22 year appropriations made available for “Food For Peace  
23 Title II Grants”, \$200,000,000 are hereby rescinded: *Pro-*  
24 *vided*, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts  
25 that were designated by the Congress as an emergency re-

1 quirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the  
2 budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit  
3 Control Act of 1985.

4 SEC. 770. Of the unobligated balances from prior  
5 year appropriations made available under the heading  
6 “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-  
7 gram” for the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant  
8 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of  
9 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law  
10 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as  
11 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$20,000,000 are hereby  
12 rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded  
13 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as  
14 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-  
15 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
16 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 SEC. 771. Of the unobligated balances from prior  
18 year appropriations made available in the “Working Cap-  
19 ital Fund”, \$78,000,000 are hereby permanently re-  
20 scinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded  
21 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as  
22 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-  
23 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
24 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1        SEC. 772. None of the funds made available to the  
2 Department of Agriculture in this or any other Act may  
3 be used to close or consolidate the resources or locations  
4 of any existing Agricultural Research Service laboratories  
5 and facilities without prior notification and approval of the  
6 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
7 gress.

8        SEC. 773. (a) Of the amounts made available in this  
9 Act under the heading “Department of Health and  
10 Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Sala-  
11 ries and Expenses” that are derived from tobacco product  
12 user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, not less than  
13 \$200,000,000 shall be used by the Commissioner of Food  
14 and Drugs for enforcement activities related to e-ciga-  
15 rettes, vapes, and other electronic nicotine delivery sys-  
16 tems (in this section referred to as “ENDS”), including  
17 activities under section 801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug,  
18 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)): *Provided*, That not  
19 less than \$2,000,000 of such amount shall be used to con-  
20 tinue the activities of the Federal multi-agency task force  
21 led by the Department of Justice, Department of Home-  
22 land Security, and the FDA to further work to bring all  
23 available criminal and civil tools to bear against the illegal  
24 manufacture, importation, distribution, and sale of e-ciga-



1 rettes, vapes, and other ENDS products from the Republic  
2 of China and other foreign countries.

3 (b) Not later than 365 days after the date of enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs  
5 shall update the FDA document titled “Guidance for In-  
6 dustry on its Enforcement Priorities,” published in Janu-  
7 ary 2020 and updated in April 2020, to expand FDA’s  
8 prioritized enforcement to flavored disposable ENDS  
9 products in addition to cartridge-based products and to  
10 define the term “disposable ENDS product.”

11 (c) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall sub-  
12 mit a semi-annual written report to the Committees on  
13 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the  
14 progress that the Center for Tobacco Products is making  
15 in removing all illegal nicotine products from the market:  
16 *Provided*, That the initial report shall be submitted not  
17 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
18 Act.

19 (d) Section 801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and  
20 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)) is amended by striking  
21 “drug or device” each place it appears in the seventh,  
22 eighth, ninth, and tenth sentences and inserting “drug,  
23 device, or tobacco product”.

24 SEC. 774. (a) Fees derived from amounts assessed  
25 and collected for fiscal year 2026, credited under the head-

1 ing “Department of Health and Human Services—Food  
 2 and Drug Administration—Salaries and Expenses”, and  
 3 made available for expenditure under such heading must  
 4 comply with each provision contained in current user fee  
 5 authorizations, appropriations Acts, and commitment let-  
 6 ters, as transmitted from the Secretary of Health and  
 7 Human Services to the chair and ranking member of the  
 8 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of  
 9 the Senate and the chair and ranking member of the Com-  
 10 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
 11 resentatives regarding reauthorization of such current  
 12 user fee authorizations: *Provided*, That the term current  
 13 user fee authorizations means those user fees authorized  
 14 at 21 U.S.C. 379h, 21 U.S.C. 379j, 21 U.S.C. 379j–42,  
 15 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, 21 U.S.C. 379j–12, 21 U.S.C. 379j–  
 16 21, 21 U.S.C. 387s, 42 U.S.C. 263b, 21 U.S.C. 381, 21  
 17 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, 21 U.S.C. 379–j31, 21 U.S.C.  
 18 379j–62 , 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), 21 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1),  
 19 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–4a, and 21  
 20 U.S.C. 379j–72.

21 (b)(1) Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-  
 22 ment of this Act, the Food and Drug Administration shall  
 23 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House  
 24 of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes  
 25 obligation and outlay estimates and full-time equivalent

1 (FTE) personnel staffing estimates for fiscal year 2026  
 2 for each Food and Drug Administration program that  
 3 uses both general fund appropriations and funds derived  
 4 from user fees: *Provided*, That such report shall include  
 5 a table with separate columns for general fund appropria-  
 6 tions and funds derived from user fees for such obliga-  
 7 tions, outlays and FTE personnel staffing: *Provided fur-*  
 8 *ther*, That such report shall be certified by the Ombuds-  
 9 man of the Food and Drug Administration.

10 (2) The report in paragraph (1) shall be updated, cer-  
 11 tified by the Ombudsman of the Food and Drug Adminis-  
 12 tration, and submitted to the Committees on Appropria-  
 13 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate not  
 14 later than 45 days after each fiscal quarter until all such  
 15 funds are expended: *Provided*, That a plan for such ongo-  
 16 ing quarterly reporting shall be submitted with the report  
 17 required by subsection (b)(1).

18 (c) Of the amounts provided in this Act in paragraph  
 19 (10) under the heading “Department of Health and  
 20 Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Sala-  
 21 ries and Expenses” and made available by the Food and  
 22 Drug Administration for Office of the Commissioner of  
 23 Food and Drugs, 50 percent shall be withheld from obliga-  
 24 tion until the reporting requirements outlined in sub-  
 25 section (b) are met: *Provided*, That an additional 25 per-

1 cent of the amounts withheld from obligation shall be  
2 available when the report required by subsection (b)(1) is  
3 submitted and the remaining 25 percent shall be available  
4 when the plan for satisfying the ongoing quarterly report-  
5 ing requirements outlined in the proviso in subsection  
6 (b)(2) is submitted.

7 SEC. 775. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Mar-  
8 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by strik-  
9 ing “2025” and inserting “2026”.

10 (b) Section 942 of the Livestock Mandatory Report-  
11 ing Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635 note; Public Law 106–  
12 78) is amended by striking “2025” and inserting “2026”.

13 SEC. 776. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
14 wise made available by this Act may be used by FDA to  
15 develop, issue, promote, or advance any new guidelines or  
16 regulations applicable to food manufacturers for popu-  
17 lation-wide sodium reduction actions until the publication  
18 of the 2025–26 National Health and Nutrition Examina-  
19 tion Survey (NHANES) What We Eat In America survey,  
20 which will begin to reflect the impact on population intake  
21 of Phase 1 reduction.

22 SEC. 777. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide  
23 written notification to the House and Senate Committees  
24 on Appropriations no fewer than 3 business days in ad-  
25 vance of termination of any grant, cooperative agreement,

1 or contract award totaling \$1,000,000 or more issued  
2 from funds made available in this Act or any previous Act:  
3 *Provided*, That such notification shall include the recipient  
4 of the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year  
5 for which the funds for the award were appropriated, the  
6 account and program, project, or activity from which the  
7 funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a de-  
8 tailed justification for the termination.

9       SEC. 778. There is hereby appropriated \$4,000,000,  
10 to remain available until expended, for the Secretary of  
11 Agriculture to conduct a new pilot program to support on-  
12 the-ground local Energy Circuit Riders who provide pro-  
13 fessional support to rural communities for the purpose of  
14 undertaking projects that save energy and reduce emis-  
15 sions: *Provided*, That for the purpose of the new pilot pro-  
16 gram, the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary  
17 for Rural Development, shall have the authority to provide  
18 amounts, including in the form of grants, cooperative  
19 agreements, and other financial assistance, to States, In-  
20 dian Tribes, cooperative extension services, institutions of  
21 higher education, cooperatives and cooperative organiza-  
22 tions, regional planning commissions or other public enti-  
23 ties serving two or more rural areas: *Provided further*,  
24 That the period of performance under this pilot program  
25 shall be more than 3 but not more than 6 years: *Provided*

1 *further*, That the Federal share shall not be more than  
 2 75 percent: *Provided further*, That an eligible entity using  
 3 funds provided under the pilot program shall offer assist-  
 4 ance with energy planning, energy audits, applicable Fed-  
 5 eral funding opportunities, tax incentives, project financ-  
 6 ing, grant writing, community-based capacity building, or  
 7 applicable State, local, and utility-based incentives, includ-  
 8 ing, as appropriate, coordinating with relevant State en-  
 9 ergy offices.

10 SEC. 779. For purposes of applying the Federal Food  
 11 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), “Pacific  
 12 Snapper” is an acceptable market name for each of the  
 13 following food fishes: *Sebastes alutus*, *Sebastes borealis*,  
 14 *Sebastes ciliatus*, *Sebastes crameri*, *Sebastes entomelas*,  
 15 *Sebastes flavidus*, *Sebastes goodei*, *Sebastes levis*,  
 16 *Sebastes melanops*, *Sebastes miniatus*, *Sebastes ovalis*,  
 17 *Sebastes paucispinis*, *Sebastes pinniger*, *Sebastes proriger*,  
 18 *Sebastes reedi*, *Sebastes ruberrimus*, *Sebastes rufus*, and  
 19 *Sebastes serranoides*.

20 SEC. 780. For purposes of applying the Federal Food  
 21 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), Hawaii  
 22 grown or produced coffee shall contain at least 51 percent  
 23 of coffee grown in Kona, Kau, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, or  
 24 other areas of the State of Hawaii. Based on the region  
 25 it is produced or grown, the common or usual names shall

1 be Kona Coffee, Kau Coffee, Maui Coffee, Oahu Coffee,  
 2 Kauai Coffee, or Hawaii Coffee.

3 SEC. 781. (a) No sooner than 1 year after the enact-  
 4 ment of this Act, section 297A of the Agricultural Mar-  
 5 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
 7 (6) as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively;  
 8 and—

9 (2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
 10 following:

11 “(1) HEMP.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘hemp’  
 13 means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any  
 14 part of that plant, including the seeds thereof  
 15 and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, iso-  
 16 mers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether  
 17 growing or not, with a total  
 18 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (including  
 19 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of not more than  
 20 0.3 percent in the plant on a dry weight basis.

21 “(B) INCLUSION.—Such term includes in-  
 22 dustrial hemp.

23 “(C) EXCLUSIONS.—Such term does not  
 24 include—

1 “(i) any viable seeds from a Cannabis  
2 sativa L. plant that exceeds a total  
3 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (in-  
4 cluding tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of 0.3  
5 percent in the plant on a dry weight basis;  
6 or

7 “(ii) any hemp-derived cannabinoid  
8 products containing—

9 “(I) cannabinoids that are not  
10 capable of being naturally produced  
11 by a Cannabis sativa L. plant;

12 “(II) cannabinoids that—

13 “(aa) are capable of being  
14 naturally produced by a Cannabis  
15 sativa L. plant; and

16 “(bb) were synthesized or  
17 manufactured outside the plant;  
18 or

19 “(III) quantifiable amounts  
20 based on substance, form, manufac-  
21 ture, or article (as determined by the  
22 Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
23 ices in consultation with the Secretary  
24 of Agriculture) of—



1                   “(aa) tetrahydrocannabinol  
2                   (including tetrahydrocannabinolic  
3                   acid); or

4                   “(bb) any other  
5                   cannabinoids that have similar  
6                   effects (or are marketed to have  
7                   similar effects) on humans or  
8                   animals as tetrahydrocannabinol  
9                   (as determined by the Secretary  
10                  of Health and Human Services in  
11                  consultation with the Secretary  
12                  Agriculture).

13               “(2) INDUSTRIAL HEMP.—The term ‘industrial  
14               hemp’ means hemp—

15                   “(A) grown for the use of the stalk of the  
16                   plant, fiber produced from such a stalk, or any  
17                   other non-cannabinoid derivative, mixture, prep-  
18                   aration, or manufacture of such a stalk;

19                   “(B) grown for the use of the whole grain,  
20                   oil, cake, nut, hull, or any other noncannabinoid  
21                   compound, derivative, mixture, preparation, or  
22                   manufacture of the seeds of such plant;

23                   “(C) grown for purposes of producing  
24                   microgreens or other edible hemp leaf products  
25                   intended for human consumption that are har-

1 vested from an immature hemp plant that is  
 2 grown from seeds that do not exceed the  
 3 threshold for total tetrahydrocannabinol con-  
 4 centration specified in paragraph (1)(C)(i);

5 “(D) that is a plant that does not enter  
 6 the stream of commerce and is intended to sup-  
 7 port hemp research at an institution of higher  
 8 education (as defined in section 101 of the  
 9 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
 10 1001)) or an independent research institute; or

11 “(E) grown for the use of a viable seed of  
 12 the plant produced solely for the production or  
 13 manufacture of any material described in sub-  
 14 paragraphs (A) through (D).

15 “(3) HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID PROD-  
 16 UCT.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘hemp-de-  
 18 rived cannabinoid product’ means any inter-  
 19 mediate or final product derived from hemp  
 20 (other than industrial hemp), that—

21 “(i) contains cannabinoids in any  
 22 form; and

23 “(ii) is intended for human or animal  
 24 use through any means of application or

1 administration, such as inhalation, inges-  
2 tion, or topical application.

3 “(B) EXCLUSION.—Such term does not in-  
4 clude a drug that is the subject of an applica-  
5 tion approved under subsection (c) or (j) of sec-  
6 tion 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
7 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 355).”.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs and the  
9 Secretary of Agriculture shall provide a report to the Com-  
10 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
11 within 180 days of enactment of this Act on implementa-  
12 tion of this section including the projected impacts to the  
13 established cannabinoid marketplace, engagement with in-  
14 dustry stakeholders, and shall include information about  
15 uniform packaging, labeling, testing, and adverse event re-  
16 porting requirements.

17 SEC. 782. None of the funds made available for any  
18 department or agency in this or any other appropriations  
19 Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Nat-  
20 ural Resources Conservation Service or Rural Develop-  
21 ment mission area field offices or to permanently relocate  
22 any field-based employees of those agencies that would re-  
23 sult in an office with two or fewer employees without prior  
24 notification and approval of the Committees on Appropria-  
25 tions of both Houses of Congress.

1        This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-  
2   velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related  
3   Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026”.



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