

Public Law 90-463

AN ACT

August 8, 1968
[H. R. 16913]

Making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and for other purposes; namely:

Department of
Agriculture
and Related
Agencies Approp-
riation Act,
1969.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TITLE I—GENERAL ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary to perform agricultural research relating to production, utilization, marketing, nutrition and consumer use, to control and eradicate pests and plant and animal diseases, and to perform related inspection, quarantine and regulatory work: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available for field employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$75,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed three for replacement only: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2225, for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the cost of constructing any one building (except headhouses connecting greenhouses) shall not exceed \$25,000, except for six buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed \$55,000 each, and the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed \$7,500 or 7.5 per centum of the cost of the building, whichever is greater: *Provided further*, That the limitations on alterations contained in this Act shall not apply to a total of \$100,000 for facilities at Beltsville, Maryland:

58 Stat. 742.
80 Stat. 416.

Research: For research and demonstrations on the production and utilization of agricultural products; agricultural marketing and distribution, not otherwise provided for; home economics or nutrition and consumer use of agricultural and associated products; and related research and services; and for acquisition of land by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100; \$129,118,300, and in addition not to exceed \$15,000,000 from funds available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, pursuant to Public Law 88-250 shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation: *Provided*, That the limitations contained herein shall not apply to replacement of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used to formulate a budget estimate for fiscal 1970 of more than \$15,000,000 for research to be financed by transfer from funds available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, and pursuant to Public Law 88-25;

49 Stat. 774.
7 USC 612c.
77 Stat. 820.

62 Stat. 198.

77 Stat. 20.

Plant and animal disease and pest control: For operations and measures, not otherwise provided for, to control and eradicate pests

and plant and animal diseases and for carrying out assigned inspection, quarantine, and regulatory activities, as authorized by law, including expenses pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1947, as amended (21 U.S.C. 114b-c), \$86,639,500, of which \$1,500,000 shall be apportioned for use pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, for the control of outbreaks of insects and plant diseases to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions: *Provided*, That no funds shall be used to formulate or administer a brucellosis eradication program for the current fiscal year that does not require minimum matching by any State of at least 40 per centum: *Provided further*, That the Secretary is authorized to acquire land for plant quarantine control activities presently located at Presidio, Texas: *Provided further*, That, in addition, in emergencies which threaten the livestock or poultry industries of the country, the Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds available to the agencies or corporations of the Department such sums as he may deem necessary, to be available only in such emergencies for the arrest and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious pleuropneumonia, or other contagious or infectious diseases of animals, or European fowl pest and similar diseases in poultry, and for expenses in accordance with the Act of February 28, 1947, as amended, and any unexpended balances of funds transferred under this head in the next preceding fiscal year shall be merged with such transferred amounts;

Special fund: To provide for additional labor, subprofessional and junior scientific help to be employed under contracts and cooperative agreements to strengthen the work at research installations in the field, not more than \$2,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head for the previous fiscal year may be used by the Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service in departmental research programs in the current fiscal year, the amount so used to be transferred to and merged with the appropriation otherwise available under "Salaries and expenses, Research".

SALARIES AND EXPENSES (SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM)

For payments, in foreign currencies owed to or owned by the United States for market development research authorized by section 104(b)(1) and for agricultural and forestry research and other functions related thereto authorized by section 104(b)(3) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1704(b)(1), (3)), to remain available until expended, \$4,500,000; and in addition, the June 30, 1968 unexpended balance of funds appropriated to the President in the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1959 (Public Law 85-766, approved August 27, 1958) under the heading "Translation of publications and scientific cooperation" shall be merged with this appropriation: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available, in addition to other appropriations for these purposes, for payments in the foregoing currencies: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated herein shall be used for payments in such foreign currencies as the Department determines are needed and can be used most effectively to carry out the purposes of this paragraph: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of this appropriation shall be available for payments in foreign currencies for expenses of employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), as amended by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

61 Stat. 7;
80 Stat. 330.

31 USC 665.

80 Stat. 1529.

72 Stat. 871.

58 Stat. 742.
80 Stat. 416.

COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH SERVICE

PAYMENTS AND EXPENSES

For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for grants for cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and for other expenses, including \$52,945,000 to carry into effect the provisions of the Hatch Act, approved March 2, 1887, as amended by the Act approved August 11, 1955 (7 U.S.C. 361a-361i), including administration by the United States Department of Agriculture; \$3,485,000 for grants for cooperative forestry research under the Act approved October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a-582a-7); \$2,000,000 in addition to funds otherwise available for contracts and grants for scientific research under the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i) of which \$1,000,000 shall be for the special cotton research program and \$400,000 for soybean research; \$310,000 for penalty mail costs of agricultural experiment stations under section 6 of the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended; and \$365,000, for necessary expenses of the Cooperative State Research Service, including administration of payments to State agricultural experiment stations, funds for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$50,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109; in all, \$59,105,000.

69 Stat. 671.

76 Stat. 806.

79 Stat. 431.

69 Stat. 673.
7 USC 361f.58 Stat. 742.
80 Stat. 416.

EXTENSION SERVICE

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK, PAYMENTS AND EXPENSES

Payments to States and Puerto Rico: For payments for cooperative agricultural extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, as amended by the Act of June 26, 1953, the Act of August 11, 1955, and the Act of October 5, 1962 (7 U.S.C. 341-349), to be distributed under sections 3(b) and 3(c) of the Act, \$80,082,500; and payments and contracts for such work under section 204(b)-205 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623-1624), \$1,450,000; in all, \$81,532,500: *Provided*, That funds hereby appropriated pursuant to section 3(c) of the Act of June 26, 1953, shall not be paid to any State or Puerto Rico prior to availability of an equal sum from non-Federal sources for expenditure during the current fiscal year.

67 Stat. 83;
69 Stat. 683;
76 Stat. 745.

60 Stat. 1089.

67 Stat. 84;
76 Stat. 745.
7 USC 343.

Retirement and Employees' Compensation costs for extension agents: For cost of employer's share of Federal retirement and for reimbursement for benefits paid from the Employees' Compensation Fund for cooperative extension employees, \$9,318,500.

Penalty mail: For costs of penalty mail for cooperative extension agents and State extension directors, \$3,299,000.

Federal Extension Service: For administration of the Smith-Lever Act, as amended by the Act of June 26, 1953, the Act of August 11, 1955, and the Act of October 5, 1962 (7 U.S.C. 341-349), and extension aspects of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), and to coordinate and provide program leadership for the extension work of the Department and the several States and insular possessions, \$2,838,000.

FARMER COOPERATIVE SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to carry out the Act of July 2, 1926 (7 U.S.C. 451-457), and for conducting research relating to the economic and marketing aspects of farmer cooperatives, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), \$1,341,000.

44 Stat. 802.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

49 Stat. 163.

For necessary expenses for carrying out the provisions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a-590f), including preparation of conservation plans and establishment of measures to conserve soil and water (including farm irrigation and land drainage and such special measures as may be necessary to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs); operation of conservation nurseries; classification and mapping of soil; dissemination of information; purchase and erection or alteration of permanent buildings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft, \$114,893,000: *Provided*, That the cost of any permanent building purchased, erected, or as improved, exclusive of the cost of constructing a water supply or sanitary system and connecting the same to any such building and with the exception of buildings acquired in conjunction with land being purchased for other purposes, shall not exceed \$2,500, except for one building to be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 and eight buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 per building and except that alterations or improvements to other existing permanent buildings costing \$2,500 or more may be made in any fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$500 per building: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for the construction of any such building on land not owned by the Government: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation may be expended for soil and water conservation operations under the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a-590f) in demonstration projects: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for field employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$5,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That qualified local engineers may be temporarily employed at per diem rates to perform the technical planning work of the service.

58 Stat. 742.

80 Stat. 416.

WATERSHED PLANNING

68 Stat. 666.

For necessary expenses for small watershed investigations and planning, in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1001-1008), to remain available until expended, \$6,165,000, with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated under this head: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for field employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$50,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

WATERSHED PROTECTION

River Basin Surveys and Investigations

68 Stat. 668.

For necessary expenses to conduct research, investigations and surveys of the watersheds of rivers and other waterways, in accordance with section 6 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, approved August 4, 1954, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1006), to remain available until expended; \$8,780,000, with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated to the Department for river basin survey purposes: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for field employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225),

and not to exceed \$60,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

80 Stat. 416.

Works of Improvement

For necessary expenses to carry out preventive measures, including, but not limited to research, engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, and changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, approved August 4, 1954, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1001-1005, 1007-1008), and the provisions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590 a-f), to remain available until expended; \$57,220,000 with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated or transferred to the Department for watershed protection purposes: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for field employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$100,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That \$3,000,000 of the funds in the direct loan account of the Farmers Home Administration shall be available until expended for loans.

68 Stat. 666.

49 Stat. 163.

58 Stat. 742.

FLOOD PREVENTION

For necessary expenses, in accordance with the Flood Control Act, approved June 22, 1936 (33 U.S.C. 701-709, 16 U.S.C. 1006a), as amended and supplemented, and in accordance with the provisions of laws relating to the activities of the Department, to perform works of improvement, including funds for field employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$100,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, to remain available until expended; \$20,000,000, with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated or transferred to the Department for flood prevention purposes: *Provided*, That \$400,000 of funds in the direct loan account of the Farmers Home Administration shall be available until expended for loans.

49 Stat. 1570;
70 Stat. 1090.

GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry into effect a program of conservation in the Great Plains area, pursuant to section 16(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as added by the Act of August 7, 1956 (16 U.S.C. 590p), \$16,000,000, to remain available until expended.

70 Stat. 1115.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses in planning and carrying out projects for resource conservation and development, and for sound land use, pursuant to the provisions of section 32(e) of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1011; 76 Stat. 607), and the provisions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a-f), \$6,256,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That \$1,500,000 of the funds available in the direct loan account of the Farmers Home Administration shall be available for loans under subtitle A of the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961, as amended, to remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for field employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$50,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Economic Research Service in conducting economic research and service relating to agricultural production, marketing, and distribution, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), and other laws, including economics of marketing; analyses relating to farm prices, income and population, and demand for farm products, use of resources in agriculture, adjustments, costs and returns in farming, and farm finance; and for analyses of supply and demand for farm products in foreign countries and their effect on prospects for United States exports, progress in economic development and its relation to sales of farm products, assembly and analysis of agricultural trade statistics and analysis of international financial and monetary programs and policies as they affect the competitive position of United States farm products; \$12,789,000: *Provided*, That not less than \$350,000 of the funds contained in this appropriation shall be available to continue to gather statistics and conduct a special study on the price spread between the farmer and consumer: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$75,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That not less than \$145,000 of the funds contained in this appropriation shall be available for analysis of statistics and related facts on foreign production and full and complete information on methods used by other countries to move farm commodities in world trade on a competitive basis.

60 Stat. 1087.

58 Stat. 742.

80 Stat. 416.

STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Statistical Reporting Service in conducting statistical reporting and service work, including crop and livestock estimates, statistical coordination and improvements, and marketing surveys, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) and other laws, \$14,326,000: *Provided*, That no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be available for any expense incident to publishing estimates of apple production for other than the commercial crop: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$40,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

CONSUMER AND MARKETING SERVICE

CONSUMER PROTECTIVE, MARKETING, AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

For expenses necessary to carry on services related to consumer protection, agricultural marketing and distribution, and regulatory programs, other than Packers and Stockyards Act, as authorized by law, and for administration and coordination of payments to States; including field employment pursuant to section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, in carrying out section 201(a) to 201(d), inclusive, of title II of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1291) and section 203(j) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946; \$116,264,500, of which \$13,440,250 shall be placed in reserve to be released only after the inspection activities of this service have been

42 Stat. 159.
7 USC 181.52 Stat. 36.
60 Stat. 1088.
7 USC 1622.

fully coordinated and placed on an efficient and economical operating basis: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2225) for the alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but, unless otherwise provided, the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed \$7,500 or 7.5 per centum of the cost of the building, whichever is greater.

58 Stat. 742.

PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus and departments of markets, and similar agencies for marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623 (b)), \$1,750,000.

60 Stat. 1089.

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry out the Special Milk Program, as authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772), \$104,000,000, to be transferred from funds available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c).

80 Stat. 885.

49 Stat. 774.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of the National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1751-1760) and the applicable provisions of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773-1785), \$178,474,000, including \$10,000,000 for special assistance to needy schools, \$3,500,000 for the pilot school breakfast program, \$750,000 for the nonfood assistance program: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for nonfood assistance under section 5 of the National School Lunch Act, as amended: *Provided further*, That \$64,325,000 shall be transferred to this appropriation from funds available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), for purchase and distribution of agricultural commodities and other foods pursuant to section 6 of the National School Lunch Act.

60 Stat. 230;
76 Stat. 944.

80 Stat. 886.

60 Stat. 231.
42 USC 1754.

49 Stat. 774.

42 USC 1755.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

For necessary expenses of the food stamp program pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1964, as amended, \$225,000,000, of which \$25,000,000 shall be placed in reserve to be used only to the extent required during the current fiscal year after various corrections are made in the handling of the program: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$1,000,000 of this appropriation shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under the appropriation for similar purposes for the preceding fiscal year.

78 Stat. 703;
81 Stat. 228.
7 USC 2011
note.

REMOVAL OF SURPLUS AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

(SECTION 32)

Funds available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) shall be used only for commodity program expenses as authorized therein, and other related operating expenses, except for (1) transfers to the Department of the Interior as authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Act of August 8, 1956; (2) transfers otherwise provided in this Act; (3) not more than \$2,950,000 for formulation and administration of marketing agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, and the Agricultural Act of 1961; and (4) not more than \$45,000,000 (including not to exceed \$1,000,000 for State administrative expenses) for (a) child feeding programs and nutritional programs authorized by law in

70 Stat. 1119.
16 USC 742a
note.50 Stat. 246.
7 USC 674
note.75 Stat. 294.
7 USC 1911
note.

42 USC 1751
note, 1771 note.

the School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act, as amended; and (b) additional direct distribution or other programs, without regard to whether such area is under the food stamp program or a system of direct distribution, to provide, in the immediate vicinity of their place of permanent residence, either directly or through a State or local welfare agency, an adequate diet to other needy children and low-income persons determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to be suffering, through no fault of their own, from general and continued hunger resulting from insufficient food: *Provided*, That in making such determinations, the Secretary shall take into consideration the age; income; location and income of parents, if a minor; and employability.

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

68 Stat. 908.

For necessary expenses for the Foreign Agricultural Service, including carrying out title VI of the Agricultural Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1761-1768), market development activities abroad, and for enabling the Secretary to coordinate and integrate activities of the Department in connection with foreign agricultural work, including not to exceed \$35,000 for representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$21,541,300: *Provided*, That not less than \$255,000 of the funds contained in this appropriation shall be available to obtain statistics and related facts on foreign production and full and complete information on methods used by other countries to move farm commodities in world trade on a competitive basis: *Provided further*, That, in addition, not to exceed \$3,117,000 of the funds appropriated by section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be merged with this appropriation and shall be available for all expenses of the Foreign Agricultural Service.

70 Stat. 1034.

49 Stat. 774.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE AUTHORITY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

42 Stat. 998;
49 Stat. 1491.

For necessary expenses to carry into effect the provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1-17a), \$1,530,000.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

EXPENSES, AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

52 Stat. 38.
61 Stat. 922;
79 Stat. 1271.

49 Stat. 1148.
70 Stat. 191;
73 Stat. 552;
79 Stat. 1206.

For necessary administrative expenses of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, including expenses to formulate and carry out programs authorized by title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1301-1393); Sugar Act of 1948, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1101-1161); sections 7 to 15, 16(a), 16(d), 16(e), 16(f), 16(i), and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g-590q); subtitles B and C of the Soil Bank Act (7 U.S.C. 1831-1837, 1802-1814, and 1816); and laws pertaining to the Commodity Credit Corporation, \$141,031,400: *Provided*, That, in addition, not to exceed \$62,764,100 may be transferred to and merged with this appropriation from the Commodity Credit Corporation fund (including not to exceed \$27,205,000 under the limitation on Commodity Credit Corporation administrative expenses): *Provided further*, That other funds made available to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for authorized activities may be advanced to and merged with this appropriation: *Provided further*, That no part of the funds appropriated or made available under this Act shall be used (1) to influence the vote in any

referendum; (2) to influence agricultural legislation, except as permitted in 18 U.S.C. 1913; or (3) for salaries or other expenses of members of county and community committees established pursuant to section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, for engaging in any activities other than advisory and supervisory duties and delegated program functions prescribed in administrative regulations.

62 Stat. 792.

52 Stat. 31.
16 USC 590h.

SUGAR ACT PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry into effect the provisions of the Sugar Act of 1948 (7 U.S.C. 1101-1161), \$82,000,000, to remain available until June 30 of the next succeeding fiscal year.

61 Stat. 922;
79 Stat. 1271.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry into effect the program authorized in sections 7 to 15, 16(a), and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, approved February 29, 1936, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g-590(o), 590p(a), and 590q), including not to exceed \$6,000 for the preparation and display of exhibits, including such displays at State, interstate, and international fairs within the United States, \$190,000,000, to remain available until December 31 of the next succeeding fiscal year for compliance with the programs of soil-building and soil- and water-conserving practices authorized under this head in the Department of Agriculture and Related Agencies Appropriation Acts, 1967 and 1968, carried out during the period July 1, 1966, to December 31, 1968, inclusive: *Provided*, That none of the funds herein appropriated shall be used to pay the salaries or expenses of any regional information employees or any State information employees, but this shall not preclude the answering of inquiries or supplying of information at the county level to individual farmers: *Provided further*, That no portion of the funds for the current year's program may be utilized to provide financial or technical assistance for drainage on wetlands now designated as Wetland Types 3 (III), 4 (IV), and 5 (V) in United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Circular 39, Wetlands of the United States, 1956: *Provided further*, That necessary amounts shall be available for administrative expenses in connection with the formulation and administration of the 1969 program of soil-building and soil- and water-conserving practices, including related wildlife conserving practices, under the Act of February 29, 1936, as amended (amounting to \$195,500,000, excluding administration, except that no participant shall receive more than \$2,500, except where the participants from two or more farms or ranches join to carry out approved practices designed to conserve or improve the agricultural resources of the community): *Provided further*, That not to exceed 5 per centum of the allocation for the current year's agricultural conservation program for any county may, on the recommendation of such county committee and approval of the State committee, be withheld and allotted to the Soil Conservation Service for services of its technicians in formulating and carrying out the agricultural conservation program in the participating counties, and shall not be utilized by the Soil Conservation Service for any purpose other than technical and other assistance in such counties, and in addition, on the recommendation of such county committee and approval of the State committee, not to exceed 1 per centum may be made available to any other Federal, State, or local public agency for the same purpose and under the same conditions: *Provided further*, That for the current

49 Stat. 1148.

80 Stat. 696;
81 Stat. 328.

year's program \$2,500,000 shall be available for technical assistance in formulating and carrying out agricultural conservation practices: *Provided further*, That such amounts shall be available for the purchase of seeds, fertilizers, lime, trees, or any other farming material, or any soil-terracing services, and making grants thereof to agricultural producers to aid them in carrying out farming practices approved by the Secretary under programs provided for herein: *Provided further*, That no part of any funds available to the Department, or any bureau, office, corporation, or other agency constituting a part of such Department, shall be used in the current fiscal year for the payment of salary or travel expenses of any person who has been convicted of violating the Act entitled "An Act to prevent pernicious political activities", approved August 2, 1939, as amended, or who has been found in accordance with the provisions of title 18, United States Code, section 1913, to have violated or attempted to violate such section which prohibits the use of Federal appropriations for the payment of personal services or other expenses designed to influence in any manner a Member of Congress to favor or oppose any legislation or appropriation by Congress except upon request of any Member or through the proper official channels.

53 Stat. 1147;
54 Stat. 767.
5 USC 1501,
7324.
62 Stat. 792.

CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry into effect a cropland adjustment program as authorized by the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 (7 U.S.C. 1838), \$84,500,000.

79 Stat. 1206.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry out a conservation reserve program as authorized by subtitles B and C of the Soil Bank Act (7 U.S.C. 1831-1837, 1802-1814, and 1816), and to carry out liquidation activities for the acreage reserve program, to remain available until expended, \$109,000,000, with which may be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated for soil bank programs: *Provided*, That no part of these funds shall be paid on any contract which is illegal under the law due to the division of lands for the purpose of evading limits on annual payments to participants.

70 Stat. 191;
73 Stat. 552;
79 Stat. 1206.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION MEASURES

For emergency conservation measures, to be used for the same purposes and subject to the same conditions as funds appropriated under this head in the Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1957, to remain available until expended, \$5,000,000, with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated for emergency conservation measures.

71 Stat. 176.

RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the Rural Community Development Service in providing leadership and related services in carrying out the rural areas development activities of the Department, \$463,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

80 Stat. 416.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector General, including employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$10,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$12,426,000.

58 Stat. 742.
80 Stat. 416.

PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for administration of the Packers and Stockyards Act, as authorized by law, including field employment pursuant to section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$5,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$2,815,300.

42 Stat. 159.
7 USC 181.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, including payment of fees or dues for the use of law libraries by attorneys in the field service, \$4,611,000.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Information for the dissemination of agricultural information and the coordination of informational work and programs authorized by Congress in the Department, \$1,997,000, of which total appropriation not to exceed \$587,000 may be used for farmers' bulletins, which shall be adapted to the interests of the people of the different sections of the country, an equal proportion of four-fifths of which shall be available to be delivered to or sent out under the addressed franks furnished by the Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, as they shall direct (7 U.S.C. 417), and not less than two hundred and thirty-two thousand two hundred and fifty copies for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives of part 2 of the annual report of the Secretary (known as the Yearbook of Agriculture) as authorized by section 73 of the Act of January 12, 1895 (44 U.S.C. 241): *Provided*, That in the preparation of motion pictures or exhibits by the Department, this appropriation shall be available for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$10,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

34 Stat. 690.

28 Stat. 612.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural Library, \$3,292,750: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$35,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to enable the Office of Management Services to provide management support services to selected agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture, \$2,841,600.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture and for general administration of the Department of Agriculture, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the Department of Agriculture, and not to exceed \$5,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,614,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be reimbursed from applicable appropriations for travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required by 5 U.S.C. 551-558: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$2,500 of this amount shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary.

80 Stat. 416.

80 Stat. 381;
81 Stat. 54.

TITLE II—CREDIT AGENCIES

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

To carry into effect the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901-924), as follows:

LOAN AUTHORIZATIONS

For loans in accordance with said Act, and for carrying out the provisions of section 7 thereof, to be borrowed from the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with the provisions of section 3(a) of said Act, and to remain available without fiscal year limitation in accordance with section 3(e) of said Act, as follows: rural electrification program, \$329,000,000, and rural telephone program, \$120,000,000.

7 USC 907.

61 Stat. 546.
7 USC 903.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For administrative expenses, including not to exceed \$500 for financial and credit reports, funds for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$150,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$12,805,000.

58 Stat. 742.

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

DIRECT LOAN ACCOUNT

Direct loans and advances under subtitles A and B, and advances under section 335(a) for which funds are not otherwise available, of the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961 (7 U.S.C. 1921), as amended, may be made from funds available in the Farmers Home Administration direct loan account as follows: real estate loans, \$83,000,000; and operating loans, \$275,000,000.

75 Stat. 307.

RURAL HOUSING DIRECT LOAN ACCOUNT

For direct loans and related advances pursuant to section 518(d) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1488), \$30,000,000 shall be available from funds in the rural housing direct loan account. Hereafter, farmer applicants for direct or insured rural housing loans shall be required to provide only such collateral security as is required of owners of nonfarm tracts.

79 Stat. 500.

RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL GRANTS

For grants pursuant to sections 306(a)(2) and 306(a)(6) of the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1926), \$28,000,000.

79 Stat. 931.

RURAL RENEWAL

For necessary expenses, including administrative expenses, in carrying out rural renewal activities under section 32(e) of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1010, 1011(e)), \$1,600,000, to remain available until expended.

76 Stat. 607;
80 Stat. 1478.

RURAL HOUSING FOR DOMESTIC FARM LABOR

For financial assistance to public nonprofit organizations for housing for domestic farm labor, pursuant to section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1486), \$4,250,000, to remain available until expended.

78 Stat. 797.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Farmers Home Administration, not otherwise provided for, in administering the programs authorized by the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961 (7 U.S.C. 1921-1990), as amended, title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1471-1490), and the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act, approved May 3, 1950 (40 U.S.C. 440-444), \$57,980,000, together with not more than \$2,250,000 of the charges collected in connection with the insurance of loans as authorized by section 309(e) of the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961, as amended, and section 514(b)(3) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended: *Provided*, That, in addition, not to exceed \$500,000 of the funds available for the various programs administered by this agency may be transferred to this appropriation for temporary field employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225) to meet unusual or heavy workload increases: *Provided further*, That no part of any funds in this paragraph may be used to administer a program which makes rural housing grants pursuant to section 504 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended.

75 Stat. 307.
63 Stat. 432;
79 Stat. 498.

64 Stat. 98.

75 Stat. 309.
7 USC 1929.75 Stat. 187.
42 USC 1484.

58 Stat. 742.

63 Stat. 434.
42 USC 1474.

TITLE III—CORPORATIONS

The following corporations and agencies are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as hereinafter provided:

61 Stat. 584.
31 USC 849.42 USC 1474
42 USC 1474
42 USC 1474

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES

For administrative and operating expenses, \$11,243,500.

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

Not to exceed \$2,140,000 of administrative and operating expenses may be paid from premium income.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

To partially reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for net realized losses sustained but not previously reimbursed, pursuant to the Act of August 17, 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a-11, 713a-12), \$3,188,112,500, of which \$350,467,000 is for liquidation of contract authorization: *Provided*, That no funds appropriated by this Act shall be used to formulate or administer programs for the sale of agricultural commodities pursuant to title I of Public Law 480, 83d Congress, as amended, to any nation which sells or furnishes or which permits ships or aircraft under its registry to transport to North Vietnam any equipment, materials or commodities, so long as North Vietnam is governed by a Communist regime.

75 Stat. 391.

80 Stat. 1526.
7 USC 1701-1710.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent the Commodity Credit Corporation from carrying out any activity or any program authorized by law: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$31,500,000 shall be available for administrative expenses of the Corporation: *Provided further*, That \$945,000 of this authorization shall be available only to expand and strengthen the sales program of the Corporation pursuant to authority contained in the Corporation's charter: *Provided further*, That not less than 7 per centum of this authorization shall be placed in reserve to be apportioned pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, for use only in such amounts and at such times as may become necessary to carry out program operations: *Provided further*, That all necessary expenses (including legal and special services performed on a contract or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, or disposition of any real or personal property belonging to the Corporation or in which it has an interest, including expenses of collections of pledged collateral, shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses for the purposes hereof.

31 USC 665.

PUBLIC LAW 480

For expenses during fiscal year 1969, not otherwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, including interest thereon, under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1701-1710, 1721-1725, 1731-1736d), to remain available until expended, as follows: (1) sale of agricultural commodities for foreign currencies and for dollars on credit terms pursuant to title I of said Act, \$100,000,000: *Provided*, That any unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore available under this heading for title I of said Act may be merged with this appropriation; and (2) commodities disposed of and other costs incurred in connection with donations abroad, pursuant to title II of said Act, \$200,000,000.

80 Stat. 1526.

80 Stat. 1534.
7 USC 1721-1725.

TITLE IV—RELATED AGENCIES

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Not to exceed \$3,436,000 (from assessments collected from farm credit agencies) shall be obligated during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses.

TITLE V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 501. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law, appropriations and authorizations made for the Department under this Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those specifically provided for, of not to exceed six hundred and twenty-six (626) passenger motor vehicles, of which four hundred and fifty-seven (457) shall be for replacement only, and for the hire of such vehicles.

Passenger motor vehicles.

SEC. 502. Provisions of law prohibiting or restricting the employment of aliens shall not apply to employment under the appropriation for the Foreign Agricultural Service.

Employment of aliens.

SEC. 503. Funds available to the Department of Agriculture shall be available for uniforms or allowances therefor as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902).

Uniforms, allowances.

SEC. 504. No part of the funds appropriated by this Act shall be used for the payment of any officer or employee of the Department who, as such officer or employee, or on behalf of the Department or any division, commission, or bureau thereof, issues, or causes to be issued, any prediction, oral or written, or forecast, except as to damage threatened or caused by insects and pests, with respect to future prices of cotton or the trend of same.

80 Stat. 508;
81 Stat. 206.
Cotton prices, prediction.

SEC. 505. Except to provide materials required in or incident to research or experimental work where no suitable domestic product is available, no part of the funds appropriated by this Act shall be expended in the purchase of twine manufactured from commodities or materials produced outside of the United States.

Twine.

SEC. 506. Not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropriations of the Department for research and service work authorized by the Acts of August 14, 1946, July 28, 1954, and September 6, 1958 (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621-1629; 42 U.S.C. 1891-1893), shall be available for contracting in accordance with said Acts.

Contracting funds.

SEC. 507. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

60 Stat. 1082;
68 Stat. 574;
72 Stat. 1793.

SEC. 508. None of the funds in this Act shall be available to finance interdepartmental boards, commissions, councils, committees, or similar groups under sec. 214 of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1946 (31 U.S.C. 691) which do not have prior and specific Congressional approval of such method of financial support.

Interdepartmental groups, expenses.

59 Stat. 134.

SEC. 509. No part of the funds appropriated under this Act shall be used to pay salaries of any Federal employee who is convicted in any Federal, State, or local court of competent jurisdiction, of inciting, promoting, or carrying on a riot, or any group activity resulting in material damage to property or injury to persons, found to be in violation of Federal, State, or local laws designed to protect persons or property in the community concerned.

Persons inciting riots, etc., prohibition of payments.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Agriculture and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1969".

Short title.

Approved August 8, 1968.