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Under Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made to the Deputy Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Under Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation: Provided, that this authority shall be exercised by the respective Deputy Under Secretary in the order in which he or she has taken office as a Deputy Under Secretary.

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§2.41 Chief Operating Officer, Farm Production and Conservation Business Center.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to §2.16(a), subject to the reservations in §2.16(b)(1), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation to the Chief Operating Officer, Farm Production and Conservation Programs Business Center:

(1) Provide to the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Risk Management Agency management support services including information technology, financial management, human resources, procurement, property management, and related business and administrative processes.

(2) Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 *et seq.*), and title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195 *et seq.*), concerning agricultural production; food processing, storage, and distribution; distribution of farm equipment and fertilizer; rehabilitation and use of food, agricultural, and related agribusiness facilities; CCC resources; and farm credit and financial assistance.

(3) Conduct fiscal, accounting and claims functions relating to CCC programs for which the Foreign Agricultural Service has been delegated authority under §2.601 and, in conjunction with other agencies of the U.S. Government, develop and formulate

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agreements to reschedule amounts due from foreign countries.

(4) Administer Section 15353(a) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110–246 relating to information reporting for Commodity Credit Corporation transactions.

(5) Coordinate and prevent duplication of aerial photographic work of the Department, including:

(i) Clearing photography projects;

(ii) Assigning symbols for new aerial photography, maintaining symbol records, and furnishing symbol books;

(iii) Recording departmental aerial photography flow and coordinating the issuance of aerial photography status maps of latest coverage;

(iv) Promoting interchange of technical information and techniques to develop lower costs and better quality;

(v) Representing the Department on committees, task forces, work groups, and other similar groups concerned with aerial photography acquisition and reproduction;

(vi) Providing a Chairperson for the Photography Sales Committee of the Department;

(vii) Coordinating development, preparation, and issuance of specifications for aerial photography for the Department;

(viii) Coordinating and performing procurement, inspection, and application of specifications for USDA aerial photography;

(ix) Maintaining library and files of USDA aerial film and retrieving and supplying reproductions on request.

(6) Administer a Century Farms Program as authorized by section 12508 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 2266a).

(7) Establish programs with any bureau of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), or with other agencies within USDA, in support of the Service First initiative for the purpose of promoting customer service and efficiency, including delegating to employees of DOI and other USDA agencies the authorities of the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center necessary to carry out projects on behalf of USDA (43 U.S.C. 1703).

(b) [Reserved]

[83 FR 61312, Nov. 29, 2018, as amended at 85 FR 65514, Oct. 15, 2020; 89 FR 80075, Oct. 2, 2024]

§ 2.42 Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.16(a)(1) and (2) and (a)(6) through (8), subject to the reservations in § 2.16(b)(1), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency:

(1) Formulate policies and administer programs authorized by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1282 *et seq.*).

(2) Formulate policies and administer programs authorized by the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1441 *et seq.*), except the provisions of section 416(a)(1), (a)(2) and (b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, unless specifically provided herein.

(3)–(4) [Reserved]

(5) *Related to defense and emergency preparedness.* (i) [Reserved]

(ii) Administer functions delegated by the President to the Secretary under Executive Order 13603, “National Defense Resources Preparedness” (3 CFR, 2012 Comp., p. 225), and Executive Order 12742, “National Security Industrial Responsiveness” (3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 309), including administration of an Agriculture Priorities and Allocations System.

(6) Administer the Emergency Conservation Program under the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978, as amended (16 U.S.C. 2201 *et seq.*).

(7) [Reserved]

(8) Conduct assigned activities under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act, as amended (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*).

(9) Supervise and direct Farm Service Agency State and county offices and designate functions to be performed by Farm Service Agency State and county committees.

(10) Administer the Dairy Indemnity Program under the Act of August 13, 1968, as amended (7 U.S.C. 4551 *et seq.*).

(11) Administer procurement, processing, handling, distribution, disposition, transportation, payment, and related services with respect to surplus

removal and supply operations which are carried out under section 210 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1859), the Act of August 19, 1958, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431 note), and section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1446a-1), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services in § 2.19 and to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.16(a)(3), and assist the Food and Consumer Service and the Agricultural Marketing Service in the procurement, handling, payment, and related services under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended (7 U.S.C. 612c), the Act of June 28, 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 713c), the National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1751 *et seq.*), section 8 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1777), section 311 of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3030a), and section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, as amended (7 U.S.C. 612c note), and section 1114 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 1431e).

(12)–(13) [Reserved]

(14) Administer the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) except those functions delegated in § 2.21(a)(8)(xi).

(15) Administer energy management activities as assigned.

(16) Conduct producer referenda of commodity promotion programs under the Beef Research and Information Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2901 *et seq.*) and the Agricultural Promotion Programs Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6001 *et seq.*).

(17) Conduct field operations of diversion programs for fresh fruits and vegetables under section 32 of the Act of August 29, 1935.

(18) [Reserved]

(19) Collect, summarize, and publish data on the production, distribution, and stocks of sugar.

(20) Formulate and carry out the Conservation Reserve Program, including the implementation of technical assistance, under the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1231