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**TEXT OF H.R. 7606, LOWER FOOD AND FUEL**  
**COSTS ACT**

[Showing the text of H.R. 7606, H.R. 7764, H.R. 2518, H.R. 7675, and H.R. 4140, as ordered reported by the Committee on Agriculture, and H.R. 4410 and H.R. 1542, as introduced, each with modifications.]

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act”.

4 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for  
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Secretary defined.

**TITLE I—MEAT AND POULTRY SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR**

Sec. 101. Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters.

**TITLE II—ADDITIONAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE**

Sec. 201. Additional nutrient management assistance.

**TITLE III—AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY CHAIN  
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Sec. 301. Agriculture and Food System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Task Force.

**TITLE IV—BIOFUEL INFRASTRUCTURE AND AGRICULTURE  
PRODUCT MARKET EXPANSION**

Sec. 401. Biofuel infrastructure and agriculture product market expansion.

**TITLE V—YEAR-ROUND FUEL CHOICE**

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TITLE VI—PRODUCING RESPONSIBLE ENERGY AND CONSERVATION INCENTIVES AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (PRECISE)

Sec. 601. Conservation loan and loan guarantee program.

Sec. 602. Assistance to rural entities.

Sec. 603. Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Sec. 604. Conservation Stewardship Program.

Sec. 605. Delivery of technical assistance.

TITLE VII—BUTCHER BLOCK ACT

Sec. 701. Assistance for new and expanded livestock or poultry processors.

Sec. 702. New and expanding livestock or poultry processing grants.

TITLE VIII—LOWER FOOD AND FUEL COSTS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022

1 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY DEFINED.**

2 In this Act, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-  
3 retary of Agriculture.

4 **TITLE I—MEAT AND POULTRY**  
5 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR**

6 **SEC. 101. OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FOR**  
7 **COMPETITION MATTERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Agriculture  
9 Reorganization Act of 1994 is amended by inserting after  
10 section 216 (7 U.S.C. 6916) the following:

11 **“SEC. 217. OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FOR**  
12 **COMPETITION MATTERS.**

13 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
14 Department an office, to be known as the ‘Office of the  
15 Special Investigator for Competition Matters’ (referred to  
16 in this section as the ‘Office’).

1       “(b) SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FOR COMPETITION  
2 MATTERS.—The Office shall be headed by the Special In-  
3 vestigator for Competition Matters (referred to in this sec-  
4 tion as the ‘Special Investigator’), who shall be a senior  
5 career employee appointed by the Secretary.

6       “(c) DUTIES.—The Special Investigator shall—

7           “(1) use all available tools, including subpoenas,  
8 to investigate and prosecute violations of the Pack-  
9 ers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.)  
10 by packers and live poultry dealers with respect to  
11 competition and trade practices in the food and agri-  
12 cultural sector;

13           “(2) serve as a Department liaison to, and act  
14 in consultation with, the Department of Justice and  
15 the Federal Trade Commission with respect to com-  
16 petition and trade practices in the food and agricul-  
17 tural sector;

18           “(3) act in consultation with the Department of  
19 Homeland Security with respect to national security  
20 and critical infrastructure security in the food and  
21 agricultural sector;

22           “(4) maintain a staff of attorneys and other  
23 professionals with appropriate expertise; and

24           “(5) in carrying out the requirements of this  
25 subsection, coordinate with the Office of the General

1 Counsel and the Packers and Stockyards Division of  
2 the Agricultural Marketing Service.

3 “(d) PROSECUTORIAL AUTHORITY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding title 28,  
5 United States Code, the Special Investigator shall  
6 have the authority to bring any civil or administra-  
7 tive action authorized under the Packers and Stock-  
8 yards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) against a  
9 packer.

10 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section alters  
11 the authority of the Secretary to issue a subpoena  
12 pursuant to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921  
13 (7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

14 “(3) NOTIFICATION.—With respect to any of  
15 the actions brought under this subsection in Federal  
16 district court, the Special Investigator shall notify  
17 the Attorney General.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 296(b) of  
19 the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of  
20 1994 (7 U.S.C. 7014(b)) is amended by adding at the end  
21 the following:

22 “(11) The authority of the Secretary to carry  
23 out section 217.”.

24 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Subtitle A of the De-  
25 partment of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 is

1 amended by redesignating the first section 225 (relating  
2 to Food Access Liaison) (7 U.S.C. 6925) as section 224A.

3 **TITLE II—ADDITIONAL NUTRI-**  
4 **ENT MANAGEMENT ASSIST-**  
5 **ANCE**

6 **SEC. 201. ADDITIONAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ASSIST-**  
7 **ANCE.**

8 (a) PAYMENTS.—During the period beginning on the  
9 date of enactment of this section and ending on September  
10 30, 2023, the Secretary shall provide payments under this  
11 section to producers who have new or existing contracts  
12 with the Secretary under the environmental quality incen-  
13 tives program to implement a nutrient management prac-  
14 tice or to adopt a precision agriculture practice.

15 (b) AMOUNT.—A payment to a producer under this  
16 section shall be in an amount that, in combination with  
17 the applicable payment under section 1240B(d) of the  
18 Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2(d)), does  
19 not exceed 100 percent of the costs of implementing the  
20 nutrient management practice or adopting the precision  
21 agriculture practice.

22 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
24 \$500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022 and  
25 2023.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES  
3 PROGRAM.—The term “environmental quality incen-  
4 tives program” means the environmental quality in-  
5 centives program established under subchapter A of  
6 chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Se-  
7 curity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq.).

8 (2) NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICE.—The  
9 term “nutrient management practice” means the  
10 practice described in the conservation practice stand-  
11 ard for nutrient management established by the  
12 Natural Resources Conservation Service, code 590,  
13 dated May, 2019, or any successor conservation  
14 practice standard for nutrient management estab-  
15 lished by the Natural Resources Conservation Serv-  
16 ice pursuant to title XII of the Food Security Act  
17 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.).

1 **TITLE III—AGRICULTURE AND**  
2 **FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY CHAIN**  
3 **RESILIENCE AND CRISIS RE-**  
4 **SPONSE TASK FORCE**

5 **SEC. 301. AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY CHAIN**  
6 **RESILIENCE AND CRISIS RESPONSE TASK**  
7 **FORCE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title II of the De-  
9 partment of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7  
10 U.S.C. 6931 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
11 the following:

12 **“SEC. 229. AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY**  
13 **CHAIN RESILIENCE AND CRISIS RESPONSE**  
14 **TASK FORCE.**

15 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days after  
16 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
17 shall establish within the Department an Agriculture and  
18 Food System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response  
19 Task Force (in this section referred to as the ‘Task  
20 Force’).

21 “(b) MISSION.—The mission of the Task Force shall  
22 be to—

23 “(1) help to promote the leadership of the  
24 United States with respect to the stability of the ag-  
25 riculture and food system supply chain;

1           “(2) encourage a government-wide approach  
2 through partnerships and collaboration with the pri-  
3 vate sector, labor organizations, the governments of  
4 countries that are allies or key international part-  
5 ners of the United States, States or political subdivi-  
6 sions thereof, and Tribal governments in order to—

7                   “(A) promote the resilience of the agri-  
8 culture and food system supply chain; and

9                   “(B) identify, prepare for, and respond to  
10 shocks to the agriculture and food system sup-  
11 ply chain;

12           “(3) monitor the resilience, diversity, security,  
13 and strength of the agriculture and food system sup-  
14 ply chain;

15           “(4) support the availability of agriculture and  
16 food system supply chain goods for domestic manu-  
17 facturers, domestic producers, and domestic enter-  
18 prises in the United States and in countries that are  
19 allies or key international partners;

20           “(5) assist the Federal Government in pre-  
21 paring for and responding to shocks to the agri-  
22 culture and food system supply chain;

23           “(6) support the creation of jobs with competi-  
24 tive wages in the United States agriculture and food  
25 system sector; and



1           “(7) coordinate executive branch actions nec-  
2           essary to carry out the functions described in para-  
3           graphs (1) through (6).

4           “(c) SPECIAL ADVISOR ON SUPPLY CHAIN RESIL-  
5           IENCE AND CRISIS RESPONSE.—The head of the Task  
6           Force shall be the Special Advisor on Supply Chain Resil-  
7           ience and Crisis Response (in this section, referred to as  
8           the ‘Special Advisor’) who shall be appointed by the Sec-  
9           retary.

10          “(d) AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SYSTEM SUPPLY  
11          CHAIN EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

12           “(1) EVALUATION.—The Special Advisor, in  
13           consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and  
14           the Secretary of Transportation, shall conduct an  
15           evaluation of the stability and reliability of the agri-  
16           culture and food system supply chain. The evalua-  
17           tion shall focus on the items listed in subsection (b).

18           “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
19           270 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
20           tion, the Special Advisor shall submit to the Com-  
21           mittee on Agriculture, the Committee on Energy and  
22           Commerce, and the Committee on Transportation  
23           and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
24           and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
25           Forestry and the Committee on Commerce, Science,

1 and Transportation of the Senate a report on the  
2 evaluation conducted under subsection (a) that in-  
3 cludes the following:

4 “(A) An evaluation of—

5 “(i) the strengths of the agriculture  
6 and food system supply chain;

7 “(ii) the weaknesses of the agriculture  
8 and food system supply chain;

9 “(iii) current and potential future  
10 critical bottlenecks in the agriculture and  
11 food system supply chain, including trans-  
12 portation bottlenecks in the distribution of  
13 agricultural inputs, processed and unproc-  
14 essed food and food input products, and  
15 consumer-ready food products;

16 “(iv) workforce challenges and oppor-  
17 tunities in the agriculture and food system  
18 supply chain; and

19 “(v) the overall stability and reliability  
20 of the agriculture and food system supply  
21 chain.

22 “(B) A discussion of existing Federal legal  
23 barriers, if any, that negatively impact the sta-  
24 bility and reliability of the agriculture and food  
25 system supply chain.

1           “(C) Specific recommendations to improve  
2           the security, safety, and resilience of the agri-  
3           culture and food system supply chain, including  
4           recommendations that address challenges iden-  
5           tified under paragraph (1) and that also ad-  
6           dress—

7                     “(i) long-term strategies;

8                     “(ii) industry best practices;

9                     “(iii) risk-mitigation actions to pre-  
10           vent future bottlenecks and vulnerabilities  
11           at all levels of the agriculture and food sys-  
12           tem supply chain; and

13                    “(iv) legislative and regulatory actions  
14           that would positively impact the security  
15           and resilience of the agriculture and food  
16           system supply chain.

17           “(e) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate  
18           on the earlier of—

19                    “(1) the date on which the report required by  
20           subsection (d) is submitted; or

21                    “(2) September 30, 2023.”.

22           (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 296(b) of the  
23           Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7  
24           U.S.C. 7014(b)), as amended by section 101, is further  
25           amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(12) The authority of the Secretary to estab-  
2           lish in the Department the Agriculture and Food  
3           System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response  
4           Task Force in accordance with section 229.”.

5   **TITLE       IV—BIOFUEL       INFRA-**  
6   **STRUCTURE       AND       AGRI-**  
7   **CULTURE PRODUCT MARKET**  
8   **EXPANSION**

9   **SEC. 401. BIOFUEL INFRASTRUCTURE AND AGRICULTURE**  
10                           **PRODUCT MARKET EXPANSION.**

11           (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addi-  
12           tion to amounts otherwise available, there is authorized  
13           to be appropriated to the Secretary \$200,000,000 for the  
14           period of fiscal years 2022 and 2023, to remain available  
15           until expended, to carry out this section.

16           (b) **USE OF FUNDS.**—The Secretary shall use the  
17           amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a) to pro-  
18           vide grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities de-  
19           scribed in subsection (c)—

20                   (1) to install, retrofit, or otherwise upgrade fuel  
21                   dispensers or pumps and related equipment, storage  
22                   tank system components, and other infrastructure  
23                   required at a location to ensure the environmentally  
24                   safe availability of fuel containing ethanol blends at  
25                   levels greater than 10 percent (as determined by the

1 Secretary) or fuel containing biodiesel blends at lev-  
2 els greater than 20 percent (as determined by the  
3 Secretary); and

4 (2) to build and retrofit distribution systems for  
5 ethanol blends, traditional and pipeline biodiesel ter-  
6 minal operations (including rail lines), and home  
7 heating oil distribution centers or equivalent enti-  
8 ties—

9 (A) to blend biodiesel; and

10 (B) to carry ethanol and biodiesel.

11 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Entities eligible to receive  
12 a grant under this section are transportation fueling facili-  
13 ties and distribution facilities, including fueling stations,  
14 convenience stores, hypermarket retailer fueling stations,  
15 fleet facilities, as well as fuel terminal operations, mid-  
16 stream partners, and heating oil distribution facilities or  
17 equivalent entities.

18 (d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the  
19 total cost of carrying out a project for which a grant is  
20 provided under this section shall be not more than 75 per-  
21 cent.

22 (e) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not limit the  
23 amount of funding an eligible entity may receive under  
24 this section, except that such funding is subject to the  
25 availability of appropriations.

1       **TITLE V—YEAR-ROUND FUEL**  
2                                   **CHOICE**

3   **SEC. 501. ETHANOL WAIVER.**

4       Section 211 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545)  
5 is amended—

6           (1) in subsection (f)(4)—

7                   (A) by striking “(4) The Administrator,  
8                   upon” and inserting the following:

9                   “(4) WAIVER.—

10                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator,  
11                   on”; and

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

13                   “(B) REID VAPOR PRESSURE.—A fuel or  
14                   fuel additive that has been granted a waiver  
15                   under subparagraph (A) prior to January 1,  
16                   2017, and meets all the conditions of that waiv-  
17                   er other than any limitations of the waiver with  
18                   respect to Reid Vapor Pressure, may be intro-  
19                   duced into commerce if the fuel or fuel additive  
20                   meets all other applicable Reid Vapor Pressure  
21                   requirements.”; and

22           (2) in subsection (h)—

23                   (A) in paragraph (4)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
2 graph (A), by inserting “or more” after  
3 “10 percent”; and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
5 “additional alcohol or”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (5)(A), by inserting “or  
7 more” after “10 percent”.

8 **TITLE VI—PRODUCING RESPON-**  
9 **SIBLE ENERGY AND CON-**  
10 **SERVATION INCENTIVES AND**  
11 **SOLUTIONS FOR THE ENVI-**  
12 **RONMENT (PRECISE)**

13 **SEC. 601. CONSERVATION LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE**  
14 **PROGRAM.**

15 Section 304 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-  
16 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1924) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b)(3), by redesignating sub-  
18 paragraphs (F) and (G) as subparagraphs (G) and  
19 (H), respectively, and inserting after subparagraph  
20 (E) the following:

21 “(F) the adoption of precision agriculture  
22 practices, and the acquisition of precision agri-  
23 culture technology;”;

24 (2) in subsection (d)—

25 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and”;

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
2 riod and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4) producers who use the loans to adopt pre-  
5 cision agriculture practices or acquire precision agri-  
6 culture technology, including adoption or acquisition  
7 for the purpose of participating in the environmental  
8 quality incentives program under subchapter A of  
9 chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Se-  
10 curity Act of 1985.”;

11 (3) in subsection (e), by striking paragraph (2)  
12 and inserting the following:

13 “(2) 90 percent of the principal amount of the  
14 loan in the case of—

15 “(A) a producer that is a qualified socially  
16 disadvantaged farmer or rancher or a beginning  
17 farmer or rancher; or

18 “(B) loans that are used for the purchase  
19 of precision agriculture technology.”; and

20 (4) in subsection (f)—

21 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-  
22 sserting the following:

23 “(1) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Sec-  
24 retary”; and

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



1           “(2) COORDINATION WITH NRCS.—In making  
2 or guaranteeing loans under this section, the Sec-  
3 retary shall ensure that there is coordination be-  
4 tween the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Re-  
5 sources Conservation Service.”.

6 **SEC. 602. ASSISTANCE TO RURAL ENTITIES.**

7           Section 310B(a)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and  
8 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(a)(2)) is amend-  
9 ed—

10           (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
11 graph (C);

12           (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
13 paragraph (D) and inserting “; and”; and

14           (3) by adding at the end the following:

15                   “(E) expanding precision agriculture prac-  
16 tices, including by financing equipment and  
17 farm-wide broadband connectivity, in order to  
18 promote best-practices, reduce costs, and im-  
19 prove the environment.”.

20 **SEC. 603. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PRO-**  
21 **GRAM.**

22           (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1240A(6)(B)(v) of the  
23 Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-  
24 1(6)(B)(v)) is amended by inserting “(including the adop-

1 tion of precision agriculture practices and the acquisition  
2 of precision agriculture technology)” after “planning”.

3 (b) PAYMENTS.—

4 (1) OTHER PAYMENTS.—Section 1240B(d)(6)  
5 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.  
6 3839aa-2(d)(6)) is amended—

7 (A) by striking “A producer shall” and in-  
8 serting the following:

9 “(A) PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.—  
10 A producer shall”; and

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

12 “(B) CONSERVATION LOAN AND LOAN  
13 GUARANTEE PROGRAM PAYMENTS.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A producer receiv-  
15 ing payments for practices on eligible land  
16 under the program may also receive a loan  
17 or loan guarantee under section 304 of the  
18 Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-  
19 ment Act to cover costs for the same prac-  
20 tices on the same land.

21 “(ii) NOTICE TO PRODUCER.—The  
22 Secretary shall inform a producer partici-  
23 pating in the program in writing of the  
24 availability of a loan or loan guarantee  
25 under section 304 of the Consolidated

1 Farm and Rural Development Act as it re-  
2 lates to costs of implementing practices  
3 under this program.”.

4 (2) INCREASED PAYMENTS FOR HIGH-PRIORITY  
5 PRACTICES.—Section 1240B(d)(7) of the Food Se-  
6 curity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2(d)(7)) is  
7 amended, in the subsection heading, by inserting  
8 “STATE-DETERMINED” before “HIGH-PRIORITY”.

9 (3) INCREASED PAYMENTS FOR PRECISION AG-  
10 RICULTURE.—Section 1240B(d) of the Food Secu-  
11 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2(d)) is amend-  
12 ed by adding at the end the following:

13 “(8) INCREASED PAYMENTS FOR PRECISION AG-  
14 RICULTURE.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the  
15 Secretary may increase the amount that would oth-  
16 erwise be provided for a practice under this sub-  
17 section to not more than 90 percent of the costs as-  
18 sociated with adopting precision agriculture practices  
19 and acquiring precision agriculture technology.”.

20 (c) CONSERVATION INCENTIVE CONTRACTS.—Sec-  
21 tion 1240B(j)(2)(A)(i) of the Food Security Act of 1985  
22 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2(j)(3)(A)(i)) is amended by inserting  
23 “(which may include the adoption of precision agriculture  
24 practices and the acquisition of precision agriculture tech-  
25 nology)” after “incentive practices”.

1 **SEC. 604. CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.**

2 (a) CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS.—Sec-  
3 tion 1240L(c)(3) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16  
4 U.S.C. 3839aa–24(c)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(3) EXCLUSIONS.—A payment to a producer  
6 under this subsection shall not be provided for con-  
7 servation activities for which there is no cost in-  
8 curred or income forgone by the producer.”.

9 (b) SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR RESOURCE-  
10 CONSERVING CROP ROTATIONS AND ADVANCED GRAZING  
11 MANAGEMENT.—Section 1240L(d) of the Food Security  
12 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–24(d)) is amended—

13 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “AND  
14 ADVANCED GRAZING MANAGEMENT” and inserting  
15 “, ADVANCED GRAZING MANAGEMENT, AND PRECI-  
16 SION AGRICULTURE”;

17 (2) in paragraph (2)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;  
19 or” and inserting a semicolon;

20 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
21 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

23 “(C) precision agriculture.”; and

24 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “or advanced  
25 grazing management” and inserting “, advanced  
26 grazing management, or precision agriculture”.

1 **SEC. 605. DELIVERY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

2 Section 1242(f) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16  
3 U.S.C. 3842(f)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(6) SOIL HEALTH PLANNING.—The Secretary  
6 shall emphasize the use of third-party providers in  
7 providing technical assistance for soil health plan-  
8 ning, including planning related to the use of cover  
9 crops, precision conservation management, com-  
10 prehensive nutrient management planning, and other  
11 innovative plans.”.

12 **TITLE VII—BUTCHER BLOCK**  
13 **ACT**

14 **SEC. 701. ASSISTANCE FOR NEW AND EXPANDED LIVE-**  
15 **STOCK OR POULTRY PROCESSORS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make or guar-  
17 antee a loan for the purpose of—

18 (1) increasing capacity of livestock and poultry  
19 processing, facilitating economic opportunity for live-  
20 stock and poultry producers through processing ac-  
21 tivities, and diversifying processing ownership;

22 (2) increasing the customer base or revenue re-  
23 turns of livestock and poultry producers through in-  
24 vestment in processing capacity;

1           (3) improving, developing, or financing livestock  
2 and poultry processing capacity or employment in-  
3 cluding through the financing of working capital; or

4           (4) promoting the interstate trade and local  
5 sales of processed livestock and poultry by financing  
6 improvements to meet relevant Federal, State, and  
7 local regulatory standards.

8 (b) ELIGIBILITY; GENERAL LIMITATIONS.—

9           (1) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—An entity shall be  
10 eligible for a loan or guarantee under this section if  
11 the entity is—

12           (A) a public, private, or cooperative organi-  
13 zation organized on a for-profit or nonprofit  
14 basis;

15           (B) an Indian tribe on a Federal or State  
16 reservation, or any other federally recognized  
17 Indian tribal group; or

18           (C) an individual.

19 (2) FACILITY LOCATION.—

20           (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
21 subparagraph (B), a facility constructed, ex-  
22 panded, modified, refurbished, or re-equipped  
23 with proceeds from a loan made or guaranteed  
24 under this section shall be in a rural area.

1 (B) EXCEPTION.—A facility constructed,  
2 expanded, modified, refurbished, or re-equipped  
3 with proceeds from a loan made or guaranteed  
4 under this section may be in a non-rural area  
5 if—

6 (i) the primary use of the loan in-  
7 volved is for the facility, and the facility  
8 will increase the customer base or revenue  
9 returns of livestock and poultry producers  
10 that are located within 300 miles of the fa-  
11 cility;

12 (ii) the loan involved will be used to  
13 increase the capacity in livestock and poul-  
14 try processing in a region; and

15 (iii) the principal amount of the loan  
16 involved does not exceed \$50,000,000.

17 (C) RURAL AREA DEFINED.—In this para-  
18 graph, the term “rural area” has the meaning  
19 given the term in section 343(a)(13) of the  
20 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act  
21 (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)).

22 (3) LIMITATIONS.—

23 (A) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF LOAN IN-  
24 VOLVED.—A loan of more than \$50,000,000

1           may not be made or guaranteed under this sec-  
2           tion.

3                   (B) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY.—A loan  
4           may not be made or guaranteed under this sec-  
5           tion to an entity that is owned in partnership  
6           or in whole by—

7                           (i) a foreign entity; or

8                           (ii) an entity that currently processes  
9                           over 5 percent of the daily harvest of any  
10                           species.

11           (c) SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE WITH RESPECT TO  
12           COOPERATIVES.—

13                   (1) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF LOAN IN-  
14           VOLVED.—

15                           (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-  
16           section (b)(3), a loan of not more than  
17           \$100,000,000 may be made or guaranteed for  
18           a cooperative organization under this section.

19                           (B) CONDITIONS APPLICABLE IF LOAN IN-  
20           VOLVED IS FOR MORE THAN \$50,000,000.—A  
21           loan of more than \$50,000,000 may not be  
22           made or guaranteed for a cooperative organiza-  
23           tion under this section unless the loan is used  
24           to carry out a project that significantly in-  
25           creases the livestock and poultry processing in



1 a region, where insufficient processing capacity  
2 exists, as determined by the Secretary.

3 (2) INTANGIBLE ASSETS.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—In determining whether  
5 a cooperative organization is eligible for a loan  
6 or guarantee under this section, the Secretary  
7 may consider the market value of a properly ap-  
8 praised brand name, patent, or trademark of  
9 the cooperative.

10 (B) ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.—In the sole  
11 discretion of the Secretary, if the Secretary de-  
12 termines that the action would not create or  
13 otherwise contribute to an unreasonable risk of  
14 default or loss to the Federal Government, the  
15 Secretary may take accounts receivable as secu-  
16 rity for the obligations entered into in connec-  
17 tion with a loan made or guaranteed under this  
18 section, and a borrower may use accounts re-  
19 ceivable as collateral to secure such a loan.

20 (3) PURCHASE OF COOPERATIVE STOCK.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
22 make or guarantee a loan in accordance with  
23 this section to an individual farmer or rancher  
24 for the purpose of purchasing capital stock of

1 a farmer or rancher cooperative undertaking an  
2 eligible project under this section.

3 (B) PROCESSING CONTRACTS DURING INI-  
4 TIAL PERIOD.—A cooperative described in sub-  
5 paragraph (A) with respect to which a farmer  
6 or rancher receives a guarantee to purchase  
7 stock under subparagraph (A) may contract for  
8 services to fulfill any eligible purpose under this  
9 section, during the 5-year period beginning on  
10 the date the cooperative commences operations,  
11 in order to provide adequate time for the plan-  
12 ning and construction of the processing facility  
13 of the cooperative.

14 (C) FINANCIAL INFORMATION.—A farmer  
15 or rancher from whom the Secretary requires fi-  
16 nancial information as a condition of making or  
17 guaranteeing a loan under subparagraph (A)  
18 shall provide the information in the manner  
19 generally required by commercial agricultural  
20 lenders in the geographical area in which the  
21 farmer or rancher is located.

22 (d) CONDITIONS APPLICABLE WITH RESPECT TO  
23 USING LOAN INVOLVED FOR REFINANCING.—A borrower  
24 may use 25 percent of a loan made or guaranteed under

1 this section to refinance a loan made for a purpose de-  
2 scribed in subsection (a) if—

3 (1) the borrower is current and performing with  
4 respect to the loan to be refinanced;

5 (2) the borrower has not defaulted on any pay-  
6 ment required to be made with respect to the loan  
7 to be refinanced;

8 (3) none of the collateral for the loan to be refi-  
9 nanced has been converted; and

10 (4) there is adequate security or full collateral  
11 for the loan to be refinanced.

12 (e) LOAN APPRAISAL.—The Secretary may require  
13 that any appraisal made in connection with a loan made  
14 or guaranteed under this section be conducted by a spe-  
15 cialized appraiser that uses standards that are similar to  
16 standards used for similar purposes in the private sector,  
17 as determined by the Secretary.

18 (f) PREFERENCE.—In making or guaranteeing a loan  
19 under this section, the Secretary shall give a preference  
20 to applicants that have experience in livestock and poultry  
21 processing and can quickly scale-up to increase overall  
22 processing capacity in the region involved.

23 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
24 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
25 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2025.

1 **SEC. 702. NEW AND EXPANDING LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY**  
2 **PROCESSING GRANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants  
4 to—

5 (1) expand, diversify, and increase capacity in  
6 livestock or poultry processing activities;

7 (2) improve compliance with livestock and poul-  
8 try processing statutes (including the regulations  
9 issued thereunder), such as the Federal Meat In-  
10 spection Act (21 U.S.C. 661) and the Poultry Prod-  
11 ucts Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454);

12 (3) identify and reduce barriers to entry for  
13 new livestock and poultry processors; or

14 (4) update, expand, or otherwise improve exist-  
15 ing facilities.

16 (b) ELIGIBLE GRANTEES.—An entity shall be eligible  
17 for a grant under this section if the entity is—

18 (1) a governmental entity;

19 (2) a public, private, or cooperative organiza-  
20 tion organized on a for-profit or nonprofit basis; or

21 (3) an Indian tribe on a Federal or State res-  
22 ervation or any other federally recognized Indian  
23 tribal group.

24 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity to which a grant is  
25 made under this section may use the grant funds to estab-  
26 lish or support new or expanded livestock or poultry proc-

1 essing activity, or other activity which will increase the  
2 customer base or revenue returns of livestock and poultry  
3 producers, by undertaking a project, that—

4 (1) identifies and analyzes business opportuni-  
5 ties, including feasibility studies as required for  
6 creditworthiness;

7 (2) identifies, trains, and provides technical as-  
8 sistance to existing or prospective rural entre-  
9 preneurs and managers or processing facilities;

10 (3) provides technical assistance to gain compli-  
11 ance with Federal, State, or local regulations;

12 (4) conducts regional, community, and local  
13 economic development planning and coordination,  
14 and leadership development; or

15 (5) establishes a center for training, technology,  
16 and trade that will provide training to livestock or  
17 poultry processing employees.

18 (d) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under this  
19 section, the Secretary shall give a preference to applicants  
20 that have experience in livestock and poultry processing  
21 and can quickly scale-up to increase overall processing ca-  
22 pacity in the region involved.

23 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
24 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
25 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2025.

1 TITLE VIII—LOWER FOOD AND FUEL COSTS  
2 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022

3 The following sums are appropriated, out of any  
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the  
5 fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other pur-  
6 poses, namely:

7 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS  
8 PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING  
9 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 For an additional amount for “Office of the Sec-  
12 retary”, \$200,000,000, to remain available until expended,  
13 to carry out title IV: *Provided*, That amounts provided  
14 under this heading in this title shall be used in equal  
15 amounts in each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 by the Sec-  
16 retary of Agriculture to carry out such title IV: *Provided*  
17 *further*, That the Secretary may use up to 5 percent of  
18 amounts made available under this heading in this title  
19 for administrative costs, including salaries and expenses,  
20 research, data collection, and other associated costs, for  
21 carrying out such title IV: *Provided further*, That amounts  
22 made available for administrative costs pursuant to the  
23 preceding proviso may be transferred to “Rural Develop-  
24 ment Programs—Rural Development—Salaries and Ex-  
25 penses” for the purposes specified in such proviso.

1           GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

2           SEC. 801. In addition to amounts otherwise available,  
3 there is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture,  
4 \$500,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry  
5 out title II, of which up to 5 percent may be used by the  
6 Secretary to provide technical assistance under such title  
7 II.

8           SEC. 802. Each amount appropriated or made avail-  
9 able by this title is in addition to amounts otherwise ap-  
10 propriated for the fiscal year involved.

11          SEC. 803. Unless otherwise provided for by this title,  
12 the additional amounts appropriated by this title to appro-  
13 priations accounts shall be available under the authorities  
14 and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts  
15 for fiscal year 2022.

16          SEC. 804. Each amount provided by this title is des-  
17 igned by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
18 quirement pursuant to section 4001(a)(1) and section  
19 4001(b) of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concur-  
20 rent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022.

21          SEC. 805. (a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—  
22 The budgetary effects of this title shall not be entered on  
23 either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section  
24 4(d) of the Statutory Pay As-You-Go Act of 2010.

1 (b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary  
2 effects of this title shall not be entered on any PAYGO  
3 scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H.  
4 Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

5 (c) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—  
6 Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping  
7 Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of  
8 the committee of conference accompanying Conference Re-  
9 port 105–217 and section 250(c)(7) and (c)(8) of the Bal-  
10 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985,  
11 the budgetary effects of this title shall be estimated for  
12 purposes of section 251 of such Act and as appropriations  
13 for discretionary accounts for purposes of the allocation  
14 to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to section  
15 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

16 This title may be cited as the “Lower Food and Fuel  
17 Costs Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022”.

