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**[Report No. 119–\_\_\_]**

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

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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**A BILL**

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

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any  
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-  
5 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-  
6 tion, and Related Agencies programs for fiscal year ending  
7 September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:

8                                   TITLE I

9                                   AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

10                   PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING

11                               OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

12                                   (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

13       For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,  
14 \$43,856,000 of which not to exceed \$5,551,000 shall be  
15 available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not  
16 to exceed \$1,700,000 shall be available for the Office of  
17 Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000 shall be  
18 available for the Office of Tribal Relations; not to exceed  
19 \$5,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Partner-  
20 ships and Public Engagement; not to exceed \$17,915,000  
21 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary  
22 for Administration, of which \$17,015,000 shall be avail-  
23 able for Departmental Administration to provide for nec-  
24 essary expenses for management support services to of-  
25 fices of the Department and for general administration,

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

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

## 20 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

### 21 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

22 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief  
23 Economist, \$28,000,000, of which \$11,225,000 shall be  
24 for grants or cooperative agreements for policy research  
25 under 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided*, That of the amounts made

1 available under this heading, \$250,000 shall be available  
2 to carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department  
3 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.  
4 6924), as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–  
5 334.

6 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

7 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and  
8 Appeals, \$12,703,000.

9 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

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

12 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-  
14 formation Officer, \$85,000,000, of which not less than  
15 \$60,032,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the de-  
16 partment.

17 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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

20 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL

21 RIGHTS

22 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant  
23 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$900,000: *Provided*, That  
24 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil  
25 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available

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

3 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,  
5 \$24,500,000.

6 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-  
9 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant  
10 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-  
11 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-  
12 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities  
13 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for  
14 alterations and other actions needed for the Department  
15 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-  
16 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of  
17 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-  
18 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-  
19 ties, and for related costs, \$10,603,000, to remain avail-  
20 able until expended.

21 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-  
24 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental  
25 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.

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

8 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

9 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-  
10 rity, and Protection, \$19,800,000.

11 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

12 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector  
13 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector  
14 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.),  
15 \$94,561,000, including such sums as may be necessary for  
16 contracting and other arrangements with public agencies  
17 and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-  
18 spector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5  
19 U.S.C. App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for  
20 certain confidential operational expenses, including the  
21 payment of informants, to be expended under the direction  
22 of the Inspector General pursuant to the Inspector Gen-  
23 eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and  
24 section 1337 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981  
25 (Public Law 97–98).

1                   OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

2           For necessary expenses of the Office of the General  
3 Counsel, \$55,537,000.

4                   OFFICE OF ETHICS

5           For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,  
6 \$4,136,000.

7           OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,  
8                   EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

9           For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
10 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,  
11 \$2,384,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
12 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-  
13 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-  
14 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for  
15 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made  
16 available under this heading, \$1,000,000 shall be made  
17 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

18                   ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

19           For necessary expenses of the Economic Research  
20 Service, \$85,612,000.

21                   NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

22           For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural  
23 Statistics Service, \$180,000,000, of which up to  
24 \$46,000,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-  
25 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available



1 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-  
2 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.  
3 2204g(d) and (f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
4 shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the  
5 House and Senate in writing 30 days prior to dis-  
6 continuing data collection programs and reports.

7                   AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

8                   SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9       For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research  
10 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,  
11 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and  
12 with prior notification and approval of the Committees on  
13 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land  
14 exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal  
15 value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the  
16 grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total  
17 value of the land or interests transferred out of Federal  
18 ownership, \$1,790,550,000, which shall be for the pur-  
19 poses, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled  
20 “Agricultural Research Service Salaries and Expenses” in  
21 the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That appro-  
22 priations hereunder shall be available for the operation  
23 and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to  
24 exceed one for replacement only: *Provided further*, That  
25 appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7

1 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair  
2 of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise pro-  
3 vided, the cost of constructing any one building shall not  
4 exceed \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses  
5 which shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10  
6 buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to  
7 exceed \$1,100,000 each, and except for four buildings to  
8 be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 each,  
9 and the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal  
10 year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replace-  
11 ment value of the building or \$500,000, whichever is  
12 greater: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder  
13 shall be available for entering into lease agreements at any  
14 Agricultural Research Service location for the construction  
15 of a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by  
16 the Agricultural Research Service and a condition of the  
17 lease shall be that any facility shall be owned, operated,  
18 and maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall be re-  
19 moved upon the expiration or termination of the lease  
20 agreement: *Provided further*, That the limitations on alter-  
21 ations contained in this Act shall not apply to moderniza-  
22 tion or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville,  
23 Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropriations here-  
24 under shall be available for granting easements at the  
25 Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: *Provided further*,

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

18 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

19 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-  
20 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed  
21 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-  
22 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-  
23 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$21,000,000, to re-  
24 main available until expended, for the purposes, and in  
25 the amounts, specified for this account in the table titled

1 “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-  
2 panying this Act.

3 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
4 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

5 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for  
6 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and  
7 for other expenses, \$1,058,000,000, which shall be for the  
8 purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled  
9 “National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research  
10 and Education Activities” in the report accompanying this  
11 Act: *Provided*, That funds for research grants for 1994  
12 institutions, education grants for 1890 institutions, His-  
13 panic serving institutions education grants, capacity build-  
14 ing for non-land-grant colleges of agriculture, the agri-  
15 culture and food research initiative, veterinary medicine  
16 loan repayment, multicultural scholars, graduate fellow-  
17 ship and institution challenge grants, grants management  
18 systems, tribal colleges education equity grants, and schol-  
19 arships at 1890 institutions shall remain available until  
20 expended: *Provided further*, That each institution eligible  
21 to receive funds under the Evans-Allen program receives  
22 no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for  
23 education grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-  
24 serving institutions be made available to individual eligible  
25 institutions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds

1 awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Ha-  
2 waii: *Provided further*, That funds for providing grants for  
3 food and agricultural sciences for Alaska Native and Na-  
4 tive Hawaiian-Serving institutions and for Insular Areas  
5 shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*  
6 *further*, That funds for education grants for 1890 institu-  
7 tions shall be made available to institutions eligible to re-  
8 ceive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222: *Provided fur-*  
9 *ther*, That not more than 5 percent of the amounts made  
10 available by this or any other Act to carry out the Agri-  
11 culture and Food Research Initiative under 7 U.S.C. 3157  
12 may be retained by the Secretary of Agriculture to pay  
13 administrative costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying  
14 out that authority.

15 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

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

19 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

20 For payments to States, the District of Columbia,  
21 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the  
22 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$556,000,000,  
23 which shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, speci-  
24 fied in the table titled “National Institute of Food and  
25 Agriculture, Extension Activities” in the report accom-

1 panying this Act: *Provided*, That funds for extension serv-  
2 ices at 1994 institutions and for facility improvements at  
3 1890 institutions shall remain available until expended:  
4 *Provided further*, That institutions eligible to receive funds  
5 under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension receive no  
6 less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for co-  
7 operative extension under sections 3(b) and (c) of the  
8 Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and section  
9 208(c) of Public Law 93–471 shall be available for retire-  
10 ment and employees’ compensation costs for extension  
11 agents.

#### 12 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

13 For the integrated research, education, and extension  
14 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-  
15 penses, \$40,100,000, which shall be for the purposes, and  
16 in the amounts, specified in the table titled “National In-  
17 stitute of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Activities” in  
18 the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That funds  
19 for the Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative shall re-  
20 main available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*,  
21 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, indirect  
22 costs shall not be charged against any Extension Imple-  
23 mentation Program Area grant awarded under the Crop  
24 Protection/Pest Management Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

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

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
4 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,  
5 \$1,617,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
6 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-  
7 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
8 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
9 fice.

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

13 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant  
14 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for  
15 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to  
16 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),  
17 \$1,146,000,000, which shall be for the purposes, and in  
18 the amounts, specified in the table titled “Animal and  
19 Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses”  
20 in the report accompanying this Act; of which \$250,000,  
21 to remain available until expended, shall be available for  
22 the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases, animal  
23 diseases and for control of pest animals and birds (“con-  
24 tingency fund”) to the extent necessary to meet emergency  
25 conditions; of which \$15,500,000, to remain available until

1 expended, shall be used for the cotton pests program, in-  
2 cluding for cost share purposes or for debt retirement for  
3 active eradication zones; of which \$42,000,000, to remain  
4 available until expended, shall be for Animal Health Tech-  
5 nical Services; of which \$35,500,000, to remain available  
6 until expended, shall be for agricultural quarantine and  
7 inspection services; of which \$65,000,000, to remain avail-  
8 able until expended, shall be used to support avian health;  
9 of which \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended,  
10 shall be for information technology infrastructure; of  
11 which \$216,250,000, to remain available until expended,  
12 shall be for specialty crop pests, of which \$8,500,000, to  
13 remain available until September 30, 2027, shall be for  
14 one-time control and management and associated activi-  
15 ties directly related to the multiple-agency response to cit-  
16 rus greening; of which \$11,000,000, to remain available  
17 until expended, shall be for field crop and rangeland eco-  
18 system pests; of which \$21,000,000, to remain available  
19 until expended, shall be for zoonotic disease management;  
20 of which \$44,500,000, to remain available until expended,  
21 shall be for emergency preparedness and response; of  
22 which \$59,000,000, to remain available until expended,  
23 shall be for tree and wood pests; of which \$6,500,000, to  
24 remain available until expended, shall be for the National  
25 Veterinary Stockpile; of which up to \$1,500,000, to re-



1 main available until expended, shall be for the scrapie pro-  
2 gram for indemnities; of which \$2,500,000, to remain  
3 available until expended, shall be for the wildlife damage  
4 management program for aviation safety: *Provided*, That  
5 of amounts available under this heading for wildlife serv-  
6 ices methods development, \$1,000,000 shall remain avail-  
7 able until expended: *Provided further*, That of amounts  
8 available under this heading for the screwworm program,  
9 \$5,500,000 shall remain available until expended; of which  
10 \$24,527,000, to remain available until expended, shall be  
11 used to carry out the science program and transition ac-  
12 tivities for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility lo-  
13 cated in Manhattan, Kansas: *Provided further*, That no  
14 funds shall be used to formulate or administer a brucel-  
15 losis eradication program for the current fiscal year that  
16 does not require minimum matching by the States of at  
17 least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That this appropriation  
18 shall be available for the purchase, replacement, operation,  
19 and maintenance of aircraft: *Provided further*, That in ad-  
20 dition, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the  
21 agricultural production industry of the United States, the  
22 Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds  
23 available to the agencies or corporations of the Depart-  
24 ment such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be avail-  
25 able only in such emergencies for the arrest and eradi-

1 cation of contagious or infectious disease or pests of ani-  
2 mals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance  
3 with sections 10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Pro-  
4 tection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431  
5 and 442 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and  
6 7772), and any unexpended balances of funds transferred  
7 for such emergency purposes in the preceding fiscal year  
8 shall be merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided*  
9 *further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available  
10 pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alter-  
11 ation of leased buildings and improvements, but unless  
12 otherwise provided the cost of altering any one building  
13 during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the  
14 current replacement value of the building.

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

1 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

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

8 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

9 MARKETING SERVICES

10 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing  
11 Service, \$190,250,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall be available  
12 for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113–79,  
13 and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the purposes  
14 of section 779 of division A of Public Law 117–103: *Provided*,  
15 That of the amounts made available under this heading,  
16 \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be to  
17 carry out section 12513 of Public Law 115–334, and the Secretary  
18 shall take measures to ensure an equal distribution of funds  
19 between the four regional innovation initiatives: *Provided further*,  
20 That this appropriation shall be available pursuant to law  
21 (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings and  
22 improvements, but the cost of altering any one building during  
23 the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current  
24 replacement value of the building.

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

7 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

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

15 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND

16 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

18 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-  
19 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-  
20 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other  
21 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the  
22 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and  
23 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-  
24 fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than  
25 \$23,880,000 for formulation and administration of mar-

1   keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural  
2   Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural  
3   Act of 1961 (Public Law 87–128).

4                   PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

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

10           LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

11                                   EXPENSES

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

19           OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

20           For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
21   Secretary for Food Safety, \$1,117,000: *Provided*, That  
22   funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food  
23   Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
24   to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
25   fice.

## 1           FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

2           For necessary expenses to carry out services author-  
3 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry  
4 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection  
5 Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation  
6 allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the  
7 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),  
8 \$1,216,009,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-  
9 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-  
10 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the  
11 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990  
12 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the  
13 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system  
14 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,  
15 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall  
16 be employed during fiscal year 2026 for purposes dedi-  
17 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the  
18 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et  
19 seq.): *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be  
20 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-  
21 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the  
22 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year  
23 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement  
24 value of the building.

1 TITLE II  
2 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION  
3 PROGRAMS

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

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
7 Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation,  
8 \$1,527,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
9 Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conserva-  
10 tion mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
11 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
12 fice.

13 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS  
14 CENTER

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and  
18 Conservation Business Center, \$210,000,000, of which  
19 \$1,000,000 shall be for the implementation of section 773  
20 of Public Law 117–328: *Provided*, That \$70,740,000 of  
21 amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year pursuant  
22 to section 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-  
23 ment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred  
24 to and merged with this account.

## 1 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

## 2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

## 3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,  
5 \$1,100,000,000, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall  
6 be for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and  
7 anticipated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county of-  
8 fices and farm loan officers and shall be available until  
9 September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That the agency shall sub-  
10 mit a report by the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal  
11 year 2026 to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
12 Houses of Congress that identifies for each project/invest-  
13 ment that is operational (a) current performance against  
14 key indicators of customer satisfaction, (b) current per-  
15 formance of service level agreements or other technical  
16 metrics, (c) current performance against a pre-established  
17 cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown of current and  
18 planned spending on operational enhancements or up-  
19 grades, and (e) an assessment of whether the investment  
20 continues to meet business needs as intended as well as  
21 alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*, That the  
22 Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities, and  
23 authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity Credit  
24 Corporation to make program payments for all programs  
25 administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That other



1 funds made available to the Agency for authorized activi-  
2 ties may be advanced to and merged with this account:  
3 *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated under  
4 this heading, \$696,594,000 shall be made available to  
5 county offices, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
6 *vided further*, That, notwithstanding the preceding pro-  
7 viso, any funds made available to county offices in the cur-  
8 rent fiscal year that the Administrator of the Farm Serv-  
9 ice Agency deems to exceed or not meet the amount need-  
10 ed for the county offices may be transferred to or from  
11 the Farm Service Agency for necessary expenses: *Provided*  
12 *further*, That none of the funds available in this or any  
13 other Act shall be used to close Farm Service Agency  
14 county offices: *Provided further*, That none of the funds  
15 available in this or any other Act shall be used to perma-  
16 nently relocate county based employees that would result  
17 in an office with two or fewer employees without prior no-  
18 tification and approval of the Committees on Appropria-  
19 tions of both Houses of Congress.

20 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

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

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

3 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

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

8 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

20 AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM

21 ACCOUNT

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-  
24 rect and guaranteed farm ownership (7 U.S.C. 1922 et  
25 seq.) and operating (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.) loans, emer-

1   gency loans (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.), Indian tribe land ac-  
2   quisition loans (25 U.S.C. 5136), boll weevil loans (7  
3   U.S.C. 1989), direct conservation loans (7 U.S.C. 1924  
4   et seq.), and relending program (7 U.S.C. 1936c) to be  
5   available from funds in the Agricultural Credit Insurance  
6   Fund, as follows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed farm  
7   ownership loans and \$1,966,970,000 for farm ownership  
8   direct loans; \$2,118,491,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed  
9   operating loans and \$1,100,000,000 for direct operating  
10   loans; emergency loans, \$37,000,000; Indian tribe land ac-  
11   quisition loans, \$20,000,000; direct conservation loans,  
12   \$300,000,000; relending program, \$7,705,000; and for  
13   boll weevil eradication program loans, \$5,000,000: *Pro-*  
14   *vided*, That the Secretary shall deem the pink bollworm  
15   to be a boll weevil for the purpose of boll weevil eradication  
16   program loans.

17       For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and  
18   grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined  
19   in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
20   as follows: \$2,572,000 for emergency loans, to remain  
21   available until expended; and \$24,981,000 for direct farm  
22   ownership loans, \$2,661,000 for the relending program,  
23   and \$18,000 for boll weevil eradication program loans.

24       In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
25   carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,

1 \$326,053,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,  
2 \$305,803,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the  
3 appropriation for “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Ex-  
4 penses”.

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

12 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management  
15 Agency, \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the  
16 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall  
17 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-  
18 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-  
19 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall  
20 be in addition to amounts otherwise provided for such pur-  
21 pose: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall  
22 be available for official reception and representation ex-  
23 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

## 1 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

## 2 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

3 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-  
4 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),  
5 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-  
6 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including  
7 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-  
8 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary  
9 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-  
10 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-  
11 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of  
12 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,  
13 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials  
14 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal  
15 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August  
16 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-  
17 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-  
18 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,  
19 \$850,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
20 2027, of which \$34,625,000 shall be for the purposes, and  
21 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-  
22 tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-  
23 panying this Act: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder  
24 shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construc-  
25 tion and improvement of buildings and public improve-

1 ments at plant materials centers, except that the cost of  
2 alterations and improvements to other buildings and other  
3 public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Provided*  
4 *further*, That when buildings or other structures are erect-  
5 ed on non-Federal land, that the right to use such land  
6 is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a.

7 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

8 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-  
9 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-  
10 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and  
11 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed  
12 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–  
13 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-  
14 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,  
15 \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
16 *vided*, That for funds provided by this Act or any other  
17 prior Act, the limitation regarding the size of the water-  
18 shed or subwatershed exceeding two hundred and fifty  
19 thousand acres in which such activities can be undertaken  
20 shall only apply for activities undertaken for the primary  
21 purpose of flood prevention (including structural and land  
22 treatment measures).

1                   WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

2           Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed  
3 Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$7,000,000 is pro-  
4 vided.

5                   CORPORATIONS

6           The following corporations and agencies are hereby  
7 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of  
8 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-  
9 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make  
10 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year  
11 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government  
12 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying  
13 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current  
14 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-  
15 inafter provided.

16           FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

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

20           COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

21           REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

22                   (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23           For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-  
24 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for  
25 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-

1 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,  
2 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds  
3 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-  
4 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act  
5 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the  
6 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be  
7 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-  
8 ice for information resource management activities of the  
9 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-  
10 modity Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,  
11 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-  
12 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior  
13 to the obligation, commitment, transfer, or cancelation of  
14 any emergency funds from the Commodity Credit Cor-  
15 poration: *Provided further*, That such written notification  
16 shall include a detailed spend plan for the anticipated uses  
17 of such funds and an expected timeline for program execu-  
18 tion if such obligation, commitment, transfer, or  
19 cancelation exceeds \$100,000,000.

20 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

21 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

22 For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit  
23 Corporation shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for  
24 site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations  
25 and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement



1 of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental  
2 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal  
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 6961).

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

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
6 Secretary for Rural Development, \$1,620,000: *Provided*,  
7 That funds made available by this Act to an agency in  
8 the Rural Development mission area for salaries and ex-  
9 penses are available to fund up to one administrative sup-  
10 port staff for the Office.

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

14 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-  
15 tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-  
16 grams, including activities with institutions concerning the  
17 development and operation of agricultural cooperatives;  
18 and for cooperative agreements; \$305,000,000: *Provided*,  
19 That of the amount made available under this heading,  
20 no less than \$50,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
21 pended, shall be used for information technology expenses:  
22 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provi-  
23 sion of law, funds appropriated under this heading may  
24 be used for advertising and promotional activities that  
25 support Rural Development programs: *Provided further*,

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

13 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

14 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-  
17 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the  
18 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the  
19 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$880,000,000  
20 shall be for section 502 direct loans; \$6,000,000 shall be  
21 for a Single Family Housing Relending demonstration  
22 program for Native American Tribes; and  
23 \$25,000,000,000, which shall remain available until Sep-  
24 tember 30, 2027, shall be for section 502 unsubsidized  
25 guaranteed loans; \$25,000,000 for section 504 housing re-

1 pair loans; \$60,000,000 for section 515 rental housing;  
2 \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaranteed multi-family  
3 housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit sales of single fam-  
4 ily housing acquired property; \$5,000,000 for section 523  
5 self-help housing land development loans; and \$5,000,000  
6 for section 524 site development loans.

7 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including  
8 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of  
9 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section  
10 502 loans, \$84,480,000 shall be for direct loans; Single  
11 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for  
12 Native American Tribes, \$2,963,000; section 504 housing  
13 repair loans, \$4,333,000; section 523 self-help housing  
14 land development loans, \$862,000; section 524 site devel-  
15 opment loans, \$491,000; and repair, rehabilitation, and  
16 new construction of section 515 rental housing,  
17 \$18,156,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
18 *vided*, That to support the loan program level for section  
19 538 guaranteed loans made available under this heading  
20 the Secretary may charge or adjust any fees to cover the  
21 projected cost of such loan guarantees pursuant to the  
22 provisions of the Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C.  
23 661 et seq.), and the interest on such loans may not be  
24 subsidized: *Provided further*, That applicants in commu-  
25 nities that have a current rural area waiver under section

1 541 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall  
2 be treated as living in a rural area for purposes of section  
3 502 guaranteed loans provided under this heading: *Pro-*  
4 *vided further*, That of the amounts available under this  
5 paragraph for section 502 direct loans, no less than  
6 \$5,000,000 shall be available for direct loans for individ-  
7 uals whose homes will be built pursuant to a program  
8 funded with a mutual and self-help housing grant author-  
9 ized by section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 until June  
10 1, 2026: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall imple-  
11 ment provisions to provide incentives to nonprofit organi-  
12 zations and public housing authorities to facilitate the ac-  
13 quisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS) multifamily  
14 housing properties by such nonprofit organizations and  
15 public housing authorities that commit to keep such prop-  
16 erties in the RHS multifamily housing program for a pe-  
17 riod of time as determined by the Secretary, with such  
18 incentives to include, but not be limited to, the following:  
19 allow such nonprofit entities and public housing authori-  
20 ties to earn a Return on Investment on their own re-  
21 sources to include proceeds from low income housing tax  
22 credit syndication, own contributions, grants, and devel-  
23 oper loans at favorable rates and terms, invested in a deal;  
24 and allow reimbursement of organizational costs associ-

1 ated with owner's oversight of asset referred to as "Asset  
2 Management Fee" of up to \$7,500 per property.

3 In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,  
4 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section  
5 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
6 \$30,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a  
7 demonstration program for the preservation and revital-  
8 ization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family  
9 rental housing properties to restructure existing USDA  
10 multi-family housing loans, as the Secretary deems appro-  
11 priate, expressly for the purposes of ensuring the project  
12 has sufficient resources to preserve the project for the pur-  
13 pose of providing safe and affordable housing for low-in-  
14 come residents and farm laborers including reducing or  
15 eliminating interest; deferring loan payments, subordi-  
16 nating, reducing or re-amortizing loan debt; and other fi-  
17 nancial assistance including advances, payments and in-  
18 centives (including the ability of owners to obtain reason-  
19 able returns on investment) required by the Secretary:  
20 *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, as part of the preser-  
21 vation and revitalization agreement, obtain a restrictive  
22 use agreement consistent with the terms of the restruc-  
23 turing.

24 In addition, for the cost of direct loans, grants, and  
25 contracts, as authorized by sections 514 and 516 of the

1 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486),  
2 \$12,261,000, to remain available until expended for direct  
3 farm labor housing loans and domestic farm labor housing  
4 grants and contracts.

5 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
6 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
7 \$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for  
8 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

9 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

10 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-  
11 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)  
12 of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into  
13 in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible house-  
14 holds as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Hous-  
15 ing Act of 1949, \$1,715,000,000, and in addition such  
16 sums as may be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c)  
17 of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year  
18 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program under sec-  
19 tion 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That amounts made  
20 available under this heading shall be available for renewal  
21 of rental assistance agreements for a maximum of 1,000  
22 units where the Secretary determines that a maturing loan  
23 for a project cannot reasonably be restructured with an-  
24 other USDA loan or modification and the project was op-  
25 erating with rental assistance under section 521 of the

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



1 period of 20 years or until the term of such loan has ex-  
2 pired, subject to annual appropriations: *Provided further*,  
3 That any unexpended balances remaining at the end of  
4 such one-year agreements may be transferred and used  
5 for purposes of any debt reduction, maintenance, repair,  
6 or rehabilitation of any existing projects; preservation; and  
7 rental assistance activities authorized under title V of the  
8 Act: *Provided further*, That rental assistance provided  
9 under agreements entered into prior to fiscal year 2026  
10 for a farm labor multi-family housing project financed  
11 under section 514 or 516 of the Act may not be recaptured  
12 for use in another project until such assistance has re-  
13 mained unused for a period of twelve consecutive months,  
14 if such project has a waiting list of tenants seeking such  
15 assistance or the project has rental assistance eligible ten-  
16 ants who are not receiving such assistance: *Provided fur-*  
17 *ther*, That such recaptured rental assistance shall, to the  
18 extent practicable, be applied to another farm labor multi-  
19 family housing project financed under section 514 or 516  
20 of the Act: *Provided further*, That except as provided in  
21 the eighth proviso under this heading and notwithstanding  
22 any other provision of the Act, the Secretary may recap-  
23 ture rental assistance provided under agreements entered  
24 into prior to fiscal year 2026 for a project that the Sec-

1   retary determines no longer needs rental assistance and  
2   use such recaptured funds for current needs.

3                   RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

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

1 than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made  
2 available under this heading, for administrative expenses  
3 for activities funded under this heading.

4 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

5 For grants and contracts pursuant to section  
6 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.  
7 1490c), \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

8 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

9 For grants for very low-income housing repair and  
10 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing  
11 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,  
12 \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

13 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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

20 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and  
21 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined  
22 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
23 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by  
24 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the  
25 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,

1 \$481,323,000, to remain available until expended, of  
2 which up to \$467,323,407 shall be for the purposes, and  
3 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-  
4 tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-  
5 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$6,000,000 of the  
6 amount appropriated under this heading shall be available  
7 for a Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided*  
8 *further*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop  
9 the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-  
10 based housing and community development organizations,  
11 low-income rural communities, and Federally Recognized  
12 Native American Tribes to undertake projects to improve  
13 housing, community facilities, community and economic  
14 development projects in rural areas: *Provided further*,  
15 That such funds shall be made available to qualified pri-  
16 vate, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations pro-  
17 posing to carry out a program of financial and technical  
18 assistance: *Provided further*, That such intermediary orga-  
19 nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,  
20 including Federal funds for related activities, in an  
21 amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further*,  
22 That any unobligated balances from prior year appropria-  
23 tions under this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan  
24 guarantees and grants, including amounts deobligated or  
25 cancelled, may be made available to cover the subsidy costs

1 for direct loans and or loan guarantees under this heading  
2 in this fiscal year: *Provided further*, That no amounts may  
3 be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from  
4 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an  
5 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu-  
6 tion on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
7 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, or that were specified  
8 in the tables titled “Community Project Funding/Congres-  
9 sionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory statements  
10 for division A of Public Law 117–103, division A of Public  
11 Law 117–328, and division B of Public Law 118–42, as  
12 described in section 4 in the matter preceding each such  
13 division: *Provided further*, That \$8,000,000 of the amount  
14 appropriated under this heading shall be available for com-  
15 munity facilities grants to tribal colleges, as authorized by  
16 section 306(a)(19) of such Act: *Provided further*, That sec-  
17 tions 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and  
18 Rural Development Act are not applicable to the funds  
19 made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That  
20 in addition to any other available funds, the Secretary may  
21 expend not more than \$1,000,000 total, from the program  
22 funds made available under this heading, for administra-  
23 tive expenses for activities funded under this heading.

## 1 RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

## 2 RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

3 For gross obligations for the principal amount of  
4 guaranteed loans as authorized by section 310B of the  
5 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.  
6 1932(g)), \$2,000,000,000.

7 For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the  
8 rural business development programs authorized by sec-  
9 tion 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and  
10 (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
11 Development Act, \$57,200,000, to remain available until  
12 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated  
13 under this heading, \$4,000,000 shall be for grants to the  
14 Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.), the  
15 Northern Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101  
16 et seq.), the Southwest Border Regional Commission (40  
17 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), and the Appalachian Regional  
18 Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.) for any Rural Com-  
19 munity Advancement Program purpose as described in  
20 section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-  
21 velopment Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount ap-  
22 propriated under this heading, no less than \$100,000 shall  
23 be made available for one or more qualified state tech-  
24 nology council to promote private-sector economic develop-  
25 ment in the bio-sciences: *Provided further*, That

1 \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
2 ing shall be for business grants to benefit Federally Recog-  
3 nized Native American Tribes, including \$250,000 for a  
4 grant to a qualified national organization to provide tech-  
5 nical assistance for rural transportation in order to pro-  
6 mote economic development: *Provided further*, That sec-  
7 tions 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and  
8 Rural Development Act are not applicable to funds made  
9 available under this heading.

10 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

15 For the cost of direct loans, \$3,065,000, as author-  
16 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-  
17 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$573,000 shall be avail-  
18 able through June 30, 2026, for Federally Recognized Na-  
19 tive American Tribes; and of which \$1,147,000 shall be  
20 available through June 30, 2026, for Mississippi Delta Re-  
21 gion counties (as determined in accordance with Public  
22 Law 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the  
23 cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section  
24 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

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

5 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM  
6 ACCOUNT

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

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

## 15 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

16 For rural cooperative development grants authorized  
17 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and  
18 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$16,600,000, of  
19 which \$2,800,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for  
20 the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas pro-  
21 gram: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be  
22 for grants for cooperative development centers, individual  
23 cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives that serve socially  
24 disadvantaged groups and a majority of the boards of di-  
25 rectors or governing boards of which are comprised of in-



1 individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged  
2 groups; and of which \$5,000,000, to remain available until  
3 expended, shall be for value-added agricultural product  
4 market development grants, as authorized by section 210A  
5 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, of which  
6 \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended, shall be  
7 for Agriculture Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to  
8 section 6402 of Public Law 107–171.

9       RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

13       For the cost of loans and grants, \$3,269,000 under  
14 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section  
15 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development  
16 Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s).

17       RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

18       For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under  
19 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section  
20 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of  
21 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$50,000,000.

1                               RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE  
2   RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
3                               (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4       For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-  
5   rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306  
6   and described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated  
7   Farm and Rural Development Act, as follows:  
8   \$860,000,000 for direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for guar-  
9   anteed loans.

10       For the direct cost of direct loans, loan guarantees  
11   and grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as de-  
12   fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
13   1974, for rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and  
14   solid waste management programs authorized by sections  
15   306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described  
16   in sections 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of  
17   the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,  
18   \$346,040,000, to remain available until expended, of  
19   which up to \$109,103,564 shall be for the purposes, and  
20   in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-  
21   tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-  
22   panying this Act, of which not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall  
23   be available for the rural utilities program described in  
24   section 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act: *Provided*, That not to  
25   exceed \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this

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

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

1 \$3,130,000 of the amounts appropriated under this head-  
2 ing shall be available as the Secretary deems appropriate  
3 for water and waste direct one percent loans for distressed  
4 communities: *Provided further*, That if the Secretary de-  
5 termines that any portion of the amount made available  
6 for one percent loans is not needed for such loans, the  
7 Secretary may use such amounts for grants authorized by  
8 section 306(a)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-  
9 velopment Act: *Provided further*, That if any funds made  
10 available for the direct loan subsidy costs remain unobli-  
11 gated after July 31, 2026, such unobligated balances may  
12 be used for grant programs funded under this heading.

13 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

14 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees  
17 as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of  
18 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,  
19 936, 940c-1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaran-  
20 teed rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of  
21 that Act, \$2,167,000,000; cost of money direct loans made  
22 pursuant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of  
23 one percent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c),  
24 of that Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting  
25 loans pursuant to section 313A of that Act, \$910,000,000;

1 and for cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans  
2 made pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of that Act, and for  
3 loans made pursuant to Section 306 of that Act,  
4 \$550,000,000.

5 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section  
6 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7  
7 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,  
8 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act  
9 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,  
10 \$5,720,000.

11 In addition, \$5,040,000, to remain available until ex-  
12 pended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security  
13 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): *Pro-*  
14 *vided*, That the energy efficiency measures supported by  
15 the funding in this paragraph shall contribute in a demon-  
16 strable way to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

17 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
18 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
19 \$33,270,000, which shall be paid to the appropriation for  
20 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

21 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND  
22 PROGRAM

23 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning  
24 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa  
25 et seq., \$30,157,000, to remain available until expended,

1 of which up to \$10,157,000 shall be for the purposes, and  
2 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-  
3 tled “Community Project Funding” in the report accom-  
4 panying this Act: *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be  
5 made available for grants authorized by section 379G of  
6 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: *Pro-*  
7 *vided further*, That funding provided under this heading  
8 for grants under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm  
9 and Rural Development Act may only be provided to enti-  
10 ties that meet all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium  
11 as established by this section.

12 For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant  
13 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of  
14 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law  
15 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as  
16 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$90,750,000, to remain  
17 available until expended, of which up to \$750,000 shall  
18 be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this  
19 account in the table titled “Community Project Funding”  
20 in the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That the  
21 Secretary may award grants described in section 601(a)  
22 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7  
23 U.S.C. 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such  
24 pilot program: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct  
25 loans shall be defined in section 502 of the Congressional

1 Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90  
2 percent of the households to be served by a project receiv-  
3 ing a loan or grant under the pilot program shall be in  
4 a rural area without sufficient access to broadband: *Pro-*  
5 *vided further*, That for purposes of such pilot program,  
6 a rural area without sufficient access to broadband shall  
7 be defined as twenty-five megabits per second downstream  
8 and three megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*,  
9 That to the extent possible, projects receiving funds pro-  
10 vided under the pilot program must build out service to  
11 at least one hundred megabits per second downstream,  
12 and twenty megabits per second upstream: *Provided fur-*  
13 *ther*, That an entity to which a loan or grant is made  
14 under the pilot program shall not use the loan or grant  
15 to overbuild or duplicate broadband service in a service  
16 area by any entity that has received a broadband loan  
17 from the Rural Utilities Service unless such service is not  
18 provided sufficient access to broadband at the minimum  
19 service threshold: *Provided further*, That not more than  
20 four percent of the funds made available in this paragraph  
21 can be used for administrative costs to carry out the pilot  
22 program and up to three percent of funds made available  
23 in this paragraph may be available for technical assistance  
24 and pre-development planning activities to support the  
25 most rural communities: *Provided further*, That the Rural



1 Utilities Service is directed to expedite program delivery  
2 methods that would implement this paragraph: *Provided*  
3 *further*, That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary  
4 shall adhere to the notice, reporting and service area as-  
5 sessment requirements set forth in section 701 of the  
6 Rural Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).

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

## 1 TITLE IV

## 2 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,  
4 NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
6 Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,  
7 \$1,127,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
8 Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer  
9 Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-  
10 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for  
11 the Office.

## 12 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

## 13 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

## 14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.  
16 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et  
17 seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of  
18 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and  
19 21; \$35,784,402,000, to remain available through Sep-  
20 tember 30, 2027, of which such sums as are made avail-  
21 able under section 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation,  
22 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as  
23 amended by this Act, shall be merged with and available  
24 for the same time period and purposes as provided herein:  
25 *Provided*, That of the total amount available, \$18,004,000

1 shall be available to carry out section 19 of the Child Nu-  
2 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.): *Provided*  
3 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$21,005,000  
4 shall be available to carry out studies and evaluations and  
5 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,  
6 That of the total amount available, \$5,000,000 shall re-  
7 main available until expended to carry out section 18(g)  
8 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 1769(g)): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding  
10 section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National  
11 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total  
12 grant amount provided to a farm to school grant recipient  
13 in fiscal year 2026 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*  
14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$10,000,000  
15 shall be available to provide competitive grants to State  
16 agencies for subgrants to local educational agencies and  
17 schools to purchase the equipment, with a value of greater  
18 than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier meals, improve food  
19 safety, and to help support the establishment, mainte-  
20 nance, or expansion of the school breakfast program: *Pro-*  
21 *vided further*, That of the total amount available,  
22 \$4,196,000 shall be available for food safety education in-  
23 cluding activities that support sections 17 and 21 of the  
24 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786, 1790) and  
25 to support the safe distribution of USDA Foods, as de-

1 fined in 7 CFR 250.2: *Provided further*, That section  
2 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is amended in the first sentence  
4 by striking “2010 through 2025” and inserting “2010  
5 through 2026”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(3) of  
6 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended in the first sentence by  
8 striking “For fiscal year 2024” and inserting “For fiscal  
9 year 2026”: *Provided further*, That section 9(h)(4) of the  
10 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first sentence by striking  
12 “For fiscal year 2024” and inserting “For fiscal year  
13 2026”.

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

16 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-  
17 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17  
18 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),  
19 \$7,597,000,000, to remain available through September  
20 30, 2027: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section  
21 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
22 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for  
23 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities:  
24 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall use funds made  
25 available under this heading to provide a cash-value vouch-

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

## 1        SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2        For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and  
3 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),  
4 \$118,141,341,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain  
5 available through September 30, 2028, shall be placed in  
6 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times  
7 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:  
8 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended  
9 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition  
10 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made  
11 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to  
12 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and  
13 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food  
14 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*  
15 *further*, That of the funds made available under this head-  
16 ing, \$4,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
17 2027, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public  
18 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal  
19 organizations: *Provided further*, That of the funds made  
20 available under this heading, \$4,000,000 shall be used to  
21 carry out section 4208 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*  
22 *further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to any  
23 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-  
24 quired by law: *Provided further*, That funds made available  
25 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-

1 main available through September 30, 2027: *Provided fur-*  
2 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading for  
3 section 28(d)(1), section 4(b), and section 27(a) of the  
4 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 shall remain available  
5 through September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That none  
6 of the funds made available under this heading may be  
7 obligated or expended in contravention of section 213A of  
8 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A):  
9 *Provided further*, That funds made available under this  
10 heading may be used to enter into contracts and employ  
11 staff to conduct studies, evaluations, or to conduct activi-  
12 ties related to program integrity provided that such activi-  
13 ties are authorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

14 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

15 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster assist-  
16 ance and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program as  
17 authorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Con-  
18 sumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note); the  
19 Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983; special assist-  
20 ance for the nuclear affected islands, as authorized by sec-  
21 tion 103(f)(2) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-  
22 ments Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–188); and the Farm-  
23 ers’ Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section  
24 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, \$516,070,000,  
25 to remain available through September 30, 2027: *Pro-*

1 *vided*, That none of these funds shall be available to reim-  
2 burse the Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities  
3 donated to the program: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
4 standing any other provision of law, effective with funds  
5 made available in fiscal year 2026 to support the Seniors  
6 Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by  
7 section 4402 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment  
8 Act of 2002, such funds shall remain available through  
9 September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That of the funds  
10 made available under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutri-  
11 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may  
12 use up to 20 percent for costs associated with the distribu-  
13 tion of commodities.

14 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

15 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food  
16 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-  
17 tion assistance program, \$135,348,000: *Provided*, That of  
18 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for  
19 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as  
20 amended by section 4401 of Public Law 110–246.



1 TITLE V  
2 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED  
3 PROGRAMS

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

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
7 Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,  
8 \$932,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
9 Act to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural  
10 Affairs mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-  
11 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for  
12 the Office.

13 OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

14 For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex  
15 Alimentarius, \$4,922,000, including not to exceed  
16 \$40,000 for official reception and representation expenses.

17 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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

1 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff:  
2 *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,  
3 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on  
4 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-  
5 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-  
6 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-  
7 grams (7 U.S.C. 1737) and the foreign assistance pro-  
8 grams of the United States Agency for International De-  
9 velopment: *Provided further*, That funds made available  
10 for middle-income country training programs, funds made  
11 available for the Borlaug International Agricultural  
12 Science and Technology Fellowship program, and up to  
13 \$2,000,000 of the Foreign Agricultural Service appropria-  
14 tion solely for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations in  
15 international currency exchange rates, subject to docu-  
16 mentation by the Foreign Agricultural Service, shall re-  
17 main available until expended.

18 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

19 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-  
20 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-  
21 cluding interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act  
22 (Public Law 83-480), for necessary expenses and com-  
23 modities supplied in connection with dispositions abroad  
24 under title II of said Act, \$900,000,000, to remain avail-  
25 able until expended.

1 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION  
2 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

3 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions  
4 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-  
5 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1), \$220,306,000, to  
6 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Com-  
7 modity Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the  
8 services, facilities, and authorities for the purpose of im-  
9 plementing such section, subject to reimbursement from  
10 amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That of the  
11 amount made available under this heading, not more than  
12 10 percent, but not less than \$22,000,000, shall remain  
13 available until expended to purchase agricultural commod-  
14 ities as described in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm  
15 Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.  
16 1736o–1(a)(2)).

17 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)

18 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-  
21 modity Credit Corporation's Export Guarantee Program,  
22 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common  
23 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-  
24 modity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity  
25 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall

1 be paid to the appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural  
2 Service, Salaries and Expenses”.

1 TITLE VI  
2 RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG  
3 ADMINISTRATION  
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
5 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)  
8 For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-  
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger  
10 motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related  
11 costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and  
12 activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are  
13 included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space  
14 in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; for miscellaneous  
15 and emergency expenses of enforcement activities, author-  
16 ized and approved by the Secretary and to be accounted  
17 for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not to exceed  
18 \$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of Public Law  
19 107–188; \$6,682,889,000: *Provided*, That of the amount  
20 provided under this heading, \$1,543,267,000 shall be de-  
21 rived from prescription drug user fees authorized by 21  
22 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this account and  
23 remain available until expended; \$445,807,000 shall be de-  
24 rived from medical device user fees authorized by 21  
25 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account and re-

1 main available until expended; \$665,439,000 shall be de-  
2 rived from human generic drug user fees authorized by  
3 21 U.S.C. 379j-42, and shall be credited to this account  
4 and remain available until expended; \$55,731,000 shall be  
5 derived from biosimilar biological product user fees au-  
6 thorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-52, and shall be credited to  
7 this account and remain available until expended;  
8 \$34,143,000 shall be derived from animal drug user fees  
9 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-12, and shall be credited  
10 to this account and remain available until expended;  
11 \$26,502,000 shall be derived from generic new animal  
12 drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-21, and shall  
13 be credited to this account and remain available until ex-  
14 pended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-  
15 uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be  
16 credited to this account and remain available until ex-  
17 pended: *Provided further*, That in addition to and notwith-  
18 standing any other provision under this heading, amounts  
19 collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device  
20 user fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biologi-  
21 cal product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic  
22 new animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal  
23 year 2026 limitations are appropriated and shall be cred-  
24 ited to this account and remain available until expended:  
25 *Provided further*, That fees derived from prescription drug,

1 medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological  
2 product, animal drug, and generic new animal drug as-  
3 sessments for fiscal year 2026, including any such fees  
4 collected prior to fiscal year 2026 but credited for fiscal  
5 year 2026, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2026 limita-  
6 tions: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may accept  
7 payment during fiscal year 2026 of user fees specified  
8 under this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2027,  
9 prior to the due date for such fees, and that amounts of  
10 such fees assessed for fiscal year 2027 for which the Sec-  
11 retary accepts payment in fiscal year 2026 shall not be  
12 included in amounts under this heading: *Provided further*,  
13 That none of these funds shall be used to develop, estab-  
14 lish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by  
15 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of the total  
16 amount appropriated: (1) \$1,232,115,000 shall be for the  
17 Human Foods Program and related field activities in the  
18 Office of Inspections and Investigations, of which no less  
19 than \$15,000,000 shall be used for inspections of foreign  
20 seafood manufacturers and field examinations of imported  
21 seafood; (2) \$2,359,451,000 shall be for the Center for  
22 Drug Evaluation and Research and related field activities  
23 in the Office Inspection and Investigations, of which no  
24 less than \$10,000,000 shall be for pilots to increase unan-  
25 nounced foreign inspections and shall remain available

1 until expended; (3) \$549,858,000 shall be for the Center  
2 for Biologics Evaluation and Research and for related field  
3 activities in the Office of Inspection and Investigations;  
4 (4) \$244,692,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary  
5 Medicine and for related field activities in the Office of  
6 Inspection and Investigations; (5) \$859,992,000 shall be  
7 for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health and  
8 for related field activities in the Office of Inspection and  
9 Investigations; (6) \$67,453,000 shall be for the National  
10 Center for Toxicological Research; (7) \$684,324,000 shall  
11 be for the Center for Tobacco Products and for related  
12 field activities in the Office of Inspection and Investiga-  
13 tions; (8) \$164,737,000 shall be for Rent and Related ac-  
14 tivities, of which \$48,061,000 is for White Oak Consolida-  
15 tion, other than the amounts paid to the General Services  
16 Administration for rent; (9) \$199,000,000 shall be for  
17 payments to the General Services Administration for rent;  
18 and (10) \$321,267,000 shall be for other activities, includ-  
19 ing the Office of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs,  
20 the Office of Food Policy and Response, the Office of Op-  
21 erations, the Office of the Chief Scientist, and central  
22 services for these offices: *Provided further*, That not to ex-  
23 ceed \$25,000 of this amount shall be for official reception  
24 and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for,  
25 as determined by the Commissioner: *Provided further*,



1 That any transfer of funds pursuant to, and for the ad-  
2 ministration of, section 770(n) of the Federal Food, Drug,  
3 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(n)) shall only be from  
4 amounts made available under this heading for other ac-  
5 tivities and shall not exceed \$2,000,000: *Provided further,*  
6 That of the amounts that are made available under this  
7 heading for “other activities”, and that are not derived  
8 from user fees, \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to and  
9 merged with the appropriation for “Department of Health  
10 and Human Services—Office of Inspector General” for  
11 oversight of the programs and operations of the Food and  
12 Drug Administration and shall be in addition to funds oth-  
13 erwise made available for oversight of the Food and Drug  
14 Administration: *Provided further,* That funds may be  
15 transferred from one specified activity to another with the  
16 prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of  
17 both Houses of Congress.

18 In addition, mammography user fees authorized by  
19 42 U.S.C. 263b, export certification user fees authorized  
20 by 21 U.S.C. 381, priority review user fees authorized by  
21 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, food and feed recall fees, food  
22 reinspection fees, and voluntary qualified importer pro-  
23 gram fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–31, outsourcing  
24 facility fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription  
25 drug wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees

1 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics  
2 provider licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21  
3 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized  
4 by 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), medical countermeasure priority  
5 review voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–  
6 4a, and fees relating to over-the-counter monograph drugs  
7 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–72 shall be credited to this  
8 account, to remain available until expended.

9 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

10 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-  
11 sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-  
12 ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Admin-  
13 istration, where not otherwise provided, \$1,000,000 to re-  
14 main available until expended.

15 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

16 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions  
19 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), in-  
20 cluding the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles,  
21 and the rental of space (to include multiple year leases),  
22 in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$335,000,000,  
23 including not to exceed \$3,000 for official reception and  
24 representation expenses, and not to exceed \$25,000 for the  
25 expenses for consultations and meetings hosted by the

1 Commission with foreign governmental and other regu-  
2 latory officials, of which not less than \$80,000,000 shall  
3 remain available until September 30, 2028, and of which  
4 not less than \$4,218,000 shall be for expenses of the Of-  
5 fice of the Inspector General: *Provided*, That notwith-  
6 standing the limitations in 31 U.S.C. 1553, amounts pro-  
7 vided under this heading are available for the liquidation  
8 of obligations equal to current year payments on leases  
9 entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act:  
10 *Provided further*, That for the purpose of recording and  
11 liquidating any lease obligations that should have been re-  
12 corded and liquidated against accounts closed pursuant to  
13 31 U.S.C. 1552, and consistent with the preceding pro-  
14 viso, such amounts shall be transferred to and recorded  
15 in a no-year account in the Treasury, which has been es-  
16 tablished for the sole purpose of recording adjustments for  
17 and liquidating such unpaid obligations.

18 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

19 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

20 Not to exceed \$106,500,000 (from assessments col-  
21 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal  
22 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated  
23 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses  
24 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this  
25 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-

1 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed  
2 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the  
3 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
4 gress: *Provided further*, That the purposes of section  
5 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.  
6 2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may  
7 exempt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the applica-  
8 tion of the limitation provided in that clause of export  
9 loans described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a  
10 manner other than described in subclause (II) of the  
11 clause.

## 1 TITLE VII

## 2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

3 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations  
5 made available to the Department of Agriculture in this  
6 Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition  
7 to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the  
8 total number of U.S. based vehicles purchased in fiscal  
9 year 2026 does not exceed the number of U.S. based vehi-  
10 cles owned or leased in fiscal year 2018: *Provided*, That,  
11 prior to purchasing additional U.S. based motor vehicles,  
12 the Secretary must determine that such vehicles are nec-  
13 essary for transportation safety, to reduce operational  
14 costs, and for the protection of life, property, and public  
15 safety: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may not in-  
16 crease the Department of Agriculture's U.S. based vehicle  
17 fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary notifies in  
18 writing, and receives approval from, the Committees on  
19 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 30 days  
20 of the notification.

21 SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
22 this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobli-  
23 gated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this  
24 Act or any other available unobligated discretionary bal-  
25 ances that are remaining available of the Department of

1 Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisi-  
2 tion of property, plant and equipment and for the improve-  
3 ment, delivery, and implementation of Department finan-  
4 cial, and administrative information technology services,  
5 and other support systems necessary for the delivery of  
6 financial, administrative, and information technology serv-  
7 ices, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary  
8 benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture,  
9 such transferred funds to remain available until expended:  
10 *Provided*, That none of the funds made available by this  
11 Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working  
12 Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency ad-  
13 ministrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds  
14 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this  
15 section shall be available for obligation without written no-  
16 tification to and the prior approval of the Committees on  
17 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided fur-*  
18 *ther*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or  
19 made available to the Department's Working Capital  
20 Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to  
21 make any changes to the Department's National Finance  
22 Center without written notification to and prior approval  
23 of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
24 Congress as required by section 716 of this Act: *Provided*  
25 *further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section  
12 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this  
13 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds  
14 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any  
15 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses  
16 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of  
17 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section  
18 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,667,049,000  
19 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal  
20 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement  
21 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—  
22 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—  
23 \$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-  
24 chases—\$40,971,000: *Provided*, That of the total funds  
25 made available in the matter preceding this proviso that

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

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

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

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

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

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

2           or

3           (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or

4           activities presently performed by Federal employees;

5       unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of

6       Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-

7       modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)

8       notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-

9       tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least

10      30 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds

11      or the use of such authority.

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

13      vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies

14      funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or

15      expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from

16      any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of

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

18      available for obligation or expenditure for activities, pro-

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

20      authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds

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

22      that—

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

24      tivities;



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

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

8           unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of  
9           Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-  
10          modity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be)  
11          notifies in writing and receives approval from the Commit-  
12          tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least  
13          30 days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of  
14          such funds or the use of such authority.

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

23          (d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-  
24          vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies  
25          funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or

1 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from  
2 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of  
3 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be  
4 available for—

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

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

15          (3) carrying out activities or functions that  
16          were not described in the budget request;  
17 unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing,  
18 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
19 gress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for  
20 these purposes.

21          (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used  
22 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the  
23 Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chair-  
24 man of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission re-  
25 ceives from the Committee on Appropriations of both

1 Houses of Congress written or electronic mail confirma-  
2 tion of receipt of the notification as required in this sec-  
3 tion.

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

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

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

1 fication within the text or audio of the prepackaged news  
2 story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or  
3 funded by that executive branch agency.

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

12       SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of  
13 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the  
14 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the  
15 Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commis-  
16 sion, and the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administra-  
17 tion shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of  
18 both Houses of Congress a detailed spending plan by pro-  
19 gram, project, and activity for all the funds made available  
20 under this Act including appropriated user fees, as defined  
21 in the report accompanying this Act.

22       SEC. 722. Of the unobligated balances from amounts  
23 made available for the supplemental nutrition program as  
24 authorized by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of  
25 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), \$100,000,000 are hereby re-

1 scinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded  
2 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as  
3 an emergency requirement pursuant to a Concurrent Res-  
4 olution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
5 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility  
7 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service  
8 programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated  
9 prison populations.

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

19 SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates  
20 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-  
21 tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and  
22 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-  
23 tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107–76)  
24 shall be available for obligation without written notifica-  
25 tion to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Ap-

1    appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That  
2    the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for  
3    obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and  
4    equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-  
5    livery, and implementation of Departmental financial  
6    management, information technology, and other support  
7    systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administra-  
8    tive, and information technology services, including cloud  
9    adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies  
10   of the Department of Agriculture.

11        SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this  
12   Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the  
13   “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-  
14   ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-  
15   sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department  
16   of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15,  
17   2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agri-  
18   culture amends the definition of the term “variety” as de-  
19   fined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Fed-  
20   eral Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition  
21   of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of  
22   title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-  
23   ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each  
24   staple food category so that the total number of such items  
25   in each staple food category exceeds the number of such

1 items in each staple food category included in the final  
2 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That  
3 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-  
4 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-  
5 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-  
6 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were  
7 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of  
8 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

9       SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section  
10 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the  
11 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority  
12 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and  
13 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under  
14 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42  
15 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with respect to loans guaranteed under  
16 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

17       SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
18 wise made available by this Act shall be available for the  
19 United States Department of Agriculture to propose, fi-  
20 nalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate  
21 new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act.

23       SEC. 729. None of the funds made available by this  
24 or any other Act thereafter may be used to write, prepare,  
25 or publish a proposed rule, final rule, or an interim final

1 rule in furtherance of, or otherwise to implement or en-  
2 force the final rule entitled “Transparency in Poultry  
3 Grower Contracting and Tournaments,” published by the  
4 Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on No-  
5 vember 28, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 83210 et seq.), the final  
6 rule entitled “Inclusive Competition and Market Integrity  
7 Under the Packers and Stockyards Act,” published by the  
8 Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on  
9 March 6, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 16092 et seq.), the final  
10 rule entitled “Poultry Grower Payment Systems and Cap-  
11 ital Improvement Systems,” published by the Department  
12 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on January 16,  
13 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 5146 et seq.), the proposed rule enti-  
14 tled “Fair and Competitive Livestock and Poultry Mar-  
15 kets,” published by the Department of Agriculture in the  
16 Federal Register on June 28, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 53886  
17 et seq.), or any subsequent substantially similar rule-  
18 making effort, except that funds may be used to, and the  
19 Secretary of Agriculture shall, withdraw or rescind any  
20 such proposed rules, advanced notices of proposed rule-  
21 making, and any such rules that may have been finalized,  
22 and discontinue and provide notice of closure to affected  
23 parties of any investigations or enforcement activities  
24 pending under said rules.



1        SEC. 730. Notwithstanding any provision of law that  
2 regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and hol-  
3 iday pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge  
4 establishments subject to the inspection requirements of  
5 the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et  
6 seq., the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et  
7 seq, and the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 1031  
8 et seq., for the cost of inspection services provided outside  
9 of an establishment's approved inspection shifts, and for  
10 inspection services provided on Federal holidays: *Provided*,  
11 That any sums charged pursuant to this paragraph shall  
12 be deemed as overtime pay or holiday pay under section  
13 1001(d) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public  
14 Law 117–2, 135 Stat. 242): *Provided further*, That sums  
15 received by the Secretary under this paragraph shall, in  
16 addition to other available funds, remain available until  
17 expended to the Secretary without further appropriation  
18 for the purpose of funding all costs associated with FSIS  
19 inspections.

20        SEC. 731. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

21                (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates  
22                the following factors in the country or region being  
23                audited, as applicable—

24                        (A) veterinary control and oversight;

1 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-  
2 tices;

3 (C) livestock demographics and  
4 traceability;

5 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-  
6 tial sources of infection;

7 (E) surveillance practices;

8 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and

9 (G) emergency preparedness and response;  
10 and

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

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

17 SEC. 732. A bank referenced in 12 U.S.C. 2128 may  
18 make and participate in loans and commitments and pro-  
19 vide technical and other financial assistance to coopera-  
20 tives and any other public or private entity (except for the  
21 federal government) for the purpose of installing, main-  
22 taining, expanding, improving, or operating facilities in a  
23 rural area as defined in 12 U.S.C. 2128(f) for the proc-  
24 essing or disposal of waste from any source, provision of

1 telecommunication services, and producing electricity from  
2 any source for use or sale by the borrower.

3 SEC. 733. Out of the funds provided by this Act to  
4 the Food and Drug Administration (in this section re-  
5 ferred to as the “FDA”), or provided from any accounts  
6 in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available  
7 to the agencies funded by this Act, not less than  
8 \$200,000,000 shall be used by the Commissioner of Food  
9 and Drugs for enforcement activities related to e-ciga-  
10 rettes, vapes, and other electronic nicotine delivery sys-  
11 tems (in this section referred to as “ENDS”), including—

12 (1) updating the FDA document titled “Guid-  
13 ance for Industry on its Enforcement Priorities”,  
14 published in January 2020 and updated on April 13,  
15 2020—

16 (A) to expand FDA’s prioritized enforce-  
17 ment to flavored disposable ENDS products in  
18 addition to cartridge-based products; and

19 (B) to define the term “disposable ENDS  
20 product”;

21 (2) preparing and making publicly available on  
22 the FDA website a list of products, to be updated  
23 monthly, that have—

24 (A) received marketing granted orders pur-  
25 suant to section 910(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Federal

1 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 4  
2 387j(c)(1)(A)(i));

3 (B) received marketing denial orders pur-  
4 suant to section 910(c) of such Act (21 U.S.C.  
5 7 387j(c)) that have been and remain stayed by  
6 the Secretary or through court order, rescinded  
7 by the Secretary, or vacated by a court; or

8 (C) submitted a premarket tobacco product  
9 application pursuant to section 910(b) of such  
10 Act (21 U.S.C. 387j(b)), which remains pend-  
11 ing review since on or before September 9,  
12 2020;

13 (3) continuing the activities of the Federal  
14 multi-agency task force led by the Department of  
15 Justice and the FDA to further work to bring all  
16 available criminal and civil tools to bear against the  
17 illegal manufacture, importation, distribution, and  
18 sale of e-cigarettes, vapes, and other ENDS prod-  
19 ucts from the Republic of China and other foreign  
20 countries; and

21 (4) submitting a semi-annual written report to  
22 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
23 Congress on the progress that the Center for To-  
24 bacco Products is making in removing all illegal nic-  
25 otine products from the market.

1       SEC. 734. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for  
2 this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-  
3 posal, and solid waste management programs authorized  
4 by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of  
5 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7  
6 U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the  
7 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public  
8 water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel  
9 products used in the project are produced in the United  
10 States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15      (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-  
16      sistent with United States obligations under international  
17      agreements.

18      (e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of  
19      the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities  
20      Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-  
21      count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-  
22      section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the re-  
23      quirements of this section.

24      (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a  
25      project for which the engineering plans and specifications

1 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited  
2 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-  
3 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the  
4 date of enactment of this Act.

5 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United  
6 States” and “State” shall include each of the several  
7 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-  
8 ognized Indian Tribe.

9 SEC. 735. None of the funds appropriated by this Act  
10 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence  
11 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation  
12 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-  
13 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.  
14 1913.

15 SEC. 736. Of the total amounts made available by  
16 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following  
17 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-  
18 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—  
19 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing  
20 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural  
21 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program  
22 Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Rural  
23 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business-Coopera-  
24 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-  
25 gram Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—

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



1       SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-  
3 edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for inves-  
4 tigational use of a drug or biological product under section  
5 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21  
6 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health  
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which  
8 a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to  
9 include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submis-  
10 sion shall be deemed to have not been received by the Sec-  
11 retary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

12       SEC. 738. None of the funds made available by this  
13 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule  
14 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-  
15 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,  
16 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and  
17 published on November 27, 2015, and the proposed rule  
18 issued by the Food and Drug Administration pending at  
19 the Office of Management and Budget entitled “Stand-  
20 ards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding  
21 Produce for Human Consumption Related to Agricultural  
22 Water” (86 Fed. Reg. 69120 and 87 Fed. Reg. 42973),  
23 with respect to the regulation of entities that grow, har-  
24 vest, pack, or hold wine grapes, hops, pulse crops, or al-  
25 monds.

1       SEC. 739. For school years 2025–2026 and 2026–  
2 2027, none of the funds made available by this Act may  
3 be used to restrict or limit the substitution of any vege-  
4 table subgroup for fruits under the school breakfast pro-  
5 gram established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition  
6 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

7       SEC. 740. None of the funds made available by this  
8 Act or any other Act may be used—

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

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

21       SEC. 741. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive  
22 the matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of  
23 the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Re-  
24 form Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

1       SEC. 742. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce any  
3 rule that would reduce the maximum monthly allowance  
4 with respect to milk under section 246.10 of title 7, Code  
5 of Federal Regulations (as in effect on April 1, 2023), in-  
6 cluding the rule entitled “Special Supplemental Nutrition  
7 Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revi-  
8 sions to the WIC Food Packages” published by the De-  
9 partment of Agriculture in the Federal Register on April  
10 18, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 28488).

11       SEC. 743. None of the funds made available by this  
12 Act may be used to impose updated minimum efficiency  
13 standards for new housing financed by the Department  
14 of Agriculture as part of carrying out the notice entitled  
15 “Final Determination: Energy Efficiency Standards for  
16 New Construction of HUD and USDA Financed Hous-  
17 ing” (89 Fed. Reg. 33112).

18       SEC. 744. Of the unobligated balances from prior  
19 year appropriations made available in the “Working Cap-  
20 ital Fund,” \$78,000,000 are here by permanently can-  
21 celled: *Provided*, That no amounts shall be cancelled from  
22 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an  
23 emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to a  
24 concurrent resolution or the budget of the Balanced Budg-  
25 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1        SEC. 745. (a) After the effective date of any final rule  
2 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) publishes in  
3 connection with its proposed rule to update these require-  
4 ments (87 Federal Register 59168, issued on September  
5 29, 2022), manufacturers may also continue to comply  
6 with the previous requirements promulgated by the FDA  
7 for the implied nutrient content claim “healthy” through  
8 the “compliance date” FDA provides in the final rule.

9        (b) Any food product manufactured and labeled as  
10 “healthy” during the compliance period FDA provides in  
11 that final rule shall not be directly or indirectly subject  
12 to any state-law requirements that are not identical to ei-  
13 ther (i) the Federal requirements for the implied nutrition  
14 content claim “healthy” that were in effect as of the date  
15 FDA issues the final rule, or (ii) the updated Federal re-  
16 quirements that FDA promulgates in the final rule, as-  
17 suming the updated requirements go into effect during the  
18 regulatory compliance period.

19        SEC. 746. Funds made available under title II of the  
20 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be  
21 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate  
22 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-  
23 trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is  
24 received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by

1 food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-  
2 propriate purposes.

3 SEC. 747. None of the funds made available by this  
4 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-  
5 ucts or seafood imported into the United States from the  
6 People's Republic of China for use in the school lunch pro-  
7 gram under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care  
9 Food Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 1766), the Summer Food Service Program for Children  
11 under section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the  
12 school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act  
13 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

14 SEC. 748. For school year 2026–2027, only a school  
15 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit  
16 school food service account as of June 30, 2025, shall be  
17 required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance  
18 with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National  
19 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

20 SEC. 749. Any funds made available by this or any  
21 other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section  
22 1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and  
23 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended,  
24 shall be available for grants for biotechnology risk assess-  
25 ment research: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer

1 such funds among appropriations of the Department of  
2 Agriculture for purposes of making such grants.

3 SEC. 750. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
4 law, no funds available to the Department of Agriculture  
5 may be used to move any staff office or any agency from  
6 the mission area in which it was located on August 1,  
7 2018, to any other mission area or office within the De-  
8 partment in the absence of the enactment of specific legis-  
9 lation affirming such move.

10 SEC. 751. The Secretary, acting through the Chief  
11 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use  
12 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for  
13 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program  
14 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out  
15 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-  
16 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency  
17 Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to  
18 section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16  
19 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such pro-  
20 grams pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Secu-  
21 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding  
22 subsection (c) of such section.

23 SEC. 752. In administering the pilot program estab-  
24 lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-  
25 propriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-

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

9       SEC. 753. In addition to amounts otherwise made  
10   available, there is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to re-  
11   main available until expended, for the Meat and Poultry  
12   Processing Expansion Program established pursuant to  
13   section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
14   2021 (Public Law 117–2) to award grants to processors  
15   of invasive, wild-caught catfish.

16       SEC. 754. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,  
17   to remain available until expended, to carry out Section  
18   758 of division B of P.L. 118-42, in addition to amounts  
19   otherwise available for such purpose.

20       SEC. 755. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
21   wise made available by this Act may be used for diversity,  
22   equity and inclusion initiatives, trainings, programs, of-  
23   fices, officers, policies, or any program, project, or activity  
24   that promotes or advances Critical Race Theory or any  
25   concept associated with Critical Race Theory.

1       SEC. 756. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
2 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food  
3 and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any  
4 new guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufac-  
5 turers for *Listeria monocytogenes* (Lm) until the FDA  
6 considers the available new science in developing the Com-  
7 pliance Policy Guide (CPG), Guidance for FDA Staff, Sec.  
8 555.320 *Listeria monocytogenes*—regarding Lm in low-  
9 risk foods, meaning foods that do not support the growth  
10 of Lm.

11       SEC. 757. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
12 wise made available by this Act may be used by the Food  
13 and Drug Administration to develop, issue, promote or ad-  
14 vance any final guidelines or new regulations applicable  
15 to food manufacturers for long-term population-wide so-  
16 dium reduction actions until an assessment is completed  
17 on the impact of the short-term sodium reduction targets.

18       SEC. 758. For necessary expenses associated with  
19 cotton classing activities pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 55, to in-  
20 clude equipment and facility upgrades, and in addition to  
21 any other funds made available for this purpose, there is  
22 appropriated \$4,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
23 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That amounts made available  
24 in this section shall be treated as funds collected by fees



1 authorized under Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 288, §5, 42 Stat.  
2 1518, as amended (7 U.S.C. 55).

3 SEC. 759. Section 297A of the Agricultural Mar-  
4 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
6 (6) as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively; and  
7 (2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
8 following:

9 “(1) HEMP.—

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

19 “(B) INCLUSION.—Such term includes in-  
20 dustrial hemp.

21 “(C) EXCLUSIONS.—Such term does not  
22 include—

23 “(i) any viable seeds from a *Cannabis*  
24 *sativa* L. plant that exceeds a total  
25 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (in-

1 cluding tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of 0.3  
2 percent in the plant on a dry weight basis;  
3 or

4 “(ii) any hemp-derived cannabinoid  
5 products containing—

6 “(I) cannabinoids that are not  
7 capable of being naturally produced  
8 by a *Cannabis sativa L.* plant;

9 “(II) cannabinoids that—  
10 “(aa) are capable of being  
11 naturally produced by a *Cannabis*  
12 *sativa L.* plant; and

13 “(bb) were synthesized or  
14 manufactured outside the plant;  
15 or

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

22 “(aa) tetrahydrocannabinol  
23 (including tetrahydrocannabinolic  
24 acid); or

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

10               “(2) INDUSTRIAL HEMP.—The term ‘industrial  
11               hemp’ means hemp—

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

16                   “(B) grown for the use of the whole grain,  
17                   oil, cake, nut, hull, or any other non-  
18                   cannabinoid compound, derivative, mixture,  
19                   preparation, or manufacture of the seeds of  
20                   such plant;

21                   “(C) grown for purposes of producing  
22                   microgreens or other edible hemp leaf products  
23                   intended for human consumption that are de-  
24                   rived from an immature hemp plant that is  
25                   grown from seeds that do not exceed the

1 threshold for total tetrahydrocannabinol con-  
2 centration specified in paragraph (1)(C)(i);

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

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

13 “(3) HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID PROD-  
14 UCT.—

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

19 “(i) contains cannabinoids in any  
20 form; and

21 “(ii) is intended for human or animal  
22 use through any means of application or  
23 administration, such as inhalation, inges-  
24 tion, or topical application.

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

6           SEC. 760. If services performed by APHIS employees  
7           are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and  
8           Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an  
9           animal disease outbreak, any premium pay that is funded,  
10          either directly or through reimbursement, shall be exempt-  
11          ed from the aggregate of basic pay and premium pay cal-  
12          culated under section 5547 of title 5, United States Code,  
13          and any other provision of law limiting the aggregate  
14          amount of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar  
15          year basis: *Provided*, That this section shall take effect  
16          as if enacted on January 1, 2023.

17          SEC. 761. None of the funds made available by this  
18          Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of per-  
19          sonnel—

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

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

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

4           SEC. 762. The National Academies of Sciences, Engi-  
5           neering and Medicine (NASEM) were tasked with pro-  
6           viding findings and recommendations on alcohol consump-  
7           tion for the purposes of inclusion in the 2025 Dietary  
8           Guidelines for Americans as required by Section 772 of  
9           Division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023  
10          (Public Law 117–328): *Provided*, That the Secretary of  
11          Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agri-  
12          culture shall only consider the findings and recommenda-  
13          tions of the NASEM report in the development of the  
14          2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and further, both  
15          Secretaries shall ensure that the alcohol consumption rec-  
16          ommendations in the 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Ameri-  
17          cans shall be based on the preponderance of scientific and  
18          medical knowledge consistent with section 5341 of title 7  
19          of United States Code.

20          SEC. 763. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
21          law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal  
22          approved prior to the effective date of the National Bio-  
23          engineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19,  
24          2019) shall include the words “genetically engineered”  
25          prior to the existing acceptable market name.

1        SEC. 764. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be in-  
2 cluded as a member of the Committee on Foreign Invest-  
3 ment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case  
4 basis pursuant to the authorities in section 721(k)(2)(J)  
5 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.  
6 4565(k)(2)(J)) with respect to each covered transaction  
7 (as defined in section 721(a)(4) of the Defense Production  
8 Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4))) involving agricultural  
9 land, agriculture biotechnology, or the agriculture industry  
10 (including agricultural transportation, agricultural stor-  
11 age, and agricultural processing), as determined by the  
12 CFIUS Chairperson in coordination with the Secretary of  
13 Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, to the  
14 maximum extent practicable, notify the Committee on  
15 Foreign Investment in the United States of any agricul-  
16 tural land transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture  
17 has reason to believe, based on information from or in co-  
18 operation with the Intelligence Community, is a covered  
19 transaction (A) that may pose a risk to the national secu-  
20 rity of the United States, with particular emphasis on cov-  
21 ered transactions of an interest in agricultural land by for-  
22 eign governments or entities of concern, as defined in 42  
23 U.S.C. 19221(a), including the People's Republic of  
24 China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the  
25 Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and

1 (B) with respect to which a person is required to submit  
2 a report to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2(a)  
3 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of  
4 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

5 SEC. 765. The agencies and offices of the Depart-  
6 ment of Agriculture may reimburse the Office of the Gen-  
7 eral Counsel (OGC), out of the funds provided in this Act,  
8 for costs incurred by OGC in providing services to such  
9 agencies or offices under time-limited agreements entered  
10 into with such agencies and offices: *Provided*, That such  
11 transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer au-  
12 thority provided by law.

13 SEC. 766. No funds appropriated by this Act may be  
14 used to implement, administer, or enforce the  
15 "Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for  
16 Certain Foods" published on November 21, 2022 (87 Fed.  
17 Reg. 70910), or any other rule promulgated in accordance  
18 with section 204 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization  
19 Act (21 U.S.C. 2223), prior to August 1, 2028, and until  
20 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

21 (1) completes at least 4 evaluations or beta  
22 tests using multiple products on the Food  
23 Traceability List, in coordination with farms and  
24 with food industry members operating restaurants,  
25 retail food establishments, FDA registered food fa-



1       cilities, food packing facilities and warehouses dis-  
2       tributing to retail food establishments, and res-  
3       taurants, to—

4               (A) identify and test low-cost food  
5       traceability technologies that track both the  
6       traceability lot code and traceability lot code  
7       source throughout the global supply chain and  
8       evaluate the effectiveness of these technologies  
9       and their economic feasibility for various sized  
10      operations throughout the supply chain; and

11              (B) facilitate interoperability by assessing  
12      industry standards and establishing a model  
13      data format along with reusable templates that  
14      allow diverse systems to communicate, share,  
15      and use traceability data effectively;

16              (2) establishes a panel of experts to assess the  
17      FDA's foodborne illness traceback investigation  
18      process, for both foreign and domestic food sup-  
19      pliers, and to provide feedback for the evaluations or  
20      beta tests. This panel shall include diverse stake-  
21      holders, such as retailers, distributors, growers, state  
22      and local officials, and public health officials. The  
23      FDA shall publish the panel outcomes and rec-  
24      ommendations no later than one year from the date  
25      of enactment of this Act.

1        SEC. 767. Within 120 days of enactment of this Act,  
2 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting  
3 through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall de-  
4 velop a plan, in consultation with the Department of State  
5 and the governments of Abraham Accords countries, to  
6 consider the location, duties, and personnel necessary to  
7 carry out the functions of an Abraham Accords Bureau  
8 within the Food and Drug Administration.

9        SEC. 768. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Mar-  
10 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by strik-  
11 ing “2025” and inserting “2026”.

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

15        SEC. 769. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision  
16 of law, not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
17 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

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

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

23        (b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out sub-  
24 section (a) in a manner consistent with the recommenda-  
25 tions for early introduction of peanut-containing foods in-

1 cluded in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-  
2 2025, published under section 301 of the National Nutri-  
3 tion Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7  
4 U.S.C. 5341).

5 (c) In this section, the term “covered Food Pack-  
6 ages” means Food Packages I and II under section 246.10  
7 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, as amended by  
8 the rule entitled “Special Supplemental Nutrition Pro-  
9 gram for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions  
10 to the WIC Food Packages” published by the Department  
11 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on April 18, 2024  
12 (89 Fed. Reg. 28488).

13 SEC. 770. (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date  
14 of enactment this Act, the functions, duties, responsibil-  
15 ities, assets, liabilities, orders, determinations, rules, regu-  
16 lations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agreements, cer-  
17 tificates, licenses, and privileges of the Administrator of  
18 the United States Agency for International Development  
19 relating to carrying out any authority under the Food for  
20 Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.) shall be transferred  
21 to the Secretary of Agriculture.

22 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any provi-  
23 sion of law or regulation to the Administrator or  
24 Agency referred to in subsection (a), as applicable,  
25 shall be deemed to be reference to the Secretary of

1       Agriculture or to any department of office of the De-  
2       partment of Agriculture to which the Secretary as-  
3       signs the functions, duties, or responsibilities trans-  
4       ferred pursuant to this Act, respectively.

5           (c) REGULATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other  
6       provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture may  
7       implement amendments to a regulation referred to  
8       in subsection (a), which shall be published as an in-  
9       terim final rule and may be made effective imme-  
10      diately on publication, to ensure continuity of the  
11      applicable program as a result of a transfer under  
12      this Act.

13          (d) AUTHORITIES.—Any existing statutory au-  
14      thorities in effect as of the date of enactment of this  
15      Act that are available to the Administrator of the  
16      United States Agency for International Development  
17      that have been used or could have been used by the  
18      Administrator to implement the functions, duties, or  
19      responsibilities of the United States Agency for  
20      International Development relating to implementing  
21      or administering the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C.  
22      1691 et seq.) may be exercised by the Secretary of  
23      Agriculture.

24          (e) FAMINE EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS NET-  
25      WORK.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this

1 Act, the functions, duties, responsibilities, assets, li-  
2 abilities, orders, determinations, rules, regulations,  
3 permits, grants, loans, contracts, agreements, certifi-  
4 cates, licenses, and privileges of the Administrator of  
5 the United States Agency for International Develop-  
6 ment of the Famine Early Warning Systems Net-  
7 work, or a successor program, shall be transferred to  
8 the Secretary of Agriculture.

9 (f) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Agri-  
10 culture shall consult with the Secretary of State  
11 from time to time in carrying out the authorities  
12 under title II of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C.  
13 1721 et seq.).

14 (g) ADDITIONAL INCIDENTAL DISPOSITIONS.—  
15 Pursuant to section 1531 of title 31, United States  
16 Code, the Director of the Office of Management and  
17 Budget, in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-  
18 culture, is authorized and directed to make such ad-  
19 ditional incidental dispositions of personnel, assets,  
20 and liabilities held, used, arising from, available, or  
21 to be made available, in connection with the func-  
22 tions transferred by this Section, as the Director  
23 may determine necessary to accomplish the purposes  
24 of this Section.

25 (h) LEGAL DOCUMENTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
2           provision of law, All covered legal documents shall  
3           continue in effect according to their terms, until  
4           modified (and only to the extent expressly modified),  
5           terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked in ac-  
6           cordance with law by the Secretary, any other au-  
7           thorized official, a court of competent jurisdiction, or  
8           by operation of law.

9           (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in such docu-  
10          ments to the Administrator of the United States  
11          Agency for International Development (or the Ad-  
12          ministrator’s designee) or to the United States  
13          Agency for International Development (or an office  
14          of the United States Agency for International Devel-  
15          opment) shall be deemed to be a reference to the  
16          Secretary of Agriculture (or the Secretary’s des-  
17          ignee) or to the Department of Agriculture (or a de-  
18          partment, agency, or office of the Department of  
19          Agriculture to which the Secretary assigns the func-  
20          tion, duty, or responsibility transferred pursuant to  
21          this Act), respectively.

22          (3) REGULATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other  
23          provision of law, the Secretary may implement  
24          amendments to the regulations referred to in this  
25          section, which shall be published as an interim final

1 rule and may be made effective immediately on pub-  
2 lication, to ensure continuity of the program as a re-  
3 sult of the transfers in this Act.

4 (4) COVERED LEGAL DOCUMENTS DEFINED.—

5 In this subsection the term “covered legal docu-  
6 ments” means all orders, determinations, rules, reg-  
7 ulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agree-  
8 ments, certificates, licenses, and privileges that—

9 (A) have been issued, made, granted, or al-  
10 lowed to become effective by the United States  
11 Agency for International Development, any offi-  
12 cer or employee of the United States Agency for  
13 International Development, or any other Gov-  
14 ernment official, or by a court of competent ju-  
15 risdiction, in the performance of any function  
16 that is transferred to the Secretary pursuant to  
17 subsection (a) and (e) of this Act or the amend-  
18 ments made by this Act; and

19 (B) are in effect on the effective date of  
20 such transfer (or become effective after such  
21 date pursuant to their terms as in effect on  
22 such effective date).

23 SEC. 771. Section 7502 of the Food, Conservation,  
24 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; Stat. 2019;  
25 132 Stat. 4817) is amended to read as follows:

1   **“SEC. 7502 GRAZINGLANDS RESEARCH LABORATORY.**

2           “ Except as otherwise specifically authorized by law  
3 and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Fed-  
4 eral land and facilities at El Reno, Oklahoma, adminis-  
5 tered by the Secretary (as of the date of enactment of this  
6 Act) as the Grazinglands Research Laboratory, shall not  
7 at any time, in whole or in part, be declared to be excess  
8 of surplus Federal Property under Chapter 5 of subtitle  
9 I of title 40, United States Code, or otherwise be conveyed  
10 or transferred in whole or in part, for the period beginning  
11 on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on  
12 September 30, 2026.”

13           SEC. 772. (a) ANIMAL FOOD INGREDIENTS DEEMED  
14 GRAS.—Ingredients that are intended for use in animal  
15 food and are not specifically authorized for such use by  
16 the Food and Drug Administration as a food additive, a  
17 color additive, or otherwise as of the date of enactment  
18 of this Act, are deemed to be generally recognized as safe  
19 under section 201(s) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
20 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(s)) (referred to in this section  
21 as “GRAS”) for use in animal food for a certain species  
22 if—

23                   (1) such ingredients are included in the Official  
24 Common or Usual Names and Definitions of Feed  
25 Ingredients section of chapter 6 of the 2025 edition  
26 of the ‘AAFCO Official Publication’ (or any subse-



1       quent amendments thereto or editions thereof) as ac-  
2       cepted for use in such species, or where the species  
3       is not identified or restricted; and

4               (2) there is no finding by the Food and Drug  
5       Administration that such ingredients are not GRAS  
6       for use in animal food for such species.

7       (b) CLAIMS THAT ANIMAL FOOD OR INGREDIENT IS  
8       NATURAL.—

9               (1) IN GENERAL.—Animal food whose label or  
10      labeling bears a claim that the animal food (or an  
11      ingredient thereof) is “natural” or whose advertising  
12      makes such claim, shall not be treated as mis-  
13      branded under section 403 of the Federal Food,  
14      Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343) if the la-  
15      bels and labeling of such food and such adver-  
16      tising—

17               (A) are truthful, nonmisleading, and ade-  
18      quately substantiated with scientifically vali-  
19      dated protocols endorsed by guidance issued by  
20      the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, where  
21      available, and the food (or ingredient) is derived  
22      solely from plant, animal, or mined sources—

23               (i) that exist in an unprocessed state;

24               or

1 (ii) notwithstanding having been sub-  
2 ject to physical processing, heat processing,  
3 rendering, purification, extraction, hydrol-  
4 ysis, enzymolysis, or fermentation—

5 (I) have not been produced by, or  
6 subject to, a chemically synthetic  
7 process; and

8 (II) do not contain any additive  
9 or processing aid that is chemically  
10 synthetic, except in amounts as might  
11 occur unavoidably using good manu-  
12 facturing practices;

13 (B) use the term “natural” only to ref-  
14 erence the animal food as a whole when all of  
15 the ingredients and components of ingredients  
16 meet the description in subparagraph (A); and

17 (C) in the case of the label or labeling of  
18 an animal food that contains chemically syn-  
19 thesized vitamins, minerals, or other trace nu-  
20 trients used as ingredients in animal food and  
21 such claim is made with respect to the animal  
22 food as a whole, such label or labeling includes  
23 a disclaimer that—

1 (i) discloses the addition of such vita-  
2 mins, minerals, and other trace nutrients  
3 by name or category;

4 (ii) is juxtaposed with the term “nat-  
5 ural”.

6 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
7 tion shall be construed to restrict State post-market food  
8 safety oversight activities, including any such activities re-  
9 lating to implementation of the FDA Food Safety Mod-  
10 ernization Act (Public Law 111–353), outbreak investiga-  
11 tions, surveillance sampling, or investigations of consumer  
12 complaints.

13 (d) GUIDANCE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
15 Human Services, acting through the Commissioner  
16 of Food and Drugs (referred to in this subsection as  
17 the “Secretary”), shall issue guidance addressing  
18 each of the following topics:

19 (A) Methods for substantiating nutritional  
20 adequacy of pet foods.

21 (B) Pet food metabolizable energy proto-  
22 cols.

23 (C) Affidavits for pet food testing protocol  
24 completion.

1 (D) Data to support a calorie content  
2 claim for pet foods.

3 (E) Analytical variations for animal food.

4 (F) Recommendations for use of mena-  
5 dione sodium bisulfite complex in animal feed.

6 (2) INITIAL GUIDANCE.—

7 (A) TIMING.—Not later than 18 months  
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
9 retary shall issue initial guidance under this  
10 subsection.

11 (B) BASIS.— The initial guidance under  
12 subparagraph (A) shall be based on the guid-  
13 ance contained in the 2025 edition of the  
14 “AAFCO Official Publication”.

15 (e) REGULATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
17 Human Services, acting through the Commissioner  
18 of Food and Drugs, shall—

19 (A) not later than one year after the date  
20 of enactment of this Act, issue proposed regula-  
21 tions to implement the amendments made by  
22 this section; and

23 (B) not later than two years after the date  
24 of enactment of this Act, finalize such regula-  
25 tions.

1           (2) CONTENTS.—The initial regulations pro-  
2           mulgated to implement the amendments made by  
3           this section shall include—

4                   (A) for commercial feed, Regulation  
5                   through Regulation of the “Model Regulations  
6                   Under the Model Bill” in chapter 4 of the 2025  
7                   edition of the “AAFCO Official Publication”;  
8                   and

9                   (B) for pet food and specialty pet food, PF  
10                  1 through PF 12 of the “Model Regulations for  
11                  Pet Food and Specialty Pet Food Under the  
12                  Model Bill” in chapter 4 of the 2025 edition of  
13                  the “AAFCO Official Publication”.

14          (f) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with re-  
15          spect to fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

16          SEC. 773. None of the funds made available by this  
17          Act or any other Act may be used to finalize, implement,  
18          or enforce the proposed rule titled “Requirements for To-  
19          bacco Product Manufacturing Practice”, published by the  
20          Food and Drug Administration in the Federal Register  
21          on March 10, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 15174), or any substan-  
22          tially similar rule.

23          SEC. 774. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
24          wise made available in this Act may be used to—

1           (1) Classify or facilitate the classification of any  
2       communications by a United States person as mis-  
3       , dis-, or mal-information; or

4           (2) Partner with or fund nonprofit or other or-  
5       ganizations that in any way instruct, influence, di-  
6       rect, or recommend private companies to censor,  
7       prohibit, or obstruct lawful and constitutionally pro-  
8       tected speech of United States persons, including  
9       recommending the censoring or removal of content  
10      on social media platforms.

11      SEC. 775. The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

12           (1) conduct a study to determine the feasibility  
13      of applying the Buy American requirement (as de-  
14      scribed in section 201.21(d) of title 7 of the Code  
15      of Federal Regulations (2022)) to the supplemental  
16      nutrition assistance program under the Food and  
17      Nutrition Act of 2008, including the impact applying  
18      such requirement would have on the agricultural  
19      economy of the United States; and

20           (2) not later than one year after the date of en-  
21      actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit the  
22      results of such study to the House and Senate Com-  
23      mittees on Appropriations, the House Agriculture  
24      Committee, and the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition,  
25      and Forestry Committee.

1        SEC. 776. Section 17(b)(1)(A) of the Food and Nu-  
2        trition Act of 2008 is amended by inserting “or improve  
3        the health of members of participating households by re-  
4        stricting their purchase of non-nutritious food and bev-  
5        erage items, as determined by the Secretary,” after  
6        “households”

7        SEC. 777. None of the funds made available by this  
8        Act may be used by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Com-  
9        missioner of Food and Drugs, the Chairman of the Com-  
10        modity Futures Trading Commission, or the Chairman of  
11        the Farm Credit Administration to fly or display a flag  
12        over a facility of the Department of Agriculture, the Food  
13        and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures Trad-  
14        ing Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration other  
15        than the flag of the United States; the flag of a State,  
16        territory, the District of Columbia; the flag of an Indian  
17        Tribal Government; the official flag of a U.S. Department  
18        or agency; or the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action flag.

19        SEC. 778. Of the unobligated balances from prior  
20        year appropriations made available for conservation activi-  
21        ties under the heading “Natural Resources Conservation  
22        Service—Conservation Operations”, \$100,000,000 are  
23        hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be re-  
24        scinded from amounts that were designated by the Con-  
25        gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concur-

1 rent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and  
2 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

4 SEC. 779. \$0.

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



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