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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

\_\_\_\_ --, 2018

Mr. ADERHOLT, 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, 2019, and for other purposes.



1 ant Secretary for Administration, of which \$22,301,000  
2 shall be available for Departmental Administration to pro-  
3 vide for necessary expenses for management support serv-  
4 ices to offices of the Department and for general adminis-  
5 tration, security, repairs and alterations, and other mis-  
6 cellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided  
7 for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of  
8 the Department: *Provided further*, That funds made avail-  
9 able by this Act to an agency in the Administration mis-  
10 sion area for salaries and expenses are available to fund  
11 up to one administrative support staff for the Office; not  
12 to exceed \$3,750,000 shall be available for the Office of  
13 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to carry  
14 out the programs funded by this Act, including programs  
15 involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison within the  
16 executive branch; and not to exceed \$7,303,000 shall be  
17 available for the Office of Communications: *Provided fur-*  
18 *ther*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to  
19 transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office  
20 of the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the  
21 Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation for any  
22 office shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 per-  
23 cent: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$22,000 of the  
24 amount made available under this paragraph for the im-  
25 mediate Office of the Secretary shall be available for offi-

1 cial reception and representation expenses, not otherwise  
2 provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*  
3 *further*, That the amount made available under this head-  
4 ing for Departmental Administration shall be reimbursed  
5 from applicable appropriations in this Act for travel ex-  
6 penses incident to the holding of hearings as required by  
7 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That funds made  
8 available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant  
9 Secretary for Congressional Relations may be transferred  
10 to agencies of the Department of Agriculture funded by  
11 this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level: *Pro-*  
12 *vided further*, That no funds made available under this  
13 heading for the Office of Assistant Secretary for Congres-  
14 sional Relations may be obligated after 30 days from the  
15 date of enactment of this Act, unless the Secretary has  
16 notified the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
17 of Congress on the allocation of these funds by USDA  
18 agency.

## 19 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

### 20 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief  
22 Economist, \$21,286,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall be for  
23 grants or cooperative agreements for policy research under  
24 7 U.S.C. 3155.

1 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and  
3 Appeals, \$14,972,000.

4 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and  
6 Program Analysis, \$9,525,000.

7 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-  
9 formation Officer, \$58,950,000, of which not less than  
10 \$33,000,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the de-  
11 partment.

12 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-  
14 nancial Officer, \$5,741,000.

15 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL

16 RIGHTS

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant  
18 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$901,000: *Provided*, That  
19 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil  
20 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
21 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
22 fice.

23 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

24 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,  
25 \$24,206,000.

1           AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES  
2                   (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3           For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-  
4 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant  
5 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-  
6 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-  
7 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities  
8 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for  
9 alterations and other actions needed for the Department  
10 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-  
11 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of  
12 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-  
13 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-  
14 ties, and for related costs, \$63,500,000, to remain avail-  
15 able until expended.

16           HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT  
17                   (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

18           For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-  
19 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental  
20 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.  
22 6901 et seq.), \$3,503,000, to remain available until ex-  
23 pended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available  
24 herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Man-  
25 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-

1 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to  
2 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

3                   OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

4       For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector  
5 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector  
6 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.),  
7 \$98,208,000, including such sums as may be necessary for  
8 contracting and other arrangements with public agencies  
9 and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-  
10 spector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5  
11 U.S.C. App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for  
12 certain confidential operational expenses, including the  
13 payment of informants, to be expended under the direction  
14 of the Inspector General pursuant to the Inspector Gen-  
15 eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and  
16 section 1337 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981  
17 (Public Law 97-98).

18                   OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

19       For necessary expenses of the Office of the General  
20 Counsel, \$44,846,000.

21                   OFFICE OF ETHICS

22       For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,  
23 \$4,136,000.

1 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,  
2 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
4 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,  
5 \$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
6 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-  
7 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-  
8 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for  
9 the Office.

10 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

11 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research  
12 Service, \$86,757,000.

13 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

14 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural  
15 Statistics Service, \$173,717,000, of which up to  
16 \$45,350,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-  
17 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available  
18 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-  
19 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.  
20 2204g(d) and (f).

21 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

22 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

23 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research  
24 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,  
25 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100, and



1 for land exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of  
2 equal value or shall be equalized by a payment of money  
3 to the grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the  
4 total value of the land or interests transferred out of Fed-  
5 eral ownership, \$1,258,666,000, of which \$10,000,000  
6 shall remain available until expended to carry out the  
7 science program of the National Bio and Agro-Defense  
8 Facility located in Manhattan, Kansas: *Provided*, That ap-  
9 propriations hereunder shall be available for the operation  
10 and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to  
11 exceed one for replacement only: *Provided further*, That  
12 appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7  
13 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair  
14 of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise pro-  
15 vided, the cost of constructing any one building shall not  
16 exceed \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses  
17 which shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10  
18 buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to  
19 exceed \$1,100,000 each, and except for two buildings to  
20 be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$3,000,000 each,  
21 and the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal  
22 year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replace-  
23 ment value of the building or \$500,000, whichever is  
24 greater: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder  
25 shall be available for entering into lease agreements at any

1 Agricultural Research Service location for the construction  
2 of a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by  
3 the Agricultural Research Service and a condition of the  
4 lease shall be that any facility shall be owned, operated,  
5 and maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall be re-  
6 moved upon the expiration or termination of the lease  
7 agreement: *Provided further*, That the limitations on alter-  
8 ations contained in this Act shall not apply to moderniza-  
9 tion or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville,  
10 Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropriations here-  
11 under shall be available for granting easements at the  
12 Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: *Provided further*,  
13 That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to replace-  
14 ment of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April  
15 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That appro-  
16 priations hereunder shall be available for granting ease-  
17 ments at any Agricultural Research Service location for  
18 the construction of a research facility by a non-Federal  
19 entity for use by, and acceptable to, the Agricultural Re-  
20 search Service and a condition of the easements shall be  
21 that upon completion the facility shall be accepted by the  
22 Secretary, subject to the availability of funds herein, if the  
23 Secretary finds that acceptance of the facility is in the  
24 interest of the United States: *Provided further*, That funds  
25 may be received from any State, other political subdivi-

1 sion, organization, or individual for the purpose of estab-  
2 lishing or operating any research facility or research  
3 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized  
4 by law.

5 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

6 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-  
7 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed  
8 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-  
9 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-  
10 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$136,000,000 to re-  
11 main available until expended.

12 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

13 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

14 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for  
15 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and  
16 for other expenses, \$915,012,000, which shall be for the  
17 purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled  
18 “National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research  
19 and Education Activities” in the report accompanying this  
20 Act: *Provided*, That funds for research grants for 1994  
21 institutions, education grants for 1890 institutions, capac-  
22 ity building for non-land-grant colleges of agriculture, the  
23 agriculture and food research initiative, veterinary medi-  
24 cine loan repayment, multicultural scholars, graduate fel-  
25 lowship and institution challenge grants, and grants man-

1 agement systems shall remain available until expended:  
2 *Provided further*, That each institution eligible to receive  
3 funds under the Evans-Allen program receives no less  
4 than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for edu-  
5 cation grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-  
6 serving institutions be made available to individual eligible  
7 institutions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds  
8 awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Ha-  
9 waii: *Provided further*, That funds for education grants for  
10 1890 institutions shall be made available to institutions  
11 eligible to receive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222:  
12 *Provided further*, That not more than 5 percent of the  
13 amounts made available by this or any other Act to carry  
14 out the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative under  
15 7 U.S.C. 450i(b) may be retained by the Secretary of Ag-  
16 riculture to pay administrative costs incurred by the Sec-  
17 retary in carrying out that authority.

18 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

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

22 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

23 For payments to States, the District of Columbia,  
24 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the  
25 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$495,626,000,

1 which shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, speci-  
2 fied in the table titled “National Institute of Food and  
3 Agriculture, Extension Activities” in the report accom-  
4 panying this Act: *Provided*, That funds for facility im-  
5 provements at 1890 institutions shall remain available  
6 until expended: *Provided further*, That institutions eligible  
7 to receive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative ex-  
8 tension receive no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*,  
9 That funds for cooperative extension under sections 3(b)  
10 and (c) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c))  
11 and section 208(c) of Public Law 93–471 shall be avail-  
12 able for retirement and employees’ compensation costs for  
13 extension agents.

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## INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

15 For the integrated research, education, and extension  
16 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-  
17 penses, \$36,000,000, which shall be for the purposes, and  
18 in the amounts, specified in the table titled “National In-  
19 stitute of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Activities” in  
20 the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That funds  
21 for the Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative shall re-  
22 main available until September 30, 2020: *Provided further*,  
23 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, indirect  
24 costs shall not be charged against any Extension Imple-

1 mentation Program Area grant awarded under the Crop  
2 Protection/Pest Management Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING  
4 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
6 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,  
7 \$901,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
8 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-  
9 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available  
10 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-  
11 fice.

12 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant  
16 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for  
17 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to  
18 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),  
19 \$998,353,000, of which \$470,000, to remain available  
20 until expended, shall be available for the control of out-  
21 breaks of insects, plant diseases, animal diseases and for  
22 control of pest animals and birds (“contingency fund”) to  
23 the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions; of  
24 which \$11,520,000, to remain available until expended,  
25 shall be used for the cotton pests program for cost share

1 purposes or for debt retirement for active eradication  
2 zones; of which \$37,857,000, to remain available until ex-  
3 pended, shall be for Animal Health Technical Services; of  
4 which \$705,000 shall be for activities under the authority  
5 of the Horse Protection Act of 1970, as amended (15  
6 U.S.C. 1831); of which \$62,840,000, to remain available  
7 until expended, shall be used to support avian health; of  
8 which \$4,251,000, to remain available until expended,  
9 shall be for information technology infrastructure; of  
10 which \$189,013,000, to remain available until expended,  
11 shall be for specialty crop pests; of which, \$9,426,000, to  
12 remain available until expended, shall be for field crop and  
13 rangeland ecosystem pests; of which \$16,523,000, to re-  
14 main available until expended, shall be for zoonotic disease  
15 management; of which \$40,966,000, to remain available  
16 until expended, shall be for emergency preparedness and  
17 response; of which \$54,000,000, to remain available until  
18 expended, shall be for tree and wood pests; of which  
19 \$5,725,000, to remain available until expended, shall be  
20 for the National Veterinary Stockpile; of which up to  
21 \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended, shall be  
22 for the scrapie program for indemnities; of which  
23 \$2,500,000, to remain available until expended, shall be  
24 for the wildlife damage management program for aviation  
25 safety; of which \$10,600,000, to remain available until ex-

1 pending, shall be used to carry out the science program  
2 at the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility located in  
3 Manhattan, Kansas; *Provided*, That of amounts available  
4 under this heading for wildlife services methods develop-  
5 ment, \$1,000,000 shall remain available until expended:  
6 *Provided further*, That of amounts available under this  
7 heading for the screwworm program, \$4,990,000 shall re-  
8 main available until expended; of which \$3,000,000, to re-  
9 main available until expended, shall be for National Bio-  
10 and Agro-Defense human capital development: *Provided*  
11 *further*, That no funds shall be used to formulate or ad-  
12 minister a brucellosis eradication program for the current  
13 fiscal year that does not require minimum matching by  
14 the States of at least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That  
15 this appropriation shall be available for the operation and  
16 maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed  
17 five, of which two shall be for replacement only: *Provided*  
18 *further*, That in addition, in emergencies which threaten  
19 any segment of the agricultural production industry of the  
20 United States, the Secretary may transfer from other ap-  
21 propriations or funds available to the agencies or corpora-  
22 tions of the Department such sums as may be deemed nec-  
23 essary, to be available only in such emergencies for the  
24 arrest and eradication of contagious or infectious disease  
25 or pests of animals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses



1 in accordance with sections 10411 and 10417 of the Ani-  
2 mal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and  
3 sections 431 and 442 of the Plant Protection Act (7  
4 U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and any unexpended balances of  
5 funds transferred for such emergency purposes in the pre-  
6 ceding fiscal year shall be merged with such transferred  
7 amounts: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder  
8 shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the  
9 repair and alteration of leased buildings and improve-  
10 ments, but unless otherwise provided the cost of altering  
11 any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed  
12 10 percent of the current replacement value of the build-  
13 ing.

14 In fiscal year 2019, the agency is authorized to collect  
15 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-  
16 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political  
17 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,  
18 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such  
19 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such  
20 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,  
21 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such  
22 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-  
23 able until expended, without further appropriation, for  
24 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

## 1 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

2 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-  
3 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-  
4 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as  
5 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as  
6 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 428a, \$3,175,000, to remain avail-  
7 able until expended.

## 8 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

## 9 MARKETING SERVICES

10 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing  
11 Service, \$153,095,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation  
12 shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the  
13 alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but  
14 the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year  
15 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement  
16 value of the building.

17 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization  
18 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31  
19 U.S.C. 9701).

## 20 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

21 Not to exceed \$61,227,000 (from fees collected) shall  
22 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-  
23 tive expenses: *Provided*, That if crop size is understated  
24 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may  
25 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification

1 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
2 Congress.

3 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND  
4 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)  
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-  
7 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-  
8 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other  
9 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the  
10 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and  
11 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-  
12 fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than  
13 \$20,705,000 for formulation and administration of mar-  
14 keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural  
15 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural  
16 Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-128).

17 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

18 For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus  
19 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for  
20 marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-  
21 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),  
22 \$1,235,000.



1 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the  
2 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990  
3 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the  
4 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system  
5 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,  
6 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall  
7 be employed during fiscal year 2019 for purposes dedi-  
8 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the  
9 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et  
10 seq.): *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be  
11 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-  
12 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the  
13 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year  
14 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement  
15 value of the building.

## 16 TITLE II

### 17 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

#### 18 PROGRAMS

##### 19 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM

##### 20 PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
22 Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation,  
23 \$901,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
24 Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conserva-  
25 tion mission area for salaries and expenses are available

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

3 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS

4 CENTER

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and  
7 Conservation Business Center, \$115,402,000, to remain  
8 available until expended.

9 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

10 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,  
13 \$1,095,769,000: *Provided*, That not more than 50 percent  
14 of the \$44,691,000 made available under this heading for  
15 information technology related to farm program delivery,  
16 including the Modernize and Innovate the Delivery of Ag-  
17 ricultural Systems and other farm program delivery sys-  
18 tems, may be obligated until the Secretary submits to the  
19 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
20 gress, and receives written or electronic notification of re-  
21 ceipt from such Committees of, a plan for expenditure that  
22 (1) identifies for each project/investment over \$25,000 (a)  
23 the functional and performance capabilities to be delivered  
24 and the mission benefits to be realized, (b) the estimated  
25 lifecycle cost, including estimates for development as well

1 as maintenance and operations, and (c) key milestones to  
2 be met; (2) demonstrates that each project/investment is,  
3 (a) consistent with the Farm Service Agency Information  
4 Technology Roadmap, (b) being managed in accordance  
5 with applicable lifecycle management policies and guid-  
6 ance, and (c) subject to the applicable Department's cap-  
7 ital planning and investment control requirements; and (3)  
8 has been reviewed by the Government Accountability Of-  
9 fice and approved by the Committees on Appropriations  
10 of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That the  
11 agency shall submit a report by the end of the fourth quar-  
12 ter of fiscal year 2018 to the Committees on Appropria-  
13 tions and the Government Accountability Office, that iden-  
14 tifies for each project/investment that is operational (a)  
15 current performance against key indicators of customer  
16 satisfaction, (b) current performance of service level agree-  
17 ments or other technical metrics, (c) current performance  
18 against a pre-established cost baseline, (d) a detailed  
19 breakdown of current and planned spending on oper-  
20 ational enhancements or upgrades, and (e) an assessment  
21 of whether the investment continues to meet business  
22 needs as intended as well as alternatives to the investment:  
23 *Provided further*, That the Secretary is authorized to use  
24 the services, facilities, and authorities (but not the funds)  
25 of the Commodity Credit Corporation to make program

1 payments for all programs administered by the Agency:  
2 *Provided further*, That other funds made available to the  
3 Agency for authorized activities may be advanced to and  
4 merged with this account: *Provided further*, That funds  
5 made available to county committees shall remain avail-  
6 able until expended: *Provided further*, That none of the  
7 funds available to the Farm Service Agency shall be used  
8 to close Farm Service Agency county offices: *Provided fur-*  
9 *ther*, That none of the funds available to the Farm Service  
10 Agency shall be used to permanently relocate county based  
11 employees that would result in an office with two or fewer  
12 employees without prior notification and approval of the  
13 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
14 gress.

15 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

16 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-  
17 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–  
18 5106), \$3,228,000.

19 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

20 For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or  
21 groundwater protection activities under section 12400 of  
22 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),  
23 \$6,500,000, to remain available until expended.





1 for farm ownership direct loans; \$1,960,000,000 for un-  
2 subsidized guaranteed operating loans and  
3 \$1,530,000,000 for direct operating loans; emergency  
4 loans, \$37,668,000; Indian tribe land acquisition loans,  
5 \$20,000,000; guaranteed conservation loans,  
6 \$150,000,000; Indian highly fractionated land loans,  
7 \$10,000,000; and for boll weevil eradication program  
8 loans, \$30,000,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall  
9 deem the pink bollworm to be a boll weevil for the purpose  
10 of boll weevil eradication program loans.

11 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and  
12 grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined  
13 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
14 as follows: farm operating loans, \$59,670,000 for direct  
15 operating loans, \$21,168,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed  
16 operating loans, emergency loans, \$1,567,000 and  
17 \$2,134,000 for Indian highly fractionated land loans to  
18 remain available until expended.

19 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
20 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
21 \$328,268,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,  
22 \$302,117,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the  
23 appropriation for “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Ex-  
24 penses”, of which \$11,600,000 shall be available until  
25 September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, that of this amount

1 \$16,081,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the  
2 appropriation for “Farm Production and Conservation  
3 Business Center, Salaries and Expenses”.

4 Funds appropriated by this Act to the Agricultural  
5 Credit Insurance Program Account for farm ownership,  
6 operating and conservation direct loans and guaranteed  
7 loans may be transferred among these programs: *Pro-*  
8 *vided*, That the Committees on Appropriations of both  
9 Houses of Congress are notified at least 15 days in ad-  
10 vance of any transfer.

11 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management  
14 Agency, \$75,419,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed  
15 \$1,000 shall be available for official reception and rep-  
16 resentation expenses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

17 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

18 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

19 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-  
20 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),  
21 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-  
22 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including  
23 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-  
24 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary  
25 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-

1 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-  
2 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of  
3 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,  
4 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials  
5 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal  
6 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August  
7 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 428a); purchase and erection or alter-  
8 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-  
9 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,  
10 \$890,293,000, to remain available until September 30,  
11 2020: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder shall be  
12 available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construction and  
13 improvement of buildings and public improvements at  
14 plant materials centers, except that the cost of alterations  
15 and improvements to other buildings and other public im-  
16 provements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Provided further*,  
17 That when buildings or other structures are erected on  
18 non-Federal land, that the right to use such land is ob-  
19 tained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a.

20 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

21 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-  
22 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-  
23 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and  
24 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed  
25 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–

1 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-  
2 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,  
3 \$150,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
4 *vided*, That for funds provided by this Act or any other  
5 prior Act, the limitation regarding the size of the water-  
6 shed or subwatershed exceeding two hundred and fifty  
7 thousand acres in which such activities can be undertaken  
8 shall only apply for activities undertaken for the primary  
9 purpose of flood prevention (including structural and land  
10 treatment measures): *Provided further*, That of the  
11 amounts made available under this heading, \$50,000,000  
12 shall be allocated to projects and activities that can com-  
13 mence promptly following enactment; that address re-  
14 gional priorities for flood prevention, agricultural water  
15 management, inefficient irrigation systems, fish and wild-  
16 life habitat, or watershed protection; or that address au-  
17 thorized ongoing projects under the authorities of section  
18 13 of the Flood Control Act of December 22, 1944 (Public  
19 Law 78–534) with a primary purpose of watershed protec-  
20 tion by preventing floodwater damage and stabilizing  
21 stream channels, tributaries, and banks to reduce erosion  
22 and sediment transport.

23 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

24 Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed  
25 Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$10,000,000 is pro-

1 vided: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available  
2 under this heading, \$5,000,000 shall remain available  
3 until expended for watershed rehabilitation projects in  
4 states with high-hazard dams and other watershed struc-  
5 tures and that have recently incurred flooding events  
6 which caused fatalities.

7 **CORPORATIONS**

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

18 **FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND**

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

1           COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND  
2           REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES  
3           (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4           For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-  
5   essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for  
6   net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-  
7   bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,  
8   1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds  
9   available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-  
10   tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act  
11   (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the  
12   Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be  
13   transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-  
14   ice for information resource management activities of the  
15   Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-  
16   modity Credit Corporation business.

17           HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT  
18           (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

19           For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit  
20   Corporation shall not expend more than \$5,000,000 for  
21   site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations  
22   and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement  
23   of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental  
24   Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.

1 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal  
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 6961).

3  
4 TITLE III  
5 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
6 RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-  
10 tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-  
11 grams, including activities with institutions concerning the  
12 development and operation of agricultural cooperatives;  
13 and for cooperative agreements; \$236,835,000: *Provided*,  
14 That no less than \$6,000,000 shall be for information  
15 technology investments: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
16 standing any other provision of law, funds appropriated  
17 under this heading may be used for advertising and pro-  
18 motional activities that support Rural Development pro-  
19 grams: *Provided further*, That in addition to any other  
20 funds appropriated for purposes authorized by section  
21 502(i) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(i)),  
22 any amounts collected under such section, as amended by  
23 this Act, will immediately be credited to this account and  
will remain available until expended for such purposes.



## 1 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

## 2 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND 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 title V of the  
6 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the  
7 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$1,000,000,000  
8 shall be for direct loans and \$24,000,000,000 shall be for  
9 unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$28,000,000 for section  
10 504 housing repair loans; \$40,000,000 for section 515  
11 rental housing; \$230,000,000 for section 538 guaranteed  
12 multi-family housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit sales  
13 of single family housing acquired property; \$5,000,000 for  
14 section 523 self-help housing land development loans; and  
15 \$5,000,000 for section 524 site development loans.

16 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including  
17 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of  
18 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section  
19 502 loans, \$49,000,000 shall be for direct loans; section  
20 504 housing repair loans, \$3,418,000; section 523 self-  
21 help housing land development loans, \$430,500; section  
22 524 site development loans, \$175,500; and repair, reha-  
23 bilitation, and new construction of section 515 rental  
24 housing, \$9,484,000: *Provided*, That to support the loan  
25 program level for section 538 guaranteed loans made

1 available under this heading the Secretary may charge or  
2 adjust any fees to cover the projected cost of such loan  
3 guarantees pursuant to the provisions of the Credit Re-  
4 form Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), and the interest  
5 on such loans may not be subsidized: *Provided further,*  
6 That applicants in communities that have a current rural  
7 area waiver under section 541 of the Housing Act of 1949  
8 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall be treated as living in a rural  
9 area for purposes of section 502 guaranteed loans pro-  
10 vided under this heading: *Provided further,* That of the  
11 amounts available under this paragraph for section 502  
12 direct loans, no less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for  
13 direct loans for individuals whose homes will be built pur-  
14 suant to a program funded with a mutual and self-help  
15 housing grant authorized by section 523 of the Housing  
16 Act of 1949 until June 1, 2019: *Provided further,* That  
17 the Secretary shall implement provisions to provide incen-  
18 tives to nonprofit organizations and public housing au-  
19 thorities to facilitate the acquisition of Rural Housing  
20 Service (RHS) multifamily housing properties by such  
21 nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities  
22 that commit to keep such properties in the RHS multi-  
23 family housing program for a period of time as determined  
24 by the Secretary, with such incentives to include, but not  
25 be limited to, the following: allow such nonprofit entities

1 and public housing authorities to earn a Return on Invest-  
2 ment on their own resources to include proceeds from low  
3 income housing tax credit syndication, own contributions,  
4 grants, and developer loans at favorable rates and terms,  
5 invested in a deal; and allow reimbursement of organiza-  
6 tional costs associated with owner's oversight of asset re-  
7 ferred to as "Asset Management Fee" of up to \$7,500  
8 per property.

9 In addition, for the cost of direct loans, grants, and  
10 contracts, as authorized by sections 514 and 516 of the  
11 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486),  
12 \$16,853,000, to remain available until expended, for direct  
13 farm labor housing loans and domestic farm labor housing  
14 grants and contracts: *Provided*, That any balances avail-  
15 able for the Farm Labor Program Account shall be trans-  
16 ferred to and merged with this account.

17 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
18 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
19 \$412,254,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the  
20 appropriation for "Rural Development, Salaries and Ex-  
21 penses".

22 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

23 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-  
24 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)  
25 of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into

1 in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible house-  
2 holds as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Hous-  
3 ing Act of 1949, \$1,331,400,000, of which \$40,000,000  
4 shall be available until September 30, 2020; and in addi-  
5 tion such sums as may be necessary, as authorized by sec-  
6 tion 521(c) of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to  
7 fiscal year 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program  
8 under section 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That rental  
9 assistance agreements entered into or renewed during the  
10 current fiscal year shall be funded for a one-year period:  
11 *Provided further*, That any unexpended balances remain-  
12 ing at the end of such one-year agreements may be trans-  
13 ferred and used for purposes of any debt reduction; main-  
14 tenance, repair, or rehabilitation of any existing projects;  
15 preservation; and rental assistance activities authorized  
16 under title V of the Act: *Provided further*, That rental as-  
17 sistance provided under agreements entered into prior to  
18 fiscal year 2019 for a farm labor multi-family housing  
19 project financed under section 514 or 516 of the Act may  
20 not be recaptured for use in another project until such  
21 assistance has remained unused for a period of 12 con-  
22 secutive months, if such project has a waiting list of ten-  
23 ants seeking such assistance or the project has rental as-  
24 sistance eligible tenants who are not receiving such assist-  
25 ance: *Provided further*, That such recaptured rental assist-

1 ance shall, to the extent practicable, be applied to another  
2 farm labor multi-family housing project financed under  
3 section 514 or 516 of the Act: *Provided further*, That ex-  
4 cept as provided in the third proviso under this heading  
5 and notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, the  
6 Secretary may recapture rental assistance provided under  
7 agreements entered into prior to fiscal year 2019 for a  
8 project that the Secretary determines no longer needs  
9 rental assistance and use such recaptured funds for cur-  
10 rent needs.

11 MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

12 ACCOUNT

13 For the rural housing voucher program as authorized  
14 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but not-  
15 withstanding subsection (b) of such section, and for addi-  
16 tional costs to conduct a demonstration program for the  
17 preservation and revitalization of multi-family rental hous-  
18 ing properties described in this paragraph, \$53,000,000,  
19 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the  
20 funds made available under this heading, \$28,000,000,  
21 shall be available for rural housing vouchers to any low-  
22 income household (including those not receiving rental as-  
23 sistance) residing in a property financed with a section  
24 515 loan which has been prepaid after September 30,  
25 2005: *Provided further*, That the amount of such voucher

1 shall be the difference between comparable market rent  
2 for the section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for such  
3 unit: *Provided further*, That funds made available for such  
4 vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual ap-  
5 propriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall,  
6 to the maximum extent practicable, administer such  
7 vouchers with current regulations and administrative guid-  
8 ance applicable to section 8 housing vouchers administered  
9 by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban  
10 Development: *Provided further*, That if the Secretary de-  
11 termines that the amount made available for vouchers in  
12 this or any other Act is not needed for vouchers, the Sec-  
13 retary may use such funds for the demonstration program  
14 for the preservation and revitalization of multi-family  
15 rental housing properties described in this paragraph: *Pro-*  
16 *vided further*, That of the funds made available under this  
17 heading, \$25,000,000 shall be available for a demonstra-  
18 tion program for the preservation and revitalization of the  
19 sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family rental housing  
20 properties to restructure existing USDA multi-family  
21 housing loans, as the Secretary deems appropriate, ex-  
22 pressly for the purposes of ensuring the project has suffi-  
23 cient resources to preserve the project for the purpose of  
24 providing safe and affordable housing for low-income resi-  
25 dents and farm laborers including reducing or eliminating

1 interest; deferring loan payments, subordinating, reducing  
2 or reamortizing loan debt; and other financial assistance  
3 including advances, payments and incentives (including  
4 the ability of owners to obtain reasonable returns on in-  
5 vestment) required by the Secretary: *Provided further*,  
6 That the Secretary shall as part of the preservation and  
7 revitalization agreement obtain a restrictive use agreement  
8 consistent with the terms of the restructuring: *Provided*  
9 *further*, That if the Secretary determines that additional  
10 funds for vouchers described in this paragraph are needed,  
11 funds for the preservation and revitalization demonstra-  
12 tion program may be used for such vouchers: *Provided fur-*  
13 *ther*, That if Congress enacts legislation to permanently  
14 authorize a multi-family rental housing loan restructuring  
15 program similar to the demonstration program described  
16 herein, the Secretary may use funds made available for  
17 the demonstration program under this heading to carry  
18 out such legislation with the prior approval of the Commit-  
19 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Pro-*  
20 *vided further*, That in addition to any other available  
21 funds, the Secretary may expend not more than  
22 \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made available  
23 under this heading, for administrative expenses for activi-  
24 ties funded under this heading.

## 1 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

2 For grants and contracts pursuant to section  
3 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.  
4 1490c), \$30,000,000, to remain available until expended.

## 5 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

6 For grants for very low-income housing repair and  
7 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing  
8 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,  
9 \$45,000,000, to remain available until expended.

## 10 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

## 11 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

12 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-  
13 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306  
14 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated  
15 Farm and Rural Development Act, \$2,800,000,000 for di-  
16 rect loans and \$200,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

17 For the cost of grants for rural community facilities  
18 programs as authorized by section 306 and described in  
19 section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
20 Development Act, \$43,778,000, to remain available until  
21 expended: *Provided*, That \$4,000,000 of the amount ap-  
22 propriated under this heading shall be available for a  
23 Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided fur-*  
24 *ther*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop the  
25 capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based



1 housing and community development organizations, low-  
2 income rural communities, and Federally Recognized Na-  
3 tive American Tribes to undertake projects to improve  
4 housing, community facilities, community and economic  
5 development projects in rural areas: *Provided further,*  
6 That such funds shall be made available to qualified pri-  
7 vate, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations pro-  
8 posing to carry out a program of financial and technical  
9 assistance: *Provided further,* That such intermediary orga-  
10 nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,  
11 including Federal funds for related activities, in an  
12 amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further,*  
13 That \$5,778,000 of the amount appropriated under this  
14 heading shall be to provide grants for facilities in rural  
15 communities with extreme unemployment and severe eco-  
16 nomic depression (Public Law 106–387), with up to 5 per-  
17 cent for administration and capacity building in the State  
18 rural development offices: *Provided further,* That  
19 \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
20 ing shall be available for community facilities grants to  
21 tribal colleges, as authorized by section 306(a)(19) of such  
22 Act: *Provided further,* That sections 381E–H and 381N  
23 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are  
24 not applicable to the funds made available under this  
25 heading.

## 1           RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

## 2                   RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

## 3                           (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4           For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the  
5 rural business development programs authorized by sec-  
6 tion 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and  
7 (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
8 Development Act, \$67,215,000, to remain available until  
9 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated  
10 under this heading, not to exceed \$500,000 shall be made  
11 available for one grant to a qualified national organization  
12 to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in  
13 order to promote economic development and \$5,000,000  
14 shall be for grants to the Delta Regional Authority (7  
15 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.) and the Appalachian Regional  
16 Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.) for any Rural Com-  
17 munity Advancement Program purpose as described in  
18 section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-  
19 velopment Act, of which not more than 5 percent may be  
20 used for administrative expenses: *Provided further*, That  
21 \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
22 ing shall be for business grants to benefit Federally Recog-  
23 nized Native American Tribes, including \$250,000 for a  
24 grant to a qualified national organization to provide tech-  
25 nical assistance for rural transportation in order to pro-

1 mote economic development: *Provided further*, That sec-  
2 tions 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and  
3 Rural Development Act are not applicable to funds made  
4 available under this heading.

5 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT  
6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-  
8 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-  
9 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$20,000,000.

10 For the cost of direct loans, \$4,402,000, as author-  
11 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-  
12 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$557,000 shall be avail-  
13 able through June 30, 2019, for Federally Recognized Na-  
14 tive American Tribes. *Provided*, That such costs, including  
15 the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in  
16 section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

17 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out  
18 the direct loan programs, \$4,468,000 shall be transferred  
19 to and merged with the appropriation for “Rural Develop-  
20 ment, Salaries and Expenses”.

21 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM  
22 ACCOUNT  
23 (INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

24 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-  
25 ized under section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act,

1 for the purpose of promoting rural economic development  
2 and job creation projects, \$50,000,000.

3 Of the funds derived from the interest on the cushion  
4 of credit payments, as authorized by section 313 of the  
5 Rural Electrification Act of 1936, \$50,000,000 shall not  
6 be obligated and \$50,000,000 are rescinded.

7 The cost of grants authorized under section 313 of  
8 the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of promoting  
9 rural economic development and job creation projects shall  
10 not exceed \$10,000,000.

11 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

12 For rural cooperative development grants authorized  
13 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and  
14 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$27,550,000, of  
15 which \$2,750,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for  
16 the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas pro-  
17 gram: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be  
18 for grants for cooperative development centers, individual  
19 cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives that serve socially  
20 disadvantaged groups and a majority of the boards of di-  
21 rectors or governing boards of which are comprised of in-  
22 dividuals who are members of socially disadvantaged  
23 groups; and of which \$16,000,000, to remain available  
24 until expended, shall be for value-added agricultural prod-  
25 uct market development grants, as authorized by section

1 231 of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (7  
2 U.S.C. 1632a), of which up to \$1,000,000 may be for Ag-  
3 riculture Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to sec-  
4 tion 6402 of Public Law 107–171.

5                   RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

6           For the cost of a program of loan guarantees, under  
7 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section  
8 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of  
9 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$334,500: *Provided*, That the cost  
10 of loan guarantees, including the cost of modifying such  
11 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-  
12 sional Budget Act of 1974.

13                   RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

14   RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
15                   (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16           For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and  
17 grants for the rural water, waste water, waste disposal,  
18 and solid waste management programs authorized by sec-  
19 tions 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and de-  
20 scribed in sections 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and  
21 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-  
22 ment Act, \$637,690,000, to remain available until ex-  
23 pended, of which not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be avail-  
24 able for the rural utilities program described in section  
25 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act, and of which not to exceed

1 \$1,500,000 shall be available for the rural utilities pro-  
2 gram described in section 306E of such Act: *Provided*,  
3 That not to exceed \$15,000,000 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 \$65,000,000 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: *Provided further*, That funding provided for  
15 section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-  
16 opment Act may be provided to a consortium formed pur-  
17 suant to section 325 of Public Law 105–83: *Provided fur-*  
18 *ther*, That not more than 2 percent of the funding pro-  
19 vided for section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and  
20 Rural Development Act may be used by the State of Alas-  
21 ka for training and technical assistance programs and not  
22 more than 2 percent of the funding provided for section  
23 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development  
24 Act may be used by a consortium formed pursuant to sec-  
25 tion 325 of Public Law 105–83 for training and technical

1 assistance programs: *Provided further*, That not to exceed  
2 \$22,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
3 ing shall be for technical assistance grants for rural water  
4 and waste systems pursuant to section 306(a)(14) of such  
5 Act, unless the Secretary makes a determination of ex-  
6 tremе need, of which \$8,000,000 shall be made available  
7 for a grant to a qualified nonprofit multi-State regional  
8 technical assistance organization, with experience in work-  
9 ing with small communities on water and waste water  
10 problems, the principal purpose of such grant shall be to  
11 assist rural communities with populations of 3,300 or less,  
12 in improving the planning, financing, development, oper-  
13 ation, and management of water and waste water systems,  
14 and of which not less than \$800,000 shall be for a quali-  
15 fied national Native American organization to provide  
16 technical assistance for rural water systems for tribal com-  
17 munities: *Provided further*, That not to exceed  
18 \$19,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-  
19 ing shall be for contracting with qualified national organi-  
20 zations for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-  
21 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That  
22 not to exceed \$4,000,000 shall be for solid waste manage-  
23 ment grants: *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 of the  
24 amount appropriated under this heading shall be trans-  
25 ferred to, and merged with, the Rural Utilities Service,

1 High Energy Cost Grants Account to provide grants au-  
2 thorized under section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act  
3 of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 918a): *Provided further*, That any prior  
4 year balances for high-energy cost grants authorized by  
5 section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7  
6 U.S.C. 918a) shall be transferred to and merged with the  
7 Rural Utilities Service, High Energy Cost Grants Ac-  
8 count: *Provided further*, That sections 381E–H and 381N  
9 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are  
10 not applicable to the funds made available under this  
11 heading.

12 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

13 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 The principal amount of direct and guaranteed loans  
16 as authorized by sections 305, 306, and 317 of the Rural  
17 Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 935, 936, and 940g)  
18 shall be made as follows: loans made pursuant to sections  
19 305, 306, and 317, notwithstanding 317(c), of that Act,  
20 rural electric, \$5,500,000,000; guaranteed underwriting  
21 loans pursuant to section 313A, \$750,000,000; 5 percent  
22 rural telecommunications loans, cost of money rural tele-  
23 communications loans, and for loans made pursuant to  
24 section 306 of that Act, rural telecommunications loans,  
25 \$690,000,000: *Provided*, That up to \$2,000,000,000 shall



1 be used for the construction, acquisition, or improvement  
2 of fossil-fueled electric generating plants (whether new or  
3 existing) that utilize carbon sequestration systems.

4 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section  
5 305 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C.  
6 935), including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in  
7 section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, cost  
8 of money rural telecommunications loans, \$1,125,000.

9 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
10 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,  
11 \$33,270,000, which shall be transferred to and merged  
12 with the appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries  
13 and Expenses”.

14 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND  
15 PROGRAM

16 For the principal amount of broadband telecommuni-  
17 cation loans, \$29,851,000.

18 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning  
19 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa  
20 et seq., \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended:  
21 *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be made available for  
22 grants authorized by 379G of the Consolidated Farm and  
23 Rural Development Act: *Provided further*, That funding  
24 provided under this heading for grants under 379G of the  
25 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act may only

1 be provided to entities that meet all of the eligibility cri-  
2 teria for a consortium as established by this section.

3 For the cost of broadband loans, as authorized by  
4 section 601 of the Rural Electrification Act, \$5,829,900,  
5 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the  
6 cost of direct loans shall be as defined in section 502 of  
7 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

8 In addition, \$30,000,000, to remain available until  
9 expended, for a grant program to finance broadband  
10 transmission in rural areas eligible for Distance Learning  
11 and Telemedicine Program benefits authorized by 7  
12 U.S.C. 950aaa.

#### 13 TITLE IV

#### 14 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

#### 15 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,

#### 16 NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under  
18 Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,  
19 \$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this  
20 Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer  
21 Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-  
22 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for  
23 the Office.

## 1 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

## 2 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

## 3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.  
5 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et  
6 seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of  
7 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and  
8 21; \$23,183,512,000 to remain available through Sep-  
9 tember 30, 2020, of which such sums as are made avail-  
10 able under section 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation,  
11 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as  
12 amended by this Act, shall be merged with and available  
13 for the same time period and purposes as provided herein:  
14 *Provided*, That of the total amount available, \$17,004,000  
15 shall be available to carry out section 19 of the Child Nu-  
16 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.): *Provided*  
17 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$30,000,000  
18 shall be available to provide competitive grants to State  
19 agencies for subgrants to local educational agencies and  
20 schools to purchase the equipment, with a value of greater  
21 than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier meals, improve food  
22 safety, and to help support the establishment, mainte-  
23 nance, or expansion of the school breakfast program: *Pro-*  
24 *vided further*, That of the total amount available,  
25 \$28,000,000 shall remain available until expended to carry

1 out section 749(g) of the Agriculture Appropriations Act  
2 of 2010 (Public Law 111–80): *Provided further*, That sec-  
3 tion 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School  
4 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is amended in the first  
5 sentence by striking “2010 through 2018” and inserting  
6 “2010 through 2019”: *Provided further*, That section  
7 9(h)(3) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended in the first sen-  
9 tence by striking “for fiscal year 2018” and inserting  
10 “For fiscal year 2019”: *Provided further*, That section  
11 9(h)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first sen-  
13 tence by striking “For fiscal year 2018” and inserting  
14 “for fiscal year 2019”.

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

17 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-  
18 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17  
19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),  
20 \$6,000,000,000, to remain available through September  
21 30, 2020: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section  
22 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
23 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$60,000,000 shall be used for  
24 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities,  
25 and \$14,000,000 shall be used for infrastructure: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That none of the funds provided in this ac-  
2 count shall be available for the purchase of infant formula  
3 except in accordance with the cost containment and com-  
4 petitive bidding requirements specified in section 17 of  
5 such Act: *Provided further*, That none of the funds pro-  
6 vided shall be available for activities that are not fully re-  
7 imbursed by other Federal Government departments or  
8 agencies unless authorized by section 17 of such Act: *Pro-*  
9 *vided further*, That upon termination of a federally man-  
10 dated vendor moratorium and subject to terms and condi-  
11 tions established by the Secretary, the Secretary may  
12 waive the requirement at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the re-  
13 quest of a State agency.

14 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and  
16 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),  
17 \$73,219,274,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain  
18 available through December 31, 2020, shall be placed in  
19 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times  
20 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:  
21 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended  
22 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition  
23 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made  
24 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to  
25 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and

1 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food  
2 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*  
3 *further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to any  
4 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-  
5 quired by law: *Provided further*, That funds made available  
6 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-  
7 main available through September 30, 2020: *Provided fur-*  
8 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading for  
9 section 28(d)(1), section 4(b), and section 27(a) of the  
10 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 shall remain available  
11 through September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That none  
12 of the funds made available under this heading may be  
13 obligated or expended in contravention of section 213A of  
14 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A):  
15 *Provided further*, That, subject to section 737 of this Act,  
16 funds made available under this heading may be used to  
17 enter into contracts and employ staff to conduct studies,  
18 evaluations, or to conduct activities related to program in-  
19 tegrity provided that such activities are authorized by the  
20 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

21 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

22 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster assist-  
23 ance and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program as  
24 authorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Con-  
25 sumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note); the

1 Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983; special assist-  
2 ance for the nuclear affected islands, as authorized by sec-  
3 tion 103(f)(2) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-  
4 ments Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–188); and the Farm-  
5 ers’ Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section  
6 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, \$306,910,000,  
7 to remain available through September 30, 2020: *Pro-*  
8 *vided*, That none of these funds shall be available to reim-  
9 burse the Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities  
10 donated to the program: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
11 standing any other provision of law, effective with funds  
12 made available in fiscal year 2019 to support the Seniors  
13 Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by  
14 section 4402 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment  
15 Act of 2002, such funds shall remain available through  
16 September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That of the funds  
17 made available under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutri-  
18 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may  
19 use up to 15 percent for costs associated with the distribu-  
20 tion of commodities.

21 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

22 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food  
23 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-  
24 tion assistance program, \$162,838,000, of which  
25 \$12,297,000 shall remain available through September

1 30, 2021, for the development and dissemination of the  
2 Dietary Guidelines for Americans: *Provided*, That of the  
3 funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for the  
4 purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as  
5 amended by section 4401 of Public Law 110–246.

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TITLE V

7

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED

8

PROGRAMS

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OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND

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FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS

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For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under

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Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,

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\$875,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this

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Act to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural

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able to fund up to one administrative support staff for

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the Office.

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OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

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For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex

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for official reception and representation expenses.



1                   FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE  
2                   SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
3                   (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4       For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural  
5 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-  
6 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of  
7 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),  
8 \$204,138,000, for overseas operations to include the pay-  
9 ment of locally employed staff: *Provided*, That the Service  
10 may utilize advances of funds, or reimburse this appro-  
11 priation for expenditures made on behalf of Federal agen-  
12 cies, public and private organizations and institutions  
13 under agreements executed pursuant to the agricultural  
14 food production assistance programs (7 U.S.C. 1737) and  
15 the foreign assistance programs of the United States  
16 Agency for International Development: *Provided further*,  
17 That funds made available for middle-income country  
18 training programs, funds made available for the Borlaug  
19 International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellow-  
20 ship program, and up to \$2,000,000 of the Foreign Agri-  
21 cultural Service appropriation solely for the purpose of off-  
22 setting fluctuations in international currency exchange  
23 rates, subject to documentation by the Foreign Agricul-  
24 tural Service, shall remain available until expended.

1       FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE I DIRECT CREDIT AND FOOD  
2                                   FOR PROGRESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
3                                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4       For administrative expenses to carry out the credit  
5 program of title I, Food for Peace Act (Public Law 83–  
6 480) and the Food for Progress Act of 1985, \$142,000,  
7 shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation  
8 for “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

9                                   FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

10       For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-  
11 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years’ costs, in-  
12 cluding interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act  
13 (Public Law 83–480), for commodities supplied in connec-  
14 tion with dispositions abroad under title II of said Act,  
15 \$1,500,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
16 *vided*, That the Administrator of the United States Agen-  
17 cy for International Development shall in each instance  
18 notify in writing the Committees on Appropriations of  
19 both Houses of Congress, the Committee on Agriculture  
20 of the House, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
21 Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House,  
22 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-  
23 estry of the Senate and make publicly available online the  
24 amount and use of authority in section 202(a) of the Food  
25 for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1722(a)) to notwithstanding the min-

1 imum level of nonemergency assistance required by section  
2 412(e)(2) of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C.  
3 1736f(e)(2)) not later than 15 days after the date of such  
4 action.

5 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION  
6 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

7 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions  
8 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-  
9 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o-1), \$207,626,000, to  
10 remain available until expended, of which \$1,000,000 is  
11 for the use of recently developed potable water tech-  
12 nologies in school feeding projects: *Provided*, That the  
13 Commodity Credit Corporation is authorized to provide  
14 the services, facilities, and authorities for the purpose of  
15 implementing such section, subject to reimbursement from  
16 amounts provided herein.

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, \$9,180,000; 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, of which

1 \$6,717,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the  
2 appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural Service, Salaries  
3 and Expenses”, and of which \$2,463,000 shall be trans-  
4 ferred to and merged with the appropriation for “Farm  
5 Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

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## TITLE VI

7

## RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG

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## ADMINISTRATION

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

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## SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-

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ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger

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motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related

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costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and

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activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are

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included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space

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in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; in addition to

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amounts appropriated to the FDA Innovation Account, for

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carrying out the activities described in section 1002(b)(4)

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of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114–255); for

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miscellaneous and emergency expenses of enforcement ac-

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tivities, authorized and approved by the Secretary and to

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be accounted for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not

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to exceed \$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of

1 Public Law 107–188; \$5,568,010,000: *Provided*, That of  
2 the amount provided under this heading, \$960,568,000  
3 shall be derived from prescription drug user fees author-  
4 ized by 21 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this ac-  
5 count and remain available until expended; \$196,668,000  
6 shall be derived from medical device user fees authorized  
7 by 21 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account  
8 and remain available until expended; \$501,396,000 shall  
9 be derived from human generic drug user fees authorized  
10 by 21 U.S.C. 379j–42, and shall be credited to this ac-  
11 count and remain available until expended; \$40,922,000  
12 shall be derived from biosimilar biological product user  
13 fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, and shall be cred-  
14 ited to this account and remain available until expended;  
15 \$30,331,000 shall be derived from animal drug user fees  
16 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–12, and shall be credited  
17 to this account and remain available until expended;  
18 \$18,336,000 shall be derived from generic new animal  
19 drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–21, and shall  
20 be credited to this account and remain available until ex-  
21 pended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-  
22 uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be  
23 credited to this account and remain available until ex-  
24 pended: *Provided further*, That in addition to and notwith-  
25 standing any other provision under this heading, amounts

1 collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device  
2 user fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biologi-  
3 cal product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic  
4 new animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal  
5 year 2019 limitations are appropriated and shall be cred-  
6 ited to this account and remain available until expended:  
7 *Provided further*, That fees derived from prescription drug,  
8 medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological  
9 product, animal drug, and generic new animal drug as-  
10 sessments for fiscal year 2019, including any such fees  
11 collected prior to fiscal year 2019 but credited for fiscal  
12 year 2019, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2019 limita-  
13 tions: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may accept  
14 payment during fiscal year 2019 of user fees specified  
15 under this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2020,  
16 prior to the due date for such fees, and that amounts of  
17 such fees assessed for fiscal year 2020 for which the Sec-  
18 retary accepts payment in fiscal year 2019 shall not be  
19 included in amounts under this heading: *Provided further*,  
20 That none of these funds shall be used to develop, estab-  
21 lish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by  
22 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of the total  
23 amount appropriated: (1) \$1,039,675,000 shall be for the  
24 Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and related  
25 field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (2)

1 \$1,839,411,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evalua-  
2 tion and Research and related field activities in the Office  
3 of Regulatory Affairs; (3) \$389,731,000 shall be for the  
4 Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research and for re-  
5 lated field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs;  
6 (4) \$220,397,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary  
7 Medicine and for related field activities in the Office of  
8 Regulatory Affairs; (5) \$564,905,000 shall be for the Cen-  
9 ter for Devices and Radiological Health and for related  
10 field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (6)  
11 \$65,331,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxi-  
12 cological Research; (7) \$662,043,000 shall be for the Cen-  
13 ter for Tobacco Products and for related field activities  
14 in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (8) not to exceed  
15 \$195,933,000 shall be for Rent and Related activities, of  
16 which \$57,373,000 is for White Oak Consolidation, other  
17 than the amounts paid to the General Services Adminis-  
18 tration for rent; (9) not to exceed \$239,716,000 shall be  
19 for payments to the General Services Administration for  
20 rent; and (10) \$350,868,000 shall be for other activities,  
21 including the Office of the Commissioner of Food and  
22 Drugs, the Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine, the  
23 Office of Medical and Tobacco Products, the Office of  
24 Global and Regulatory Policy, the Office of Operations,  
25 the Office of the Chief Scientist, and central services for

1 these offices: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$25,000  
2 of this amount shall be for official reception and represen-  
3 tation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined  
4 by the Commissioner: *Provided further*, That any transfer  
5 of funds pursuant to section 770(n) of the Federal Food,  
6 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(n)) shall only  
7 be from amounts made available under this heading for  
8 other activities: *Provided further*, That of the amounts  
9 that are made available under this heading for “other ac-  
10 tivities”, and that are not derived from user fees,  
11 \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the  
12 appropriation for “Department of Health and Human  
13 Services—Office of Inspector General” for oversight of the  
14 programs and operations of the Food and Drug Adminis-  
15 tration and shall be in addition to funds otherwise made  
16 available for oversight of the Food and Drug Administra-  
17 tion: *Provided further*, That of the total amount made  
18 available under this heading, \$3,000,000 shall be used by  
19 the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, in coordination  
20 with the Secretary of Agriculture, for consumer outreach  
21 and education regarding agricultural biotechnology and  
22 biotechnology-derived food products and animal feed, in-  
23 cluding through publication and distribution of science-  
24 based educational information on the environmental, nu-  
25 tritional, food safety, economic, and humanitarian impacts



1 of such biotechnology, food products, and feed: *Provided*  
2 *further*, That funds may be transferred from one specified  
3 activity to another with the prior approval of the Commit-  
4 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

5 In addition, mammography user fees authorized by  
6 42 U.S.C. 263b, export certification user fees authorized  
7 by 21 U.S.C. 381, priority review user fees authorized by  
8 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, food and feed recall fees, food  
9 reinspection fees, and voluntary qualified importer pro-  
10 gram fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–31, outsourcing  
11 facility fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription  
12 drug wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees  
13 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics  
14 provider licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21  
15 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized  
16 by 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), and medical countermeasure pri-  
17 ority review voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.  
18 360bbb–4a, shall be credited to this account, to remain  
19 available until expended.

20 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

21 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-  
22 sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-  
23 ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Admin-  
24 istration, where not otherwise provided, \$11,788,000, to  
25 remain available until expended.

## 1 FDA INNOVATION ACCOUNT, CURES ACT

2 For necessary expenses to carry out the purposes de-  
3 scribed under section 1002(b)(4) of the 21st Century  
4 Cures Act, in addition to amounts available for such pur-  
5 poses under the heading “Salaries and Expenses”,  
6 \$70,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
7 *vided*, That amounts appropriated in this paragraph are  
8 appropriated pursuant to section 1002(b)(3) of the 21st  
9 Century Cures Act, are to be derived from amounts trans-  
10 ferred under section 1002(b)(2)(A) of such Act, and may  
11 be transferred by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs  
12 to the appropriation for “Department of Health and  
13 Human Services Food and Drug Administration Salaries  
14 and Expenses” solely for the purposes provided in such  
15 Act: *Provided further*, That upon a determination by the  
16 Commissioner that funds transferred pursuant to the pre-  
17 vious proviso are not necessary for the purposes provided,  
18 such amounts may be transferred back to the account:  
19 *Provided further*, That such transfer authority is in addi-  
20 tion to any other transfer authority provided by law.

## 21 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

## 22 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

23 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions  
24 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), in-  
25 cluding the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles,

1 and the rental of space (to include multiple year leases),  
2 in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$255,000,000,  
3 including not to exceed \$3,000 for official reception and  
4 representation expenses, and not to exceed \$25,000 for the  
5 expenses for consultations and meetings hosted by the  
6 Commission with foreign governmental and other regu-  
7 latory officials, of which not less than \$50,000,000, to re-  
8 main available until September 30, 2020, shall be for the  
9 purchase of information technology and of which not less  
10 than \$3,000,000 shall be for expenses of the Office of the  
11 Inspector General: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the  
12 limitations in 31 U.S.C. 1553, amounts provided under  
13 this heading are available for the liquidation of obligations  
14 equal to current year payments on leases entered into  
15 prior to the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided fur-*  
16 *ther*, That for the purpose of recording and liquidating any  
17 lease obligations that should have been recorded and liq-  
18 uidated against accounts closed pursuant to 31 U.S.C.  
19 1552, and consistent with the preceding proviso, such  
20 amounts shall be transferred to and recorded in a new  
21 no-year account in the Treasury, which may be established  
22 for the sole purpose of recording adjustments for and liq-  
23 uidating such unpaid obligations: *Provided further*, That  
24 if any furlough or reduction-in-force of personnel at the  
25 Commission occurs as a result of an action under 5 U.S.C.

1 7119, the Commission shall submit a report to the Com-  
2 mittees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives  
3 and the Senate no later than 30 days after the furlough  
4 or reduction-in-force occurs detailing the agency's rea-  
5 soning for conducting a furlough or reduction-in-force:  
6 *Provided further*, That in the report the Commission shall  
7 explain why the furlough or reduction-in-force was the  
8 only reasonable course of action in response to an action  
9 taken under 5 U.S.C. 7119: *Provided further*, That after  
10 the conclusion of any furlough or reduction-in-force of the  
11 Commission in response to an action taken under 5 U.S.C.  
12 7119, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Com-  
13 mittees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House  
14 of Representatives a report that describes (1) the long-  
15 term cost of any pay increases the Commission must make  
16 in response to an action taken under 5 U.S.C. 7119; and  
17 (2) the operational impact of the furlough or reduction-  
18 in-force.

19 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION  
20 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
21 Not to exceed \$74,600,000 (from assessments col-  
22 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal  
23 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated  
24 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses  
25 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this

1 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-  
2 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed  
3 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the  
4 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
5 gress.

## 6 TITLE VII

### 7 GENERAL PROVISIONS

8 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law,  
10 appropriations and authorizations made for the Depart-  
11 ment of Agriculture for the current fiscal year under this  
12 Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those  
13 specifically provided for, of not to exceed 71 passenger  
14 motor vehicles of which 68 shall be for replacement only,  
15 and for the hire of such vehicles: *Provided*, That notwith-  
16 standing this section, the only purchase of new passenger  
17 vehicles shall be for those determined by the Secretary to  
18 be necessary for transportation safety, to reduce oper-  
19 ational costs, and for the protection of life, property, and  
20 public safety.

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 acqui-  
2 tion of plant and capital equipment necessary for the deliv-  
3 ery of financial, administrative, and information tech-  
4 nology services of primary benefit to the agencies of the  
5 Department of Agriculture, such transferred funds to re-  
6 main available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the  
7 funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall  
8 be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without the  
9 prior approval of the agency administrator: *Provided fur-*  
10 *ther*, That none of the funds transferred to the Working  
11 Capital Fund pursuant to this section shall be available  
12 for obligation without written notification to and the prior  
13 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both  
14 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That none of the  
15 funds appropriated by this Act or made available to the  
16 Department's Working Capital Fund shall be available for  
17 obligation or expenditure to make any changes to the De-  
18 partment's National Finance Center without written noti-  
19 fication to and prior approval of the Committees on Ap-  
20 propriations of both Houses of Congress as required by  
21 section 717 of this Act: *Provided further*, That none of  
22 the funds appropriated by this Act or made available to  
23 the Department's Working Capital Fund shall be available  
24 for obligation or expenditure to initiate, plan, develop, im-  
25 plement, or make any changes to remove or relocate any

1 systems, missions, or functions of the offices of the Chief  
2 Financial Officer or any personnel from the National Fi-  
3 nance Center prior to written notification to and prior ap-  
4 proval of the Committee on Appropriations of both Houses  
5 of Congress and in accordance with the requirements of  
6 section 717 of this Act: *Provided further*, That the Sec-  
7 retary of Agriculture and the offices of the Chief Financial  
8 Officer shall actively market to existing and new Depart-  
9 ments and other government agencies National Finance  
10 Center shared services including, but not limited to, pay-  
11 roll, financial management, and human capital shared  
12 services and allow the National Finance Center to perform  
13 technology upgrades: *Provided further*, That of annual in-  
14 come amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the De-  
15 partment of Agriculture attributable to the amounts in ex-  
16 cess of the true costs of the shared services provided by  
17 the National Finance Center and budgeted for the Na-  
18 tional Finance Center, the Secretary shall reserve not  
19 more than 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition  
20 of capital equipment, including equipment for the improve-  
21 ment, delivery, and implementation of financial, adminis-  
22 trative, and information technology services, and other  
23 systems of the National Finance Center or to pay any un-  
24 foreseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Cen-  
25 ter: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts reserved

1 shall be available for obligation unless the Secretary sub-  
2 mits written notification of the obligation to the Commit-  
3 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Pro-*  
4 *vided further*, That the limitations on the obligation of  
5 funds pending notification to Congressional Committees  
6 shall not apply to any obligation that, as determined by  
7 the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a declared state  
8 of emergency that significantly impacts the operations of  
9 the National Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of  
10 the National Finance Center to a safe haven to continue  
11 operations of the National Finance Center.

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

15 SEC. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be  
16 used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative  
17 agreements or similar arrangements between the United  
18 States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-  
19 tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of  
20 the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative ar-  
21 rangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest  
22 between the two parties. This does not preclude appro-  
23 priate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts  
24 with such institutions when such indirect costs are com-



1 puted on a similar basis for all agencies for which appro-  
2 priations are provided in this Act.

3 SEC. 705. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-  
4 culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made  
5 available in the current fiscal year shall remain available  
6 until expended to disburse obligations made in the current  
7 fiscal year for the following accounts: the Rural Develop-  
8 ment Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrifica-  
9 tion and Telecommunication Loans program account, and  
10 the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.

11 SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the  
12 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-  
13 quire new information technology systems or significant  
14 upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-  
15 mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-  
16 tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-  
17 tion Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That  
18 notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the  
19 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this  
20 Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Informa-  
21 tion Officer without written notification to and the prior  
22 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both  
23 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That, notwith-  
24 standing section 11319 of title 40, United States Code,  
25 none of the funds available to the Department of Agri-

1 culture for information technology shall be obligated for  
2 projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000  
3 prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Informa-  
4 tion Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information  
5 Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without  
6 written approval from the Chief Information Officer for  
7 projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000  
8 based upon the performance of an agency measured  
9 against the performance plan requirements described in  
10 the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 113-  
11 235.

12 SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b)  
13 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in  
14 the current fiscal year shall remain available until ex-  
15 pended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal  
16 year.

17 SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
18 law, any former RUS borrower that has repaid or prepaid  
19 an insured, direct or guaranteed loan under the Rural  
20 Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-for-profit utility  
21 that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under  
22 such Act, shall be eligible for assistance under section  
23 313(b)(2)(B) of such Act in the same manner as a bor-  
24 rower under such Act.

1        SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided  
2 by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated bal-  
3 ances from appropriations made available for salaries and  
4 expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall  
5 remain available through September 30, 2020, for infor-  
6 mation technology expenses: *Provided*, That except as oth-  
7 erwise specifically provided by law, unobligated balances  
8 from appropriations made available for salaries and ex-  
9 penses in this Act for the Rural Development mission area  
10 shall remain available through September 30, 2020, for  
11 information technology expenses.

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

17        SEC. 711. In the case of each program established  
18 or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law  
19 113–79), other than by title I or subtitle A of title III  
20 of such Act, or programs for which indefinite amounts  
21 were provided in that Act, that is authorized or required  
22 to be carried out using funds of the Commodity Credit  
23 Corporation—

24                (1) such funds shall be available for salaries  
25                and related administrative expenses, including tech-

1 nical assistance, associated with the implementation  
2 of the program, without regard to the limitation on  
3 the total amount of allotments and fund transfers  
4 contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit  
5 Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and

6 (2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall  
7 not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment  
8 for purposes of applying the limitation on the total  
9 amount of allotments and fund transfers contained  
10 in such section.

11 SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act,  
12 not more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary  
13 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,  
14 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department  
15 of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-  
16 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-  
17 tively awarded grants.

18 SEC. 713. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-  
19 able to pay indirect costs charged against any agricultural  
20 research, education, or extension grant awards issued by  
21 the National Institute of Food and Agriculture that exceed  
22 30 percent of total Federal funds provided under each  
23 award: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 1462 of  
24 the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and  
25 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3310), funds pro-

1 vided by this Act for grants awarded competitively by the  
2 National Institute of Food and Agriculture shall be avail-  
3 able to pay full allowable indirect costs for each grant  
4 awarded under section 9 of the Small Business Act (15  
5 U.S.C. 638).

6 SEC. 714. (a) None of the funds made available in  
7 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer  
8 network unless such network blocks the viewing,  
9 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

14 SEC. 715. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section  
15 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this  
16 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds  
17 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any  
18 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses  
19 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of  
20 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section  
21 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,299,600,000  
22 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal  
23 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement  
24 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—  
25 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—

1 \$2,500,000; Administration of Section 32 Commodity  
2 Purchases—\$35,853,000: *Provided*, That of the total  
3 funds made available in the matter preceding this proviso  
4 that remain unobligated on October 1, 2019, such unobli-  
5 gated balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2020 and  
6 shall remain available until expended for any of the three  
7 stated purposes of section 32, except that any such carry-  
8 over funds used in accordance with clause (3) of section  
9 32 may not exceed \$350,000,000 and may not be obli-  
10 gated until the Secretary of Agriculture provides written  
11 notification of the expenditures to the Committees on Ap-  
12 propriations of both Houses of Congress at least two  
13 weeks in advance: *Provided further*, That, with the excep-  
14 tion of any available carryover funds authorized in any  
15 prior appropriations Act to be used for the purposes of  
16 clause (3) of section 32, none of the funds appropriated  
17 or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall  
18 be used to pay the salaries or expenses of any employee  
19 of the Department of Agriculture to carry out clause (3)  
20 of section 32.

21 SEC. 716. None of the funds appropriated by this or  
22 any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and ex-  
23 penses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations  
24 language as part of the President's budget submission to  
25 the Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the

1 Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural De-  
2 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related  
3 Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction  
4 from the previous year due to user fees proposals that  
5 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission  
6 of the budget unless such budget submission identifies  
7 which additional spending reductions should occur in the  
8 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the  
9 date of the convening of a committee of conference for  
10 the fiscal year 2020 appropriations Act.

11 SEC. 717. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,  
12 or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agen-  
13 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation  
14 or expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from  
15 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of  
16 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be  
17 available for obligation or expenditure through a re-  
18 programming, transfer of funds, or reimbursements as au-  
19 thorized by the Economy Act, or in the case of the Depart-  
20 ment of Agriculture, through use of the authority provided  
21 by section 702(b) of the Department of Agriculture Or-  
22 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2257) or section 8 of Public  
23 Law 89–106 (7 U.S.C. 2263), that—

- 24 (1) creates new programs;
- 25 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

1           (3) increases funds or personnel by any means  
2           for any project or activity for which funds have been  
3           denied or restricted;

4           (4) relocates an office or employees;

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

6           or

7           (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or  
8           activities presently performed by Federal employees;  
9           unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Chairman of the  
10          Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or the Sec-  
11          retary of Health and Human Services (as the case may  
12          be) notifies in writing and receives approval from the Com-  
13          mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at  
14          least 30 days in advance of the reprogramming of such  
15          funds or the use of such authority.

16          (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-  
17          vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies  
18          funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or  
19          expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from  
20          any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of  
21          fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be  
22          available for obligation or expenditure for activities, pro-  
23          grams, or projects through a reprogramming or use of the  
24          authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds



1 in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less,  
2 that—

3 (1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-  
4 tivities;

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

8 (3) results from any general savings from a re-  
9 duction in personnel which would result in a change  
10 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-  
11 proved by Congress; unless the Secretary of Agri-  
12 culture, the Chairman of the Commodity Futures  
13 Trading Commission, or the Secretary of Health and  
14 Human Services (as the case may be) notifies in  
15 writing and receives approval from the Committees  
16 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at  
17 least 30 days in advance of the reprogramming or  
18 transfer of such funds or the use of such authority.

19 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture, the Chairman of the  
20 Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or the Sec-  
21 retary of Health and Human Services shall notify in writ-  
22 ing and receive approval from the Committees on Appro-  
23 priations of both Houses of Congress before implementing  
24 any program or activity not carried out during the pre-

1 vious fiscal year unless the program or activity is funded  
2 by this Act or specifically funded by any other Act.

3 (d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-  
4 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies  
5 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or  
6 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from  
7 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of  
8 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be  
9 available for—

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

16 (2) realigning or reorganizing new, current, or  
17 vacant positions or agency activities or functions to  
18 establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity  
19 with five or more personnel; or

20 (3) carrying out activities or functions that  
21 were not described in the budget request; unless the  
22 agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing, the  
23 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
24 Congress at least 30 days in advance of using the  
25 funds for these purposes.

1 (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used  
2 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the  
3 Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commis-  
4 sion, or the Secretary of Health and Human Services re-  
5 ceives from the Committee on Appropriations of both  
6 Houses of Congress written or electronic mail confirma-  
7 tion of receipt of the notification as required in this sec-  
8 tion.

9 SEC. 718. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the  
10 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.  
11 1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for  
12 any guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount  
13 that does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal  
14 portion of the loan.

15 SEC. 719. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
16 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the  
17 Food and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures  
18 Trading Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration  
19 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available re-  
20 ports, questions, or responses to questions that are a re-  
21 sult of information requested for the appropriations hear-  
22 ing process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-  
23 Department of Health and Human Services, non-Com-  
24 modity Futures Trading Commission, or non-Farm Credit  
25 Administration employee.

1       SEC. 720. Unless otherwise authorized by existing  
2 law, none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used  
3 by an executive branch agency to produce any pre-  
4 packaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution  
5 in the United States unless the story includes a clear noti-  
6 fication within the text or audio of the prepackaged news  
7 story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or  
8 funded by that executive branch agency.

9       SEC. 721. No employee of the Department of Agri-  
10 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or  
11 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other  
12 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days  
13 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency  
14 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or  
15 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the  
16 period of assignment.

17       SEC. 722. Not later than 30 days after the date of  
18 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the  
19 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the  
20 Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commis-  
21 sion, and the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administra-  
22 tion shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of  
23 both Houses of Congress a detailed spending plan by pro-  
24 gram, project, and activity for all the funds made available

1 under this Act including appropriated user fees, as defined  
2 in the report accompanying this Act.

3 SEC. 723. Of the unobligated balances from amounts  
4 made available for the supplemental nutrition program as  
5 authorized by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of  
6 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), \$300,000,000 are hereby re-  
7 scinded.

8 SEC. 724. The Secretary shall continue an inter-  
9 mediary loan packaging program based on the pilot pro-  
10 gram in effect for fiscal year 2013 for packaging and re-  
11 viewing section 502 single family direct loans. The Sec-  
12 retary shall continue agreements with current inter-  
13 mediary organizations and with additional qualified inter-  
14 mediary organizations. The Secretary shall work with  
15 these organizations to increase effectiveness of the section  
16 502 single family direct loan program in rural commu-  
17 nities and shall set aside and make available from the na-  
18 tional reserve section 502 loans an amount necessary to  
19 support the work of such intermediaries and provide a pri-  
20 ority for review of such loans.

21 SEC. 725. For loans and loan guarantees that do not  
22 require budget authority and the program level has been  
23 established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may  
24 increase the program level for such loans and loan guaran-  
25 tees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*, That prior

1 to the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Sec-  
2 retary notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropria-  
3 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in ad-  
4 vance.

5 SEC. 726. None of the credit card refunds or rebates  
6 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-  
7 tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and  
8 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-  
9 tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107-76)  
10 shall be available for obligation without written notifica-  
11 tion to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Ap-  
12 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That  
13 the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for  
14 obligation only for the acquisition of plant and capital  
15 equipment necessary for the delivery of financial, adminis-  
16 trative, and information technology services of primary  
17 benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture.

18 SEC. 727. None of the funds made available by this  
19 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the  
20 “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-  
21 ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-  
22 sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department  
23 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15,  
24 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agri-  
25 culture amends the definition of the term “variety” as de

1 fined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Fed-  
2 eral Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition  
3 of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of  
4 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-  
5 ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each  
6 staple food category so that the total number of such items  
7 in each staple food category exceeds the number of such  
8 items in each staple food category included in the final  
9 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That  
10 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-  
11 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-  
12 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-  
13 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were  
14 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of  
15 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

16 SEC. 728. Notwithstanding section 343(a)(13)(C) of  
17 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, for  
18 the purpose of water and waste disposal guaranteed loans  
19 provided under paragraphs (1) and (24) of section 306(a)  
20 of such Act, the terms “rural” and “rural areas” mean  
21 a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population  
22 of no more than 20,000 inhabitants.

23 SEC. 729. Funds provided by this or any prior Appro-  
24 priations Act for the Agriculture and Food Research Ini-  
25 tiative under subsection (b) of the Competitive, Special,

1 and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(b))  
2 shall be made available without regard to section 1492 of  
3 the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and  
4 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3371) under the  
5 matching requirements applicable to such Initiative (other  
6 than paragraph (9) of such subsection (b)) in effect on  
7 the day before the date of enactment of such section 1492.

8       SEC. 730. In carrying out subsection (h) of section  
9 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the  
10 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority  
11 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and  
12 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under  
13 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42  
14 U.S.C. 1490p-2) with respect to loans guaranteed under  
15 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

16       SEC. 731. None of the funds made available by this  
17 Act may be used to propose, promulgate, or implement  
18 any rule, or take any other action with respect to, allowing  
19 or requiring information intended for a prescribing health  
20 care professional, in the case of a drug or biological prod-  
21 uct subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food,  
22 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)), to be dis-  
23 tributed to such professional electronically (in lieu of in  
24 paper form) unless and until a Federal law is enacted to  
25 allow or require such distribution.



1       SEC. 732. 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. 733. None of the funds made available by this  
13 or any other Act may be used to carry out the final rule  
14 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration and  
15 put into effect November 16, 2015, in regards to the haz-  
16 ard analysis and risk-based preventive control require-  
17 ments of the current good manufacturing practice, hazard  
18 analysis, and risk-based preventive controls for food for  
19 animals rule with respect to the regulation of the produc-  
20 tion, distribution, sale, or receipt of dried spent grain by-  
21 products of the alcoholic beverage production process.

22       SEC. 734. Funds made available under title II of the  
23 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be  
24 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate  
25 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-

1 trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is  
2 received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by  
3 food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-  
4 propriate purposes.

5       SEC. 735. Notwithstanding 5 U.S.C.5315, the Ad-  
6 ministrator for Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department  
7 of Agriculture, shall receive basic pay at a rate not to ex-  
8 ceed the maximum amount of compensation payable to a  
9 member of the Senior Executive Service under subsection  
10 (b) of section 5382 of title 5 United States Code, except  
11 that the certification requirement in that subsection shall  
12 not apply to the compensation of the Administrator.

13       SEC. 736. For fiscal year 2018 and hereafter, the  
14 Secretary shall regulate products made from cells of ame-  
15 nable species of livestock, as define in the Federal Meat  
16 Inspection Act, or poultry, as defined in the Poultry Prod-  
17 ucts Inspection act, grown under controlled conditions for  
18 use as human food, and shall issue regulations prescribing  
19 the type and frequency of inspection required for the man-  
20 ufacture and processing of such products, as well as other  
21 requirements necessary to prevent the adulteration and  
22 misbranding of these products.

23       SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this  
24 Act may be used by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
25 through the Food and Nutrition Service, to commence any

1 new research and evaluation projects until the Secretary  
2 submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
3 Houses of Congress a research and evaluation plan for fis-  
4 cal year 2019, prepared in coordination with the Research,  
5 Education, and Economics mission area of the Depart-  
6 ment of Agriculture, and a period of 30 days beginning  
7 on the date of the submission of the plan expires to permit  
8 Congressional review of the plan.

9 SEC. 738. Section 4s(e)(4) of the Commodity Ex-  
10 change Act (7 U.S.C. 6s(e)(4)) is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “(A)” before “The require-  
12 ments” ; and

13 (2) by adding after and below the end the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 “(B) The initial margin requirements im-  
16 posed by rules adopted pursuant to paragraphs  
17 (2)(A)(ii) and (2)(B)(ii) shall not apply to any  
18 swap in which—

19 “(i) one counter party is a person in  
20 which the other counterparty, directly or  
21 indirectly, holds a majority ownership in-  
22 terest; or

23 “(ii) a third party, directly or indi-  
24 rectly, holds a majority ownership interest  
25 in both counterparties.”.

1       SEC. 739. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

2               (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates  
3       the following factors in the country or region being  
4       audited, as applicable—

5               (A) veterinary control and oversight;

6               (B) disease history and vaccination prac-  
7       tices;

8               (C) livestock demographics and  
9       traceability;

10              (D) epidemiological separation from poten-  
11       tial sources of infection;

12              (E) surveillance practices;

13              (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and

14              (G) emergency preparedness and response;

15       and

16              (2) promptly make publicly available the final  
17       reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant  
18       to subsection (1).

19       SEC. 740. No food that bears or contains partially  
20       hydrogenated oils (as defined in the order published by  
21       the Food and Drug Administration in the Federal Reg-  
22       ister on June 17, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 34650 et seq.)) shall  
23       be considered to be adulterated within the meaning of sub-  
24       section (a)(1) or (a)(2)(C)(i) of section 402 of the Federal  
25       Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 342(a)) because

1 such food contains such partially hydrogenated oils so long  
2 as such food is introduced or delivered for introduction  
3 into interstate commerce on or before June 18, 2018.

4 SEC. 741. None of the funds made available by this  
5 Act may be used to carry out any activities or incur any  
6 expense related to the issuance of licenses under section  
7 3 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2133), or the re-  
8 newal of such licenses, to class B dealers who sell dogs  
9 and cats for use in research, experiments, teaching, or  
10 testing.

11 SEC. 742. There is appropriated \$20,000,000 to the  
12 Commodity Credit Corporation, in addition to amounts  
13 otherwise made available, for section 1110(f)(3) of the  
14 Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1736O(f)(3)).

15 SEC. 743. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for  
16 this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-  
17 posal, and solid waste management programs authorized  
18 by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of  
19 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7  
20 U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the  
21 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public  
22 water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel  
23 products used in the project are produced in the United  
24 States.

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

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

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

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

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

19           (c) If the Secretary or the designee receives a request  
20 for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the des-  
21 ignee shall make available to the public on an informal  
22 basis a copy of the request and information available to  
23 the Secretary or the designee concerning the request, and  
24 shall allow for informal public input on the request for  
25 at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the

1 request. The Secretary or the designee shall make the re-  
2 quest and accompanying information available by elec-  
3 tronic means, including on the official public Internet Web  
4 site of the Department.

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

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

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

20 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United  
21 States” and “State” shall include each of the several  
22 States, the District of Columbia, and each federally recog-  
23 nized Indian tribe.

24 SEC. 744. For the purposes of determining eligibility  
25 or level of program assistance for Rural Development pro-

1 grams the Secretary shall not include incarcerated prison  
2 populations.

3 SEC. 745. None of the funds appropriated by this Act  
4 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence  
5 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation  
6 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-  
7 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.  
8 1913.

9 SEC. 746. For an additional amount for “National  
10 Institute for Food and Agriculture-Research and Exten-  
11 sion Activities,” \$14,000,000 for relocation expenses and  
12 for alteration and repair of leased buildings and improve-  
13 ments pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250.

14 SEC. 747. The Secretary of Agriculture and the Sec-  
15 retary’s designees are hereby granted the same access to  
16 information and subject to the same requirements applica-  
17 ble to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
18 as provided in section 453 of the Social Security Act (42  
19 U.S.C. 653) and section 6103(1)(7)(D)(ix) of the Internal  
20 Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1603(1)(7)(D)(ix)) to  
21 verify the income for individuals participating in sections  
22 502, 504, 521, and 542 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42  
23 U.S.C. 1472, 1474, 1490a, and 1490r), notwithstanding  
24 section 453(l)(1) of the Social Security Act.



1           SEC. 748. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-  
3 ucts imported into the United States from the People's  
4 Republic of China for use in the school lunch program  
5 under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care Food  
7 Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1766),  
8 the Summer Food Service Program for Children under  
9 section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the school  
10 breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966  
11 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

12           SEC. 749. In response to an eligible community where  
13 the drinking water supplies are inadequate due to a nat-  
14 ural disaster, as determined by the Secretary, including  
15 drought or severe weather, the Secretary may provide po-  
16 table water through the Emergency Community Water As-  
17 sistance Grant Program for an additional period of time  
18 not to exceed 120 days beyond the established period pro-  
19 vided under the Program in order to protect public health.

20           SEC. 750. Of the total amounts made available by  
21 this Act for direct loans and grants in the following head-  
22 ings: "Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insurance  
23 Fund Program Account"; "Rural Housing Service—Mu-  
24 tual and Self-Help Housing Grants"; "Rural Housing  
25 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants"; "Rural

1 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program  
2 Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Rural  
3 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business-Coopera-  
4 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-  
5 gram Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—  
6 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Utilities  
7 Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-  
8 count”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Electrification  
9 and Telecommunications Loans Program Account”; and  
10 “Rural Utilities Service—Distance Learning, Telemedi-  
11 cine, and Broadband Program”, to the maximum extent  
12 feasible, at least 10 percent of the new unobligated bal-  
13 ances remaining upon enactment shall be allocated for as-  
14 sistance in persistent poverty counties under this section:  
15 *Provided*, That for purposes of this section, the term “per-  
16 sistent poverty counties” means any county that has had  
17 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over  
18 the past 30 years, as measured by the 1980, 1990, and  
19 2000 decennial censuses, and 2007–2011 American Com-  
20 munity Survey 5-year average: *Provided further*, That with  
21 respect to specific activities for which program levels have  
22 been made available by this Act that are not supported  
23 by budget authority, the requirements of this section shall  
24 be applied to such program level.

1           SEC. 751. (a) No funds shall be used to finalize the  
2 proposed rule entitled “Eligibility of the People’s Republic  
3 of China (PRC) to Export to the United States Poultry  
4 Products from Birds Slaughtered in the PRC” published  
5 in the Federal Register by the Department of Agriculture  
6 on June 16, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 27625), unless the Sec-  
7 retary of Agriculture shall—

8           (1) ensure that the poultry slaughter inspection  
9 system for the PRC is equivalent to that of the  
10 United States;

11           (2) ensure that, before any poultry products  
12 can enter the United States from any such poultry  
13 plant, such poultry products comply with all other  
14 applicable requirements for poultry products in  
15 interstate commerce in the United States;

16           (3) conduct periodic verification reviews and au-  
17 dits of any such plants in the PRC intending to ex-  
18 port into the United States processed poultry prod-  
19 ucts;

20           (4) conduct re-inspection of such poultry prod-  
21 ucts at United States ports-of-entry to check the  
22 general condition of such products, for the proper  
23 certification and labeling of such products, and for  
24 any damage to such products that may have oc-  
25 curred during transportation; and

1           (5) ensure that shipments of any such poultry  
2           products selected to enter the United States are sub-  
3           ject to additional re-inspection procedures at appro-  
4           priate levels to verify that the products comply with  
5           relevant Federal regulations or standards, including  
6           examinations for product defects and laboratory  
7           analyses to detect harmful chemical residues or  
8           pathogen testing appropriate for the products in-  
9           volved.

10          (b) This section shall be applied in a manner con-  
11         sistent with obligations of the United States under any  
12         trade agreement to which the United States is a party.

13         SEC. 752. None of the funds made available by this  
14         Act may be used by the Food and Drug Administration  
15         to develop, issue, promote, or advance any regulations ap-  
16         plicable to food manufacturers for population-wide sodium  
17         reduction actions or to develop, issue, promote or advance  
18         final guidance applicable to food manufacturers for long  
19         term population-wide sodium reduction actions until the  
20         date on which a dietary reference intake report with re-  
21         spect to sodium is completed.

22         SEC. 753. There is hereby appropriated \$1,000,000,  
23         to remain available until September 30, 2020, for the cost  
24         of loans and grants that is consistent with section 4206  
25         of the Agricultural Act of 2014, for necessary expenses

1 of the Secretary to support projects that provide access  
2 to healthy food in underserved areas, to create and pre-  
3 serve quality jobs, and to revitalize low-income commu-  
4 nities.

5       SEC. 754. For an additional amount for “Animal and  
6 Plant Health Inspection Service—Salaries and Expenses”,  
7 \$8,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020,  
8 for one-time control and management and associated ac-  
9 tivities directly related to the multiple-agency response to  
10 citrus greening.

11       SEC. 755. None of the funds made available by this  
12 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule  
13 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-  
14 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,  
15 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption,” and  
16 published on November 27, 2015, with respect to the regu-  
17 lation of the production, distribution, sale, or receipt of  
18 grape varieties that are grown, harvested and used solely  
19 for wine and receive commercial processing that ade-  
20 quately reduces the presence of microorganisms of public  
21 health significance.

22       SEC. 756. None of the funds made available by this  
23 Act may be used to revoke an exception made—

24               (1) pursuant to the rule entitled “Exceptions to  
25       Geographic Areas for Official Agencies Under the

1 USGSA” published by the Department of Agri-  
2 culture in the Federal Register on April 18, 2003  
3 (68 Fed. Reg. 19137, 19139); and

4 (2) on a date before April 14, 2017.

5 SEC. 757. For school year 2019–2020, only a school  
6 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit  
7 school food service account as of December 31, 2018, shall  
8 be required to establish a price for paid lunches in accord-  
9 ance with Section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell Na-  
10 tional School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1760(p).

11 SEC. 758. There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000,  
12 to remain available until September 30, 2020, for a pilot  
13 program for the National Institute of Food and Agri-  
14 culture to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for  
15 programs and services to establish and enhance farming  
16 and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

17 SEC. 759. For an additional amount for “Rural Utili-  
18 ties Service—Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and  
19 Broadband Program”, \$550,000,000, to remain available  
20 until expended, for the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct  
21 a broadband loan and grant pilot program under the Rural  
22 Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.): *Pro-*  
23 *vided*, That for the purpose of the pilot program, the au-  
24 thorities provided in such Act shall include the authority  
25 to make grants for such purposes, as described in section

1 601(a) of such Act: *Provided further*, That the cost of di-  
2 rect loans shall be as defined in section 502 of the Con-  
3 gressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That at  
4 least 90 percent of the households to be served by a project  
5 receiving a loan or grant under the pilot program shall  
6 be in a rural area without sufficient access to broadband,  
7 defined for this pilot program as 10 Mbps downstream,  
8 and 1 Mbps upstream, which shall be reevaluated and re-  
9 determined, as necessary, on an annual basis by the Sec-  
10 retary of Agriculture: *Provided further*, That an entity to  
11 which a loan or grant is made under the pilot program  
12 shall not use the loan or grant to overbuild or duplicate  
13 broadband expansion efforts made by any entity that has  
14 received a broadband loan from the Rural Utilities Service:  
15 *Provided further*, That in addition to other available funds,  
16 not more than four percent of the funds can be used for  
17 administrative costs to carry out this pilot program and  
18 up to three percent may be utilized for technical assistance  
19 and pre-development planning activities to support the  
20 most rural communities, which shall be transferred to and  
21 merged with the appropriation for “Rural Development,  
22 Salaries and Expenses”: *Provided further*, That the Rural  
23 Utility Service is directed to expedite program delivery  
24 methods that would implement this section: *Provided fur-*  
25 *ther*, That for purposes of this section, the Secretary shall

1 adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-  
2 ment requirements set forth in sections 6104(a)(2)(D)  
3 and 6104(a)(2)(E) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7  
4 U.S.C. 950bb(d)(5), and 950bb(d)(8) and 950bb(d)(10)).

5       SEC. 760. Section 202 of H.R. 238, One Hundred  
6 Fifteenth Congress, as passed by the House of Represent-  
7 atives on January 12, 2017, is hereby enacted into law.

8       SEC. 761. With the exception of funds needed to ad-  
9 minister, complete, and conduct oversight of contracts  
10 awarded and obligations incurred prior to enactment of  
11 this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise  
12 made available by this or any other Act shall be used to  
13 pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out  
14 the Biomass Crop Assistance Program authorized by sec-  
15 tion 9011 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act  
16 of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8111).

17       SEC. 762. Not later than July 31, 2019, the Sec-  
18 retary of Health and Human Services shall finalize the  
19 draft guidance for industry entitled “Bacterial Risk Con-  
20 trol Strategies for Blood Collection Establishments and  
21 Transfusion Services to Enhance the Safety and Avail-  
22 ability of Platelets for Transfusion” issued by the Food  
23 and Drug Administration in March of 2016.

24       SEC. 763. Not later than 180 days after the date of  
25 the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture



1 shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations  
2 of both Houses of Congress that includes a summary of  
3 the process used in establishing the 2020-2025 Dietary  
4 Guidelines for Americans published pursuant to section  
5 301 of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Re-  
6 search Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341) and an explanation  
7 with respect to the decision to incorporate or exclude in  
8 such Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations  
9 from the report by the National Academies of Science, En-  
10 gineering, and Medicine entitled “Redesigning the Process  
11 for Establishing the Dietary Guidelines for Americans”  
12 and issued September, 2017.

13       SEC. 764. None of the funds made available by this  
14 Act shall be used to implement, administer, or enforce the  
15 final rule entitled “Food Labeling: Revision of the Nutri-  
16 tion and Supplement Facts Labels”, published in the Fed-  
17 eral Register on May 27, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 33742) to  
18 the extent such rule requires that the nutrition facts panel  
19 on the labeling of a single-ingredient food that does not  
20 have any sugars or sweeteners added to the food, such  
21 as honey and maple syrup, include a statement that the  
22 food contains added sugars.

23                                   SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

24       SEC. 765. \$0.

1           This division may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural  
2 Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Re-  
3 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”.

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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

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