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AN ACT

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any 1 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-2 3 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year 4 5 ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, 6 namely:

7	TITLE I
8	AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
9	Production, Processing, and Marketing
10	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
11	For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary
12	of Agriculture, \$3,468,000: <i>Provided</i> , That not to exceed
13	\$11,000 of this amount shall be available for official recep-
14	tion and representation expenses, not otherwise provided
15	for, as determined by the Secretary.
16	EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS
17	CHIEF ECONOMIST
18	For necessary expenses of the Chief Economist, in-
19	cluding economic analysis, risk assessment, cost-benefit
20	analysis, energy and new uses, and the functions of the
21	World Agricultural Outlook Board, as authorized by the
22	Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622g),
23	\$8,716,000.
24	NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

25 For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Divi-26 sion, \$13,670,000.

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OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS
 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
 Program Analysis, \$7,749,000.

4 Office of the Chief Information Officer

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In6 formation Officer, \$14,993,000.

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COMMON COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

8 For necessary expenses to acquire a Common Computing Environment for the Natural Resources Conserva-9 10 tion Service, the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Rural Development mission areas for information 11 12 technology, systems, and services, \$133,155,000 (reduced 13 by \$8,656,000) (reduced by \$3,500,000) (reduced by 14 \$20,000,000), to remain available until expended, for the 15 capital asset acquisition of shared information technology 16 systems, including services as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 6915–16 and 40 U.S.C. 1421–28: Provided, That obliga-17 18 tion of these funds shall be consistent with the Department of Agriculture Service Center Modernization Plan of 19 20the county-based agencies, and shall be with the concur-21 rence of the Department's Chief Information Officer.

22 Office of the Chief Financial Officer

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi24 nancial Officer, \$5,785,000: *Provided*, That the Chief Fi25 nancial Officer shall actively market and expand cross26 servicing activities of the National Finance Center: *Pro-*HR 2673 PCS

vided further, That no funds made available by this appro-1 priation may be obligated for FAIR Act or Circular A-2 3 76 activities until the Secretary has submitted to the Com-4 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a 5 report on the Department's contracting out policies, including agency budgets for contracting out. 6 7 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL 8 RIGHTS 9 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of 10 the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, \$397,000 (increased by \$411,000). 11 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR 12 13 Administration 14 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of 15 the Assistant Secretary for Administration, \$678,000. AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL 16 17 PAYMENTS 18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS) 19 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-20 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant 21 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-22 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-23 culture under 40 U.S.C. 486, for programs and activities 24 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for 25 alterations and other actions needed for the Department

and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-1 2 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of 3 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-4 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-5 ties, and for related costs, as follows: for payments to the General Services Administration, \$124,332,000 (reduced 6 7 by \$800,000), for buildings operations and maintenance, 8 \$32,559,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-9 *vided*, That not to exceed 5 percent of amounts which are 10 made available for space rental and related costs for the Department of Agriculture in this Act may be transferred 11 between such appropriations to cover the costs of new or 12 13 replacement space 15 days after notice thereof is transmitted to the Appropriations Committees of both Houses 14 15 of Congress.

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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 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 2021 9601 et seq.) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery 22 Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), \$15,713,000, to remain 23 available until expended: *Provided*, That appropriations 24 and funds available herein to the Department for Haz-25 ardous Materials Management may be transferred to any agency of the Department for its use in meeting all re quirements pursuant to the above Acts on Federal and
 non-Federal lands.

4 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION 5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For Departmental Administration, \$38,592,000 (in-7 creased by \$2,005,000), to provide for necessary expenses 8 for management support services to offices of the Depart-9 ment and for general administration, security, repairs and 10 alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the practical 11 12 and efficient work of the Department: *Provided*, That this 13 appropriation shall be reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for travel expenses incident to the 14 15 holding of hearings as required by 5 U.S.C. 551–558.

16 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR

17 Congressional Relations

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to carry out the programs funded by this Act, including programs involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison within the executive branch, \$3,796,000: *Provided*, That these funds may be transferred to agencies of the Department of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain per-

sonnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no funds 1 2 made available by this appropriation may be obligated 3 after 30 days from the date of enactment of this Act, un-4 less the Secretary has notified the Committees on Appro-5 priations of both Houses of Congress on the allocation of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided further*, That no 6 7 other funds appropriated to the Department by this Act 8 shall be available to the Department for support of activi-9 ties of congressional relations.

10 OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

For necessary expenses to carry out services relating to the coordination of programs involving public affairs, for the dissemination of agricultural information, and the coordination of information, work, and programs authorized by Congress in the Department, \$9,245,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$2,000,000 may be used for farmers' bulletins.

18 Office of the Inspector General

19 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector 20 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector 21 General Act of 1978,\$77,314,000 (increased bv 22 \$800,000), including such sums as may be necessary for 23 contracting and other arrangements with public agencies 24 and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, and including not to exceed 25

\$125,000 for certain confidential operational expenses as
 well as the payment of informants, to be expended under
 the direction of the Inspector General pursuant to Public
 Law 95–452 and section 1337 of Public Law 97–98.

5 Office of the General Counsel

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General7 Counsel, \$34,700,000.

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

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for the Economic Research Service, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the Agricultural Research Service, and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, \$597,000.

17 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
Service in conducting economic research and analysis, as
authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7
U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws, \$71,402,000.

22 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
Statistics Service in conducting statistical reporting and
service work, including crop and livestock estimates, sta-

tistical coordination and improvements, marketing sur-1 2 veys, and the Census of Agriculture, as authorized by 7 3 U.S.C. 1621 - 1627and 2204g, and other laws. 4 \$129,800,000, of which up to \$25,279,000 shall be avail-5 able until expended for the Census of Agriculture.

6 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For necessary expenses to enable the Agricultural Re-9 search Service to perform agricultural research and dem-10 onstration relating to production, utilization, marketing, and distribution (not otherwise provided for); home eco-11 nomics or nutrition and consumer use including the acqui-12 13 sition, preservation, and dissemination of agricultural information; and for acquisition of lands by donation, ex-14 15 change, or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100, and for land exchanges where the lands exchanged shall 16 17 be of equal value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent 18 19 of the total value of the land or interests transferred out 20 of Federal ownership, \$1,014,000,000: *Provided*, That ap-21 propriations hereunder shall be available for the operation 22 and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to 23 exceed one for replacement only: *Provided further*, That 24appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 25 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair

1 of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise pro-2 vided, the cost of constructing any one building shall not 3 exceed \$375,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses 4 which shall each be limited to \$1,200,000, and except for 5 10 buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed \$750,000 each, and the cost of altering any one 6 7 building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent 8 of the current replacement value of the building or 9 \$375,000, whichever is greater: *Provided further*, That the 10 limitations on alterations contained in this Act shall not apply to modernization or replacement of existing facilities 11 at Beltsville, Maryland: Provided further, That appropria-12 13 tions hereunder shall be available for granting easements at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: Provided 14 15 *further*, That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to replacement of buildings needed to carry out the Act of 16 17 April 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): Provided further, That funds may be received from any State, other political sub-18 division, organization, or individual for the purpose of es-19 20 tablishing or operating any research facility or research 21 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized 22 by law.

None of the funds appropriated under this headingshall be available to carry out research related to the pro-

duction, processing, or marketing of tobacco or tobacco 1 2 products.

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BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

4 For acquisition of land, construction, repair, improve-5 ment, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural 6 7 research programs of the Department of Agriculture, where not otherwise provided, \$35,900,000, to remain 8 9 available until expended.

10 COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND 11

EXTENSION SERVICE

12 **RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**

13 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for 14 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and 15 for other expenses, \$594,772,000 (increased by \$600,000) 16 (increased by \$2,000,000), as follows: to carry out the provisions of the Hatch Act of 1887 (7 U.S.C. 361a-i), 17 18 \$180,148,000; for grants for cooperative forestry research 19 (16 U.S.C. 582a through a-7), \$21,884,000; for payments 20 to the 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee Uni-21 versity and West Virginia State College (7 U.S.C. 3222), 22 \$36,000,000, of which \$1,507,496 shall be made available 23 only for the purpose of ensuring that each institution shall 24 receive no less than \$1,000,000; for special grants for agricultural research (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)), \$101,241,000; for 25 special grants for agricultural research on improved pest 26 HR 2673 PCS

control (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)), \$15,194,000; for competitive 1 2 research grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), \$149,248,000; for the 3 support of animal health and disease programs (7 U.S.C. 4 3195), \$5,065,000; for supplemental and alternative crops 5 and products (7 U.S.C. 3319d), \$1,188,000; for the 1994 6 research grants program for 1994 institutions pursuant 7 to section 536 of Public Law 103-382 (7 U.S.C. 301 8 note), \$998,000, to remain available until expended; for 9 rangeland research grants (7 U.S.C. 3333), \$1,000,000; 10 for higher education graduate fellowship grants (7 U.S.C. 11 3152(b)(6), \$3,222,000, to remain available until ex-12 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); for higher education challenge 13 grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(1)), \$4,888,000; for a higher 14 education multicultural scholars program (7 U.S.C. 15 3152(b)(5), \$992,000, to remain available until expended; for an education grants program for Hispanic-16 17 serving Institutions (7 U.S.C. 3241), \$4,073,000 (in-18 creased by \$600,000); for noncompetitive grants for the 19 purpose of carrying out all provisions of 7 U.S.C. 3242 20(section 759 of Public Law 106–78) to individual eligible 21 institutions or consortia of eligible institutions in Alaska 22 and in Hawaii, with funds awarded equally to each of the 23 States of Alaska and Hawaii, \$2,997,000; for a secondary 24 agriculture education program and 2-year post-secondary education (7 U.S.C. 3152(j)), \$994,000; for aquaculture 25

grants (7 U.S.C. 3322), \$3,996,000; for sustainable agri-1 U.S.C. 2 culture research and education (7 5811). 3 \$13,661,000; for a program of capacity building grants 4 (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4)) to colleges eligible to receive funds 5 under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321–326 and 328), including Tuskegee University and West Virginia 6 7 State College, \$9,479,000 (increased by \$2,000,000), to 8 remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); for pay-9 ments to the 1994 Institutions pursuant to section 10 534(a)(1) of Public Law 103–382, \$1,689,000; and for necessary expenses of Research and Education Activities, 11 12 \$36,815,000.

None of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available to carry out research related to the production, processing, or marketing of tobacco or tobacco products: *Provided*, That this paragraph shall not apply to research on the medical, biotechnological, food, and industrial uses of tobacco.

19 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

For the Native American Institutions Endowment
Fund authorized by Public Law 103–382 (7 U.S.C. 301
note), \$9,000,000.

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EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

For payments to States, the District of Columbia,
Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia,
Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$438,242,000
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(increased by \$1,500,000), as follows: payments for coop-1 2 erative extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, to be 3 distributed under sections 3(b) and 3(c) of said Act, and 4 under section 208(c) of Public Law 93–471, for retire-5 ment and employees' compensation costs for extension 6 agents, \$275,940,000; payments for extension work at the 1994 Institutions under the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 7 8 343(b)(3), \$3,273,000; payments for the nutrition and 9 family education program for low-income areas under sec-10 tion 3(d) of the Act, \$58,185,000; payments for the pest management program under section 3(d) of the Act, 11 12 \$10,689,000; payments for the farm safety program under 13 section 3(d) of the Act, \$5,489,000; payments to upgrade research, extension, and teaching facilities at the 1890 14 15 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College, as authorized by section 1447 16 17 of Public Law 95–113 (7 U.S.C. 3222b), \$13,500,000 (in-18 creased by \$1,500,000), to remain available until ex-19 pended; payments for youth-at-risk programs under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act, \$8,426,000; for youth 20 21 farm safety education and certification extension grants, 22 to be awarded competitively under section 3(d) of the Act, 23 \$496,000; payments for carrying out the provisions of the 24 Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 25 1671 et seq.), \$4,093,000; payments for Indian reserva-

tion agents under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act, 1 2 \$1,983,000; payments for sustainable agriculture pro-3 grams under section 3(d) of the Act, \$4,843,000; payments for cooperative extension work by the colleges re-4 5 ceiving the benefits of the second Morrill Act (7 U.S.C. 321–326 and 328) and Tuskegee University and West Vir-6 7 ginia State College, \$31,908,000, of which \$1,724,884 8 shall be made available only for the purpose of ensuring 9 that each institution shall receive no less than \$1,000,000; and for necessary expenses of extension activities, 10 11 \$19,417,000.

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INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

13 For the integrated research, education, and extension 14 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-15 penses, \$62,942,000, as follows: for competitive grants 16 programs authorized under section 406 of the Agricultural 17 Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 18 (7 U.S.C. 7626), \$43,942,000, including \$12,887,000 for the water quality program, \$14,870,000 for the food safe-19 20 ty program, \$4,501,000 for the regional pest management 21 centers program, \$4,857,000 for the Food Quality Protec-22 tion Act risk mitigation program for major food crop sys-23 tems, \$1,487,000 for the crops affected by Food Quality Protection Act implementation, \$3,229,000 for the methyl 24 bromide transition program, and \$2,111,000 for the or-25 ganic transition program; for a competitive international 26 HR 2673 PCS

1 science and education grants program authorized under 2 section 1459A of the National Agricultural Research, Ex-3 tension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 4 3292b), to remain available until expended, \$1,000,000; 5 for grants programs authorized under section 2(c)(1)(B)of Public Law 89–106, as amended, \$2,000,000, including 6 7 \$497,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005 8 for the critical issues program, and \$1,503,000 for the regional 9 rural development centers program; and 10 \$16,000,000 for the homeland security program authorized under section 1484 of the National Agricultural Re-11 12 search, Extension, and Teaching Act of 1977, to remain 13 available until September 30, 2005.

14 OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

For grants and contracts pursuant to section 2501 for the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 17 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279), \$3,470,000 (increased by \$5,000,000), to remain available until expended.

19 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING

20 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs to administer programs under the laws enacted by the Congress for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; the Agricultural Marketing Service; and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration;
 \$725,000.

3 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary 7 to prevent, control, and eradicate pests and plant and animal diseases; to carry out inspection, quarantine, and reg-8 ulatory activities; and to protect the environment, as au-9 10 thorized by law, \$725,502,000, of which \$4,139,000 shall be available for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant 11 12 diseases, animal diseases and for control of pest animals 13 and birds to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions; of which \$51,000,000 shall be used for the boll 14 15 weevil eradication program for cost share purposes or for 16 debt retirement for active eradication zones: *Provided*, That no funds shall be used to formulate or administer 17 18 a brucellosis eradication program for the current fiscal year that does not require minimum matching by the 19 20States of at least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That this 21 appropriation shall be available for the operation and 22 maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed 23 four, of which two shall be for replacement only: *Provided further*, That, in addition, in emergencies which threaten 24 25 any segment of the agricultural production industry of this country, the Secretary may transfer from other appropria-26 **HR 2673 PCS**

tions or funds available to the agencies or corporations 1 2 of the Department such sums as may be deemed nec-3 essary, to be available only in such emergencies for the 4 arrest and eradication of contagious or infectious disease 5 or pests of animals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance with sections 10411 and 10417 of the Ani-6 7 mal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and 8 sections 431 and 442 of the Plant Protection Act (7) 9 U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and any unexpended balances of 10 funds transferred for such emergency purposes in the preceding fiscal year shall be merged with such transferred 11 12 amounts: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder 13 shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alteration of leased buildings and improve-14 15 ments, but unless otherwise provided the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 16 17 10 percent of the current replacement value of the build-18 ing.

In fiscal year 2004, the agency is authorized to collect fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assistance, goods, or services requested by States, other political subdivisions, domestic and international organizations, foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods, or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
 fees shall be credited to this account, to remain available
 until expended, without further appropriation, for pro viding such assistance, goods, or services.

5 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

6 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-7 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-8 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as 9 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as 10 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 428a, \$4,996,000, to remain avail-11 able until expended.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 MARKETING SERVICES

14 For necessary expenses to carry out services related 15 to consumer protection, agricultural marketing and dis-16 tribution, transportation, and regulatory programs, as authorized by law, and for administration and coordination 17 18 of payments to States, \$75,953,000, including funds for 19 the wholesale market development program for the design 20and development of wholesale and farmer market facilities 21 for the major metropolitan areas of the country: *Provided*, 22 That this appropriation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings 23 24 and improvements, but the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of 25 the current replacement value of the building. 26

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

4 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

5 Not to exceed \$62,577,000 (from fees collected) shall 6 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-7 tive expenses: *Provided*, That if crop size is understated 8 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may 9 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification 10 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of 11 Congress.

12	FUNDS FO	R STRENGTH	ENING	MARKETS,	INCOME,	AND

13 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-16 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-17 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other 18 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and 19 Wildlife Act of August 8, 1956; (2) transfers otherwise 20 21 provided in this Act; and (3) not more than \$15,392,000 22 for formulation and administration of marketing agree-23 ments and orders pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural Act of 1961. 24

PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus
and departments of markets, and similar agencies for
marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),
\$1,347,000.

- 7 GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS
 8 ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of the United States Grain Standards Act, for the admin-11 istration of the Packers and Stockyards Act, for certifying 12 13 procedures used to protect purchasers of farm products, and the standardization activities related to grain under 14 15 the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, \$39,690,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available pursu-16 ant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair 17 18 of buildings and improvements, but the cost of altering 19 any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 20 10 percent of the current replacement value of the build-21 ing.

22 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

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EXPENSES

24 Not to exceed \$42,463,000 (from fees collected) shall
25 be obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection
26 and weighing services: *Provided*, That if grain export ac-HR 2673 PCS tivities require additional supervision and oversight, or
 other uncontrollable factors occur, this limitation may be
 exceeded by up to 10 percent with notification to the Com mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

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5 Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
the Under Secretary for Food Safety to administer the
laws enacted by the Congress for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, \$599,000.

10 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

11 For necessary expenses to carry out services author-12 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection 13 Act, including not to exceed \$50,000 for representation 14 15 allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the approved August 3, 1956(7U.S.C. 16 Act 1766). \$785,261,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-17 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-18 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the 19 20 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 21 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That this appropriation shall 22 be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-23 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the 24 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
 value of the building.

3 Office of the Under Secretary for Farm and

4 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

5 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of 6 the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural 7 Services to administer the laws enacted by Congress for 8 the Farm Service Agency, the Foreign Agricultural Serv-9 ice, the Risk Management Agency, and the Commodity 10 Credit Corporation, \$636,000.

11	FARM SERVICE AGENCY
12	SALARIES AND EXPENSES
13	(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-15 tration and implementation of programs administered by 16 the Farm Service Agency, \$1,016,836,000: Provided, That 17 the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to use the serv-18 ices, facilities, and authorities (but not the funds) of the 19 Commodity Credit Corporation to make program pay-20 ments for all programs administered by the Agency: Pro-21 vided further, That other funds made available to the 22 Agency for authorized activities may be advanced to and merged with this account. 23

STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

2 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul3 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–
4 5106), \$3,974,000.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

7 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity 8 payments to dairy farmers and manufacturers of dairy 9 products under a dairy indemnity program, \$100,000, to 10 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such pro-11 gram is carried out by the Secretary in the same manner 12 as the dairy indemnity program described in the Agri-13 culture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 14 15 (Public Law 106–387, 114 Stat. 1549A–12).

16 AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM

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ACCOUNT

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

19 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-20 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 211928–1929, to be available from funds in the Agricultural 22 Credit Insurance Fund, as follows: farm ownership loans, 23 \$1,083,143,000, of which \$950,000,000 shall be for guaranteed loans and \$133,143,000 shall be for direct loans; 24 operating loans, \$2,200,440,000, of which \$1,330,000,000 25 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans, \$252,937,000 26

shall be for subsidized guaranteed loans and \$617,503,000
 shall be for direct loans; Indian tribe land acquisition
 loans as authorized by 25 U.S.C. 488, \$2,000,000; and
 for boll weevil eradication program loans as authorized by
 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$100,000,000.

6 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including 7 the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of 8 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: farm 9 ownership loans, \$34,528,000, of which \$5,130,000 shall 10 be for guaranteed loans, and \$29,398,000 shall be for direct loans; operating loans, \$165,633,000, of which 11 12 \$44,289,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans, \$32,300,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed loans, and 13 14 \$89,044,000 shall be for direct loans.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
\$298,136,000, of which \$290,136,000 shall be transferred
to and merged with the appropriation for "Farm Service
Agency, Salaries and Expenses".

Funds appropriated by this Act to the Agricultural Credit Insurance Program Account for farm ownership and operating direct loans and guaranteed loans may be transferred among these programs: *Provided*, That the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress are notified at least 15 days in advance of any transfer.

RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

2 For administrative and operating expenses, as au-3 thorized by section 226A of the Department of Agriculture 4 Reorganization Act of 1994 (7U.S.C. 6933), \$71,509,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall 5 be available for official reception and representation ex-6 7 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

CORPORATIONS

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9 The following corporations and agencies are hereby 10 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-11 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make 12 13 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government 14 15 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for the current 16 17 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-18 inafter provided.

19 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

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

1	Commodity Credit Corporation Fund
2	REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES
3	For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-
4	essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for
5	net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-
6	bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,
7	1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11).
8	HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT
9	(LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)
10	For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit
11	Corporation shall not expend more than \$5,000,000 for
12	site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations
13	and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement
14	of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental
15	Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C.
16	9607(g), and section 6001 of the Resource Conservation
17	and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6961.
18	TITLE II
19	CONSERVATION PROGRAMS
20	Office of the Under Secretary for Natural
21	Resources and Environment
22	For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
23	the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environ-
24	ment to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for
25	the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conserva-
26	tion Service, \$745,000.
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NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

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CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

3 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-4 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a-f), 5 including preparation of conservation plans and establishment of measures to conserve soil and water (including 6 7 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-8 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary 9 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-10 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conservation plant materials centers; classification and mapping of 11 12 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands, 13 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal 14 15 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 428a); purchase and erection or alter-16 17 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-18 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft, 19 \$850,004,000, to remain available until expended (7 20 U.S.C. 2209b), of which not less than \$9,215,000 is for snow survey and water forecasting, and not less than 21 22 \$11,722,000 is for operation and establishment of the 23 plant materials centers, and of which not less than 24 \$23,500,000 shall be for the grazing lands conservation initiative: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder shall 25

be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construction 1 2 and improvement of buildings and public improvements at 3 plant materials centers, except that the cost of alterations 4 and improvements to other buildings and other public im-5 provements shall not exceed \$250,000: Provided further, That when buildings or other structures are erected on 6 7 non-Federal land, that the right to use such land is ob-8 tained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a: Provided further, 9 That this appropriation shall be available for technical as-10 sistance and related expenses to carry out programs authorized by section 202(c) of title II of the Colorado River 11 Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974 (43 U.S.C. 1592(c)): 12 13 *Provided further*, That qualified local engineers may be temporarily employed at per diem rates to perform the 14 15 technical planning work of the Service.

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WATERSHED SURVEYS AND PLANNING

17 For necessary expenses to conduct research, inves-18 tigation, and surveys of watersheds of rivers and other waterways, and for small watershed investigations and plan-19 20ning, in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood 21 U.S.C. 1001 - 1009),Prevention Act (16)22 \$11,124,000: *Provided*, That none of the funds made 23 available under this paragraph by this or any other appropriations Act may be used to provide technical assistance 24 25 with respect to programs listed in section 1241(a) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)). 26

1 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

2 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-3 ures, including but not limited to research, engineering op-4 erations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, 5 rehabilitation of existing works and changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood 6 7 Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–1005 and 1007–1009), 8 the provisions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 9 590a-f), and in accordance with the provisions of laws re-10 lating to the activities of the Department, \$90,000,000, to remain available until expended of which up to 11 12 \$10,000,000 shall be available for the watersheds author-13 ized under the Flood Control Act (33 U.S.C. 701 and 16 U.S.C. 1006a): *Provided*, That not to exceed \$40,000,000 14 15 of this appropriation shall be made available for technical assistance: Provided further, That 16 exceed not to 17 \$1,000,000 of this appropriation is available to carry out the purposes of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Pub-18 19 lic Law 93–205), including cooperative efforts as con-20 templated by that Act to relocate endangered or threat-21 ened species to other suitable habitats as may be necessary 22 to expedite project construction: *Provided further*, That 23 the amount of federal funds that may be made available 24 to an eligible local organization for construction of a par-25 ticular rehabilitation project shall be equal to 65 percent

1 of the total rehabilitation costs, but not to exceed 100 per-2 cent of actual construction costs incurred in the rehabilita-3 tion: *Provided further*, That consistent with existing stat-4 ute, rehabilitation assistance provided may not be used to 5 perform operation and maintenance activities specified in the agreement for the covered water resource projects en-6 7 tered into between the Secretary and the eligible local or-8 ganization responsible for the works of improvement: Pro-9 *vided further*, That none of the funds made available under 10 this paragraph by this or any other appropriations Act may be used to provide technical assistance with respect 11 to programs listed in section 1241(a) of the Food Security 12 13 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)).

14 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

15 For necessary expenses to carry out rehabilitation of 16 structural measures, in accordance with section 14 of the 17 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, as 18 amended, (16 U.S.C. 1012), and in accordance with the 19 provisions of laws relating to the activities of the Depart-20 ment, \$40,000,000, to remain available until expended: 21 *Provided*, That none of the funds made available under 22 this paragraph by this or any other appropriations Act 23 may be used to provide technical assistance with respect to programs listed in section 1241(a) of the Food Security 24 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)). 25

1 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

2 For necessary expenses in planning and carrying out 3 projects for resource conservation and development and 4 for sound land use pursuant to the provisions of sections 5 31 and 32(l) of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010–1011; 76 Stat. 607); the Act of 6 7 April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f); and subtitle H of title 8 XV of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 9 3451-3461), \$52,894,000, to remain available until ex-10 pended: *Provided*, That none of the funds made available under this paragraph by this or any other appropriations 11 12 Act may be used to provide technical assistance with re-13 spect to programs listed in section 1241(a) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)): Provided fur-14 15 ther, That a cooperative or contribution agreement with a national association regarding a Resource Conservation 16 17 and Development program shall contain the same matching, contribution requirements, and funding level, set forth 18 19 in a similar cooperative or contribution agreement with a 20 national association in fiscal year 2002: Provided further, 21 That not to exceed \$3,504,300, the same amount as in 22 the budget, shall be available for national headquarters ac-23 tivities.

1	TITLE III
2	RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
3	Office of the Under Secretary for Rural
4	Development
5	For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
6	the Under Secretary for Rural Development to administer
7	programs under the laws enacted by the Congress for the
8	Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative
9	Service, and the Rural Utilities Service of the Department
10	of Agriculture, \$636,000.
11	RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM
12	For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
13	grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1926a, 1926c,
14	1926d, and 1932, except for sections 381E–H and 381N
15	of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
16	\$706,006,000, to remain available until expended, of
17	which \$27,000,000 shall be for rural community programs
18	described in section $381E(d)(1)$ of such Act; of which
19	\$605,006,000 shall be for the rural utilities programs de-
20	scribed in sections $381E(d)(2)$, $306C(a)(2)$, and $306D$ of
21	such Act, of which not to exceed \$500,000 shall be avail-
22	able for the rural utilities program described in section
23	306(a)(2)(B) of such Act, and of which not to exceed
24	\$1,000,000 shall be available for the rural utilities pro-
25	gram described in section 306E of such Act; and of which
26	\$74,000,000 shall be for the rural business and coopera-
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described 1 tive development programs in sections 381E(d)(3) and 310B(f) of such Act: Provided, That of 2 amount 3 the appropriated in this total account, 4 \$13,000,000 shall be for loans and grants to benefit Fed-5 erally Recognized Native American Tribes, including 6 grants for drinking water and waste disposal systems pur-7 suant to section 306C of such Act, of which \$4,000,000 8 shall be available for community facilities grants to tribal 9 colleges, as authorized by section 306(a)(19) of the Con-10 solidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and of which \$250,000 shall be available for a grant to a qualified na-11 12 tional organization to provide technical assistance for 13 rural transportation in order to promote economic development: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated 14 15 for rural community programs, \$6,000,000 shall be available for a Rural Community Development Initiative: Pro-16 17 *vided further*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit commu-18 19 nity-based housing and community development organiza-20 tions, low-income rural communities, and Federally Recog-21 nized Native American Tribes to undertake projects to im-22 prove housing, community facilities, community and eco-23 nomic development projects in rural areas: Provided fur-24 ther, That such funds shall be made available to qualified 25 private, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations

proposing to carry out a program of financial and tech-1 2 nical assistance: *Provided further*, That such intermediary 3 organizations shall provide matching funds from other 4 sources, including Federal funds for related activities, in 5 an amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated for the rural business 6 7 and cooperative development programs, not to exceed 8 \$500,000 shall be made available for a grant to a qualified 9 national organization to provide technical assistance for 10 rural transportation in order to promote economic development: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated 11 12 for rural utilities programs, not to exceed \$25,000,000 13 shall be for water and waste disposal systems to benefit the Colonias along the United States/Mexico border, in-14 15 cluding grants pursuant to section 306C of such Act; not to exceed \$17,465,000 shall be for technical assistance 16 17 grants for rural water and waste systems pursuant to section 306(a)(14) of such Act, of which \$5,513,000 shall 18 be for Rural Community Assistance Programs and not to 19 20 exceed \$13,000,000 shall be for contracting with qualified 21 national organizations for a circuit rider program to pro-22 vide technical assistance for rural water systems: *Provided* 23 *further*, That of the total amount appropriated, not to ex-24 ceed \$22,132,000 shall be available through June 30, 25 2004, for authorized empowerment zones and enterprise

communities and communities designated by the Secretary 1 2 of Agriculture as Rural Economic Area Partnership 3 Zones; of which \$1,000,000 shall be for the rural commu-4 nity programs described in section 381E(d)(1) of such 5 Act, of which \$12,582,000 shall be for the rural utilities programs described in section 381E(d)(2) of such Act, 6 7 and of which \$8,550,000 shall be for the rural business 8 and cooperative development programs described in sec-9 tion 381E(d)(3) of such Act.

10 RURAL DEVELOPMENT SALARIES AND EXPENSES

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-13 tration and implementation of programs in the Rural Development mission area, including activities with institu-14 15 tions concerning the development and operation of agriculcooperatives; and for cooperative agreements; 16 tural 17 \$146,495,000: *Provided*, That not more than \$10,000 may be expended to provide modest nonmonetary awards 18 to non-USDA employees: *Provided further*, That any bal-19 ances available from prior years for the Rural Utilities 20 21 Service, Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Business-22 Cooperative Service salaries and expenses accounts shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation. 23

4 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-5 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the 6 7 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$4,091,634,000 8 for loans to section 502 borrowers, as determined by the 9 Secretary, of which \$1,366,462,000 shall be for direct 10 loans, and of which not more than \$2,725,172,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$35,003,000 for 11 12 section 504 housing repair loans; \$116,545,000 for section 13 515 rental housing; \$100,000,000 for section 538 guaran-14 teed multi-family housing loans; \$5,045,000 for section 15 524 site loans; \$11,500,000 for credit sales of acquired 16 property, of which up to \$1,500,000 may be for multi-17 family credit sales; and \$5,000,000 for section 523 self-18 help housing land development loans.

19 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including 20the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of 21 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section 22 502 loans, \$165,921,000, of which \$126,018,000 shall be for direct loans, and of which \$39,903,000, to remain 23 24 available until expended, shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; section 504 housing repair loans, \$9,612,000; 25 515rental housing, \$50,126,000 of which 26 section **HR 2673 PCS**

\$20,086,400 shall be for repair and rehabilitation, and 1 2 \$30,039,600 shall be for new construction; section 538 3 multi-family housing guaranteed loans, \$5,950,000; multi-4 family credit sales of acquired property, \$663,000; and 5 section 523 self-help housing land development loans, \$154,000: *Provided*, That of the total amount appro-6 7 priated in this paragraph, \$7,100,000 shall be available 8 through June 30, 2004, for authorized empowerment 9 zones and enterprise communities and communities designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Economic 10 Area Partnership Zones. 11

12 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to 13 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$447,151,000, which shall be transferred to and merged 14 15 with the appropriation for "Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses". 16

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RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

18 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-19 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)20 or agreements entered into in lieu of debt forgiveness or 21 payments for eligible households as authorized by section 22 502(c)(5)(D) of the Housing Act of 1949, \$731,000,000; 23 and, in addition, such sums as may be necessary, as au-24 thorized by section 521(c) of the Act, to liquidate debt 25 incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program under section 521(a)(2) of the Act: 26 **HR 2673 PCS**

Provided, That of this amount, not more than \$5,900,000 1 2 shall be available for debt forgiveness or payments for eli-3 gible households as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of 4 the Act, and not to exceed \$10,000 per project for ad-5 vances to nonprofit organizations or public agencies to cover direct costs (other than purchase price) incurred in 6 7 purchasing projects pursuant to section 502(c)(5)(C) of 8 the Act: *Provided further*, That agreements entered into 9 or renewed during the current fiscal year shall be funded 10 for a 5-year period, although the life of any such agreement may be extended to fully utilize amounts obligated. 11 12

MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

13 For grants and contracts pursuant to section 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 14 15 1490c), \$34,772,000, to remain available until expended: 16 Provided. That of the total amount appropriated, 17 \$1,000,000 shall be available through June 30, 2004, for 18 authorized empowerment zones and enterprise commu-19 nities and communities designated by the Secretary of Ag-20 riculture as Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones.

21 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

22 For grants and contracts for very low-income housing 23 repair, supervisory and technical assistance, compensation 24 for construction defects, and rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing Service, as authorized by 42 25 U.S.C. 1474, 1479(c), 1490e, and 1490m, \$42,222,000, 26 HR 2673 PCS

to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the
 total amount appropriated, \$1,800,000 shall be available
 through June 30, 2004, for authorized empowerment
 zones and enterprise communities and communities des ignated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Economic
 Area Partnership Zones.

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FARM LABOR PROGRAM ACCOUNT

8 For the cost of direct loans, grants, and contracts, 9 as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1484 and 1486, \$36,307,000, 10 to remain available until expended, for direct farm labor 11 housing loans and domestic farm labor housing grants and 12 contracts.

13 RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

14 RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT
15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author17 ized by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C.
18 9812(a)), \$40,000,000.

19 For the cost of direct loans, \$17,308,000, as author-20 ized by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C. 21 9812(a)), of which \$1,724,000 shall be available through 22 June 30, 2004, for Federally Recognized Native American 23 Tribes and of which \$3,449,000 shall be available through 24June 30, 2004, for Mississippi Delta Region counties (as 25 defined by Public Law 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be 26 **HR 2673 PCS**

as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
 of 1974: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appro priated, \$2,447,000 shall be available through June 30,
 2004, for the cost of direct loans for authorized empower ment zones and enterprise communities and communities
 designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Eco nomic Area Partnership Zones.

8 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out 9 the direct loan programs, \$4,283,000 shall be transferred 10 to and merged with the appropriation for "Rural Develop-11 ment, Salaries and Expenses".

12	RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM
13	ACCOUNT

14 (INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized under section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act,
for the purpose of promoting rural economic development
and job creation projects, \$16,120,000.

For the cost of direct loans, including the cost of
modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, \$3,000,000.

Of the funds derived from interest on the cushion of credit payments in the current fiscal year, as authorized by section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, \$3,000,000 shall not be obligated and \$3,000,000 are rescinded. 42

RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

2 For rural cooperative development grants authorized under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and 3 4 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$13,000,000, of 5 which \$2,500,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas pro-6 7 gram: Provided, That not to exceed \$1,500,000 shall be 8 for cooperatives or associations of cooperatives whose pri-9 mary focus is to provide assistance to small, minority pro-10 ducers, of which not to exceed \$500,000 shall be for cooperative research agreements; and of which not to exceed 11 12 \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be 13 for value-added agricultural product market development grants, as authorized by section 6401 of the Farm Secu-14 15 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1621 16 note).

17 RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE

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COMMUNITIES GRANTS

19 For grants in connection with a second round of em-20 powerment enterprise communities. zones and 21 \$10,967,000, to remain available until expended, for des-22 ignated rural empowerment zones and rural enterprise 23 communities, as authorized by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 24 1997 and the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Sup-25 plemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105– 26 277).

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1	RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM
2	For the cost of direct loans and grants, as authorized
3	by section 9006 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
4	ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8106), \$3,000,000 (increased
5	by \$20,000,000) for direct renewable energy loans and
6	grants: Provided, That the cost of direct loans and loan
7	guarantees, including the cost of modifying such loans,
8	shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional
9	Budget Act of 1974.
10	RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE
11	RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
12	LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT
13	(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
14	Insured loans pursuant to the authority of section
15	305 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C.
16	935) shall be made as follows: 5 percent rural electrifica-
17	tion loans, \$240,000,000; municipal rate rural electric
18	loans, \$1,000,000,000; loans made pursuant to section
19	306 of that Act, rural electric, \$2,000,000,000; Treasury
20	rate direct electric loans, \$750,000,000; 5 percent rural
21	telecommunication loans, \$145,000,000; cost of money
22	rural telecommunication loans, \$300,000,000; and loans
23	made pursuant to section 306 of that Act, rural tele-
24	communication loans, \$120,000,000.
25	For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-

26 gressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modi-HR 2673 PCS

fying loans, of direct and guaranteed loans authorized by 1 sections 305 and 306 of the Rural Electrification Act of 2 3 1936 (7 U.S.C. 935 and 936), as follows: cost of rural electric loans, \$60,000, and the cost of telecommunication 4 5 loans, \$125,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, bor-6 7 rower interest rates may exceed 7 percent per year.

8 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to 9 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, 10 \$38,166,000 which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Rural Development, Salaries 11 12 and Expenses".

13 RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT 14

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 The Rural Telephone Bank is hereby authorized to 16 make such expenditures, within the limits of funds avail-17 able to such corporation in accord with law, and to make 18 such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Govern-19 ment Corporation Control Act, as may be necessary in car-20 rying out its authorized programs. 21

22 For administrative expenses, including audits, nec-23 essary to carry out the loan programs and continue to 24 service existing loans, \$3,182,000, to be derived by transfer from the shareholder's equity, contained in the unobli-25 gated balances in the Rural Telephone Bank Liquidating 26 HR 2673 PCS

Account, which shall be transferred to and merged with
 the appropriation for "Rural Development, Salaries and
 Expenses".

4 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND

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PROGRAM

For the principal amount of direct distance learning
and telemedicine loans, \$300,000,000; and for the principal amount of broadband telecommunication loans,
\$336,000,000.

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

13 For the cost of direct and guaranteed broadband loans, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq., \$9,116,000: 14 15 *Provided*, That the cost of direct loans shall be as defined 16 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. 17 In addition, \$8,000,000, to remain available until ex-18 pended, for a grant program to finance broadband trans-19 mission in areas that meet the definition of "rural area" 20 used for the Broadband Loan Program authorized by 7 U.S.C. 901. 21

1	TITLE IV
2	DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS
3	Office of the Under Secretary for Food,
4	NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES
5	For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
6	the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer
7	Services to administer the laws enacted by the Congress
8	for the Food and Nutrition Service, \$599,000.
9	FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE
10	CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
11	(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
12	For necessary expenses to carry out the National
13	School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), except section
14	21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771
15	et seq.), except sections 17 and 21; $$11,418,441,000$, to
16	remain available through September 30, 2005, of which
17	\$6,718,780,000 is hereby appropriated and
18	\$4,699,661,000 shall be derived by transfer from funds
19	available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935
20	(7 U.S.C. 612c): $Provided$, that $6,000,000$ shall be avail-
21	able for the Food and Nutrition Service to conduct a study
22	of certification error and its effect on expenditures in the
23	National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs
24	and an assessment of the feasibility of using income data
25	matching in those Programs: Provided further, that except
26	as specifically provided under this heading, none of the
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funds made available under this heading shall be used for
 studies and evaluations: *Provided further*, That up to
 \$5,235,000 shall be available for independent verification
 of school food service claims.

5 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR

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WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

7 For necessary expenses to carry out the special supplemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 8 9 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), 10 \$4,588,310,000, to remain available through September 11 30, 2005, of which \$20,000,000 shall be for a 12 breastfeeding support initiative in addition to the activities 13 specified in section 17(h)(3)(A); \$25,000,000 shall be for 14 a management information system initiative; and 15 \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be 16 placed in reserve for use in only such amounts, and in 17 such manner, as the Secretary determines necessary, not-18 withstanding section 17(i) of the Child Nutrition Act, to provide funds to support participation, should costs or 19 20participation exceed budget estimates: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 21 section 17(h)(10)(A)of such Act, 22 \$14,000,000 shall be available for the purposes specified in section 17(h)(10)(B): Provided further, That notwith-23 standing section 17(g)(5) of such Act, \$4,000,000 shall 24 25 be available for pilot projects to prevent childhood obesity: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available 26 HR 2673 PCS

under this heading shall be used for studies and evalua-1 tions: *Provided further*, That none of the funds in this Act 2 3 shall be available to pay administrative expenses of WIC 4 clinics except those that have an announced policy of pro-5 hibiting smoking within the space used to carry out the program: *Provided further*, That none of the funds pro-6 7 vided in this account shall be available for the purchase 8 of infant formula except in accordance with the cost con-9 tainment and competitive bidding requirements specified 10 in section 17 of such Act: *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided shall be available for activities that are 11 not fully reimbursed by other Federal Government depart-12 13 ments or agencies unless authorized by section 17 of such 14 Act.

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FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

16 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food Stamp 17 Act (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), \$27,745,981,000, of which 18 \$2,000,000,000 shall be placed in reserve for use only in 19 such amounts and at such times as may become necessary 20 to carry out program operations: *Provided*, That none of 21 the funds made available under this heading shall be used 22 for studies and evaluations: *Provided further*, That funds 23 provided herein shall be expended in accordance with section 16 of the Food Stamp Act: Provided further, That 24 25 this appropriation shall be subject to any work registration or workfare requirements as may be required by law: Pro-26 HR 2673 PCS

vided further, That funds made available for Employment
 and Training under this heading shall remain available
 until expended, as authorized by section 16(h)(1) of the
 Food Stamp Act.

COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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6 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster assist-7 ance and the commodity supplemental food program as 8 authorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Con-9 sumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note); the 10 Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983; special assistance for the nuclear affected islands, as authorized by sec-11 tion 103(h)(2) of the Compacts of Free Association Act 12 13 of 1985; and the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, as 14 authorized by section 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act 15 of 1966, \$166,072,000, to remain available through Sep-16 tember 30, 2005: *Provided*, That none of these funds shall be available to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corpora-17 18 tion for commodities donated to the program.

19 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

For necessary administrative expenses of the domestic nutrition assistance programs funded under this Act,
\$140,512,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall be available only
for simplifying procedures, reducing overhead costs, tightening regulations, improving food stamp benefit delivery,
and assisting in the prevention, identification, and prosecution of fraud and other violations of law and of which
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1	not less than \$7,500,000 shall be available to improve in-
2	tegrity in the Food Stamp and Child Nutrition programs.
3	TITLE V
4	FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED
5	PROGRAMS
6	Foreign Agricultural Service
7	SALARIES AND EXPENSES
8	(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)
9	For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
10	Service, including carrying out title VI of the Agricultural
11	Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1761–1768), market development
12	activities abroad, and for enabling the Secretary to coordi-
13	nate and integrate activities of the Department in connec-
14	tion with foreign agricultural work, including not to exceed
15	\$158,000 for representation allowances and for expenses
16	pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved August 3, 1956
17	(7 U.S.C. 1766), \$133,924,000: <i>Provided</i> , That the Serv-
18	ice may utilize advances of funds, or reimburse this appro-
19	priation for expenditures made on behalf of Federal agen-
20	cies, public and private organizations and institutions
21	under agreements executed pursuant to the agricultural
22	food production assistance programs (7 U.S.C. 1737) and
23	the foreign assistance programs of the United States
24	Agency for International Development.

PUBLIC LAW 480 TITLE I PROGRAM ACCOUNT (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of agreements under the
Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of
1954, and the Food for Progress Act of 1985, including
the cost of modifying credit arrangements under said Acts,
\$103,887,000, to remain available until expended.

9 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out 10 the credit program of title I, Public Law 83–480, and the Food for Progress Act of 1985, to the extent funds appro-11 12 priated for Public Law 83–480 are utilized, \$4,041,000, 13 of which \$1,066,000 may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Foreign Agricultural Service, 14 Salaries and Expenses", and of which \$2,975,000 may be 15 16 transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses". 17

18 PUBLIC LAW 480 TITLE I OCEAN FREIGHT DIFFERENTIAL

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20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For ocean freight differential costs for the shipment of agricultural commodities under title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 and under the Food for Progress Act of 1985, \$28,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funds made available for the cost of agreements under title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act
 of 1954 and for title I ocean freight differential may be
 used interchangeably between the two accounts with prior
 notice to the Committees on Appropriations of both
 Houses of Congress.

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PUBLIC LAW 480 TITLE II GRANTS

For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-8 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-9 cluding interest thereon, under the Agricultural Trade De-10 velopment and Assistance Act of 1954, for commodities 11 supplied in connection with dispositions abroad under title 12 II of said Act, \$1,192,000,000, to remain available until 13 expended.

14 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION

15 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions for section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 17360–1), \$56,874,000, to remain available until expended.

20 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT LOANS

- 21 PROGRAM ACCOUNT
- 22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For administrative expenses to carry out the Commodity Credit Corporation's export guarantee program,
GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$4,312,000; to cover common
overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-

1	modity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity
2	with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of which
3	\$3,327,000 may be transferred to and merged with the
4	appropriation for "Foreign Agricultural Service, Salaries
5	and Expenses", and of which \$985,000 may be trans-
6	ferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Farm
7	Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses".
8	TITLE VI
9	RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG
10	ADMINISTRATION
11	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
12	SERVICES
13	Food and Drug Administration
14	SALARIES AND EXPENSES
15	(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)
16	For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-
17	ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger
18	motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related
19	costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and
20	activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are
21	included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space
22	in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; for miscellaneous
23	and emergency expenses of enforcement activities, author-
24	ized and approved by the Secretary and to be accounted
25	for solely on the Secretary's certificate, not to exceed
26	\$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of Public Law
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107–188; \$1,668,249,000: *Provided*, That of the amount 1 provided under this heading, \$249,825,000 shall be de-2 3 rived from prescription drug user fees authorized by 21 4 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this account and 5 remain available until expended, and \$29,190,000 shall be derived from medical device user fees authorized by 21 6 7 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account and re-8 main available until expended: *Provided further*, That fees 9 derived from prescription drug and medical device applica-10 tions received during fiscal year 2004 shall be subject to the fiscal year 2004 limitation: *Provided further*, That any 11 12 prescription drug or medical device user fee collected in 13 fiscal year 2004 that exceeds this limitation shall be credited to this account and remain available until expended, 14 15 in accordance with 21 U.S.C. 379h(g)(4) and 379j(h)(4): Provided further, That none of these funds shall be used 16 17 to develop, establish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by 31 U.S.C. 9701: Provided further, That of 18 19 the total amount appropriated: (1) \$412,462,000 shall be for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and 20 21 related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; 22 (2) \$478,650,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evalua-23 tion and Research and related field activities in the Office 24 of Regulatory Affairs, of which no less than \$13,357,000 25 shall be available for grants and contracts awarded under

section 5 of the Orphan Drug Act (21 U.S.C. 360ee); (3) 1 2 \$168,836,000 shall be for the Center for Biologics Evalua-3 tion and Research and for related field activities in the 4 Office of Regulatory Affairs; (4) \$84,646,000 shall be for 5 the Center for Veterinary Medicine and for related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; 6 (5)7 \$209,285,000 shall be for the Center for Devices and Ra-8 diological Health and for related field activities in the Of-9 fice of Regulatory Affairs; (6) \$39,887,000 shall be for 10 the National Center for Toxicological Research; (7) 11 \$40,851,000 shall be for Rent and Related activities, other 12 than the amounts paid to the General Services Adminis-13 tration for rent; (8) \$119,795,000 shall be for payments to the General Services Administration for rent; and (9) 14 15 \$113,837,000 shall be for other activities, including the Office of the Commissioner; the Office of Management and 16 17 Systems; the Office of External Relations; the Office of Policy and Planning; and central services for these offices: 18 19 *Provided further*, That funds may be transferred from one 20 specified activity to another with the prior approval of the 21 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-22 gress.

In addition, mammography user fees authorized by
42 U.S.C. 263b may be credited to this account, to remain
available until expended.

In addition, export certification user fees authorized
 by 21 U.S.C. 381 may be credited to this account, to re main available until expended.

4 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For plans, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Administration,
where not otherwise provided, \$6,000,000 to remain available until expended.

10 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

11 Commodity Futures Trading Commission

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), including the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles, and the rental of space (to include multiple year leases) in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$88,435,000, including not to exceed \$3,000 for official reception and representation expenses.

19 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

20 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Not to exceed \$40,900,000 (from assessments collected from farm credit institutions and from the Federal
Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this

limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re ceiverships.

TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

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4 SEC. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law, 5 appropriations and authorizations made for the Depart-6 ment of Agriculture for the current fiscal year under this 7 Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those 8 specifically provided for, of not to exceed 398 passenger 9 motor vehicles, of which 396 shall be for replacement only, 10 and for the hire of such vehicles.

11 SEC. 702. Funds in this Act available to the Depart-12 ment of Agriculture shall be available for uniforms or al-13 lowances therefor as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901– 14 5902).

15 SEC. 703. Funds appropriated by this Act shall be 16 available for employment pursuant to the second sentence 17 of section 706(a) of the Department of Agriculture Or-18 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225) and 5 U.S.C. 3109.

19 SEC. 704. The Secretary of Agriculture may transfer 20 unobligated balances of discretionary funds appropriated 21 by this Act or other available unobligated discretionary 22 balances of the Department of Agriculture to the Working 23 Capital Fund for the acquisition of plant and capital 24 equipment necessary for the delivery of financial, adminis-25 trative, and information technology services of primary

benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture: 1 2 *Provided*, That none of the funds made available by this 3 Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency ad-4 ministrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds 5 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this 6 7 section shall be available for obligation without the prior 8 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both 9 Houses of Congress.

10 SEC. 705. New obligational authority provided for the following appropriation items in this Act shall remain 11 12 available until expended: Animal and Plant Health Inspec-13 tion Service, the contingency fund to meet emergency conditions, information technology infrastructure, fruit fly 14 15 program, emerging plant pests, boll weevil program, and up to 25 percent of the screwworm program; Food Safety 16 17 and Inspection Service, field automation and information management project; Cooperative State Research, Edu-18 19 cation, and Extension Service, funds for competitive re-20search grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), funds for the Research, 21 Education, and Economics Information System (REEIS), 22 and funds for the Native American Institutions Endow-23 ment Fund; Farm Service Agency, salaries and expenses 24 funds made available to county committees; Foreign Agri-25 cultural Service, middle-income country training program

and up to \$2,000,000 of the Foreign Agricultural Service
 appropriation solely for the purpose of offsetting fluctua tions in international currency exchange rates, subject to
 documentation by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

5 SEC. 706. No part of any appropriation contained in 6 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the 7 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

8 SEC. 707. Not to exceed \$50,000 of the appropria-9 tions available to the Department of Agriculture in this 10 Act shall be available to provide appropriate orientation 11 and language training pursuant to section 606C of the Act 12 of August 28, 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1766b).

13 SEC. 708. No funds appropriated by this Act may be used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative 14 15 agreements or similar arrangements between the United States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-16 17 tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative ar-18 19 rangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest 20 between the two parties. This does not preclude appro-21 priate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts 22 with such institutions when such indirect costs are com-23 puted on a similar basis for all agencies for which appro-24 priations are provided in this Act.

1 SEC. 709. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-2 able to restrict the authority of the Commodity Credit 3 Corporation to lease space for its own use or to lease space 4 on behalf of other agencies of the Department of Agri-5 culture when such space will be jointly occupied.

6 SEC. 710. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-7 able to pay indirect costs charged against competitive agri-8 cultural research, education, or extension grant awards 9 issued by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and 10 Extension Service that exceed 20 percent of total Federal funds provided under each award: Provided, That notwith-11 12 standing section 1462 of the National Agricultural Re-13 search, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3310), funds provided by this Act for grants 14 15 awarded competitively by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service shall be available to pay 16 17 full allowable indirect costs for each grant awarded under 18 section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638).

SEC. 711. Notwithstanding any other provision of
this Act, all loan levels provided in this Act shall be considered estimates, not limitations.

SEC. 712. Appropriations to the Department of Agriculture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made available in the current fiscal year shall remain available until expended to cover obligations made in the current fiscal year for the following accounts: the Rural Develop ment Loan Fund program account, the Rural Telephone
 Bank program account, the Rural Electrification and
 Telecommunication Loans program account, the Rural
 Housing Insurance Fund program account, and the Rural
 Economic Development Loans program account.

7 SEC. 713. None of the funds in this Act may be used 8 to retire more than 5 percent of the Class A stock of the 9 Rural Telephone Bank or to maintain any account or sub-10 account within the accounting records of the Rural Telephone Bank the creation of which has not specifically been 11 12 authorized by statute: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any 13 other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act may be used to trans-14 15 fer to the Treasury or to the Federal Financing Bank any unobligated balance of the Rural Telephone Bank tele-16 17 phone liquidating account which is in excess of current requirements and such balance shall receive interest as set 18 19 forth for financial accounts in section 505(c) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990. 20

SEC. 714. Of the funds made available by this Act,
not more than \$1,800,000 shall be used to cover necessary
expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,
panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department
of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-

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

3 SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
4 may be used to carry out section 410 of the Federal Meat
5 Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 679a) or section 30 of the Poul6 try Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 471).

SEC. 716. No employee of the Department of Agri-8 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or 9 office funded by this Act to any other agency or office 10 of the Department for more than 30 days unless the indi-11 vidual's employing agency or office is fully reimbursed by 12 the receiving agency or office for the salary and expenses 13 of the employee for the period of assignment.

14 SEC. 717. None of the funds appropriated or other-15 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture 16 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available to 17 any non-Department of Agriculture employee questions or 18 responses to questions that are a result of information re-19 quested for the appropriations hearing process.

SEC. 718. None of the funds made available to the Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to acquire new information technology systems or significant upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Information Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That
 notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the
 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this
 Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Informa tion Officer without the prior approval of the Committees
 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

7 SEC. 719. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act, 8 or provided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agen-9 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation 10 or expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from any accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived 11 by the collection of fees available to the agencies funded 12 by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure 13 through a reprogramming of funds which: (1) creates new 14 15 programs; (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity; (3) increases funds or personnel by any means for any 16 17 project or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted; (4) relocates an office or employees; (5) reorga-18 19 nizes offices, programs, or activities; or (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or activities presently per-20 21 formed by Federal employees; unless the Committees on 22 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress are notified 23 15 days in advance of such reprogramming of funds.

(b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies

funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or 1 2 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from 3 any accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived 4 by the collection of fees available to the agencies funded 5 by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure for activities, programs, or projects through a reprogram-6 7 ming of funds in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, which-8 ever is less, that: (1) augments existing programs, 9 projects, or activities; (2) reduces by 10 percent funding 10 for any existing program, project, or activity, or numbers of personnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or 11 12 (3) results from any general savings from a reduction in 13 personnel which would result in a change in existing programs, activities, or projects as approved by Congress; un-14 15 less the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress are notified 15 days in advance of such re-16 programming of funds. 17

18 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Com-19 modity Futures Trading Commission shall notify the Com-2021 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress be-22 fore implementing a program or activity not carried out 23 during the previous fiscal year unless the program or ac-24 tivity is funded by this Act or specifically funded by any other Act. 25

SEC. 720. With the exception of funds needed to ad-1 2 minister and conduct oversight of grants awarded and ob-3 ligations incurred in prior fiscal years, none of the funds 4 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any 5 other Act may be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out the provisions of section 401 of 6 7 Public Law 105–185, the Initiative for Future Agriculture 8 and Food Systems (7 U.S.C. 7621).

9 SEC. 721. None of the funds appropriated by this Act 10 or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and 11 expenses of personnel who prepare or submit appropria-12 tions language as part of the President's Budget submis-13 sion to the Congress of the United States for programs under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Subcommit-14 15 tees on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies that assumes reve-16 17 nues or reflects a reduction from the previous year due to user fees proposals that have not been enacted into law 18 19 prior to the submission of the Budget unless such Budget 20 submission identifies which additional spending reductions 21 should occur in the event the user fees proposals are not 22 enacted prior to the date of the convening of a committee 23 of conference for the fiscal year 2005 appropriations Act. 24 SEC. 722. None of the funds made available by this 25 Act or any other Act may be used to close or relocate a

state Rural Development office unless or until cost effec tiveness and enhancement of program delivery have been
 determined.

4 SEC. 723. In addition to amounts otherwise appro-5 priated or made available by this Act, \$3,000,000 is ap-6 propriated for the purpose of providing Bill Emerson and 7 Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships, as authorized by sec-8 tion 4404 of Public Law 107–171 (2 U.S.C. 1161).

9 SEC. 724. Notwithstanding section 412 of the Agri-10 cultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 11 (7 U.S.C. 1736f), any balances available to carry out title 12 III of such Act as of the date of enactment of this Act, 13 and any recoveries and reimbursements that become avail-14 able to carry out title III of such Act, may be used to 15 carry out title II of such Act.

16 SEC. 725. Section 375(e)(6)(B) of the Consolidated
17 Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
18 2008j(e)(6)(B)) is amended by striking "\$26,499,000"
19 and inserting "\$26,998,000".

SEC. 726. Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, the Natural Resources Conservation Service may provide financial and technical assistance through the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations program for the
Ditch 26 project in Arkansas.

1 SEC. 727. Notwithstanding any other provision of 2 law, the Secretary shall consider the County of Lawrence, 3 Ohio; the City of Havelock, North Carolina; the City of 4 Portsmouth, Ohio; the City of Atascadero, California; the 5 City of Binghamton, New York; the Town of Vestal, New York; the City of Ithaca, New York; the City of Casa 6 7 Grande, Arizona; and the City of Clarksdale, Mississippi, 8 as meeting the eligibility requirements for loans and 9 grants programs in the Rural Development mission area. 10 SEC. 728. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Natural Resources Conservation Service shall pro-11 12 vide financial and technical assistance to the DuPage 13 County, Illinois, Kress Creek Watershed Plan, from funds available for the Watershed and Flood Prevention Oper-14 15 ations program, not to exceed \$1,600,000 and Rockhouse Creek Watershed, Leslie County, Kentucky, not to exceed 16 17 \$1,000,000.

18 SEC. 729. None of the funds made available in this 19 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-20 strumentality of the United States Government, except 21 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-22 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

SEC. 730. Agencies and offices of the Department of
Agriculture may utilize any unobligated salaries and expenses funds to reimburse the Office of the General Coun-

sel for salaries and expenses of personnel, and for other 1 2 related expenses, incurred in representing such agencies 3 and offices in the resolution of complaints by employees 4 or applicants for employment, and in cases and other mat-5 ters pending before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, or 6 7 the Merit Systems Protection Board with the prior ap-8 proval of the Committees on Appropriations of both 9 Houses of Congress.

10 SEC. 731. None of the funds appropriated or made 11 available by this Act may be used to pay the salaries and 12 expenses of personnel to carry out section 14(h)(1) of the 13 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 14 U.S.C. 1012(h)(1)).

15 SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated or made 16 available by this Act, or any other Act, may be used to 17 pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out 18 the Rural Strategic Investment Program authorized by 19 subtitle I of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-20 ment Act (7 U.S.C. 2009dd through dd-7) in excess of 21 \$2,000,000.

SEC. 733. None of the funds appropriated or made
available by this Act may be used to pay the salaries and
expenses of personnel to carry out the Rural Firefighters

and Emergency Personnel Grant Program authorized by
 section 6405 of Public Law 107–171 (7 U.S.C. 2655).

3 SEC. 734. None of the funds appropriated or other-4 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the 5 salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out the provi-6 sions of sections 7404(a)(1) and 7404(c)(1) of Public Law 7 107–171.

8 SEC. 735. The Agricultural Marketing Service and 9 the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administra-10 tion, that have statutory authority to purchase interest bearing investments outside of the Treasury, are not re-11 quired to establish obligations and outlays for those invest-12 ments, provided those investments are insured by the Fed-13 eral Deposit Insurance Corporation or are collateralized 14 15 at the Federal Reserve with securities approved by the Federal Reserve, operating under the guidelines of the 16 17 United States Department of the Treasury.

18 SEC. 736. Of the funds made available under section
19 27(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et
20 seq.), the Secretary may use up to \$10,000,000 for costs
21 associated with the distribution of commodities.

SEC. 737. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
salaries and expenses of personnel to enroll in excess of

200,000 acres in the calendar year 2004 wetlands reserve
 program as authorized by 16 U.S.C. 3837.

3 SEC. 738. None of the funds appropriated or other-4 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the 5 salaries and expenses of personnel who carry out an envi-6 ronmental quality incentives program authorized by chap-7 ter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act 8 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq.) in excess of 9 \$975,000,000.

10 SEC. 739. The Administrator of the Agricultural Re-11 search Service may make available by outlease agreements 12 with other Federal agencies or non-Federal public or private entities any unused or underused portion or interest 13 of or interest in any agency real and related personal prop-14 15 erty, and may retain and use the proceeds of such agreements in carrying out the programs of the agency. Prop-16 17 erty proposed for outlease must not be property otherwise required to be reported excess under the Federal Property 18 and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended. 19 20 Outleases shall be made competitively, and be based on 21 the fair market value of the property.

SEC. 740. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out section

9006 of Public Law 107–171, the Farm Security and
 Rural Investment Act of 2002.

3 SEC. 741. None of the funds appropriated or other4 wise made available by this or any other Act shall be used
5 to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out
6 section 6103 of Public Law 107–171.

SEC. 742. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used
to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out
section 6401 of Public Law 107–171, the Farm Security
and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

SEC. 743. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used for the implementation of Country of Origin Labeling for meat or meat
products.

SEC. 744. Any unobligated balances in the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Revolving Fund are hereby rescinded.

SEC. 745. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to carry out
a Conservation Security Program authorized in section
1241(a)(3) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
3841(a)(3)).

SEC. 746. Section 726 of division A of Public Law
108–7 is amended by striking ", as authorized by section

4404 of Public Law 107–171 (2 U.S.C. 1161)" and in serting "through the Congressional Hunger Center".

3 SEC. 747. (a) Assistance for Commercial Tree 4 LOSSES.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall use 5 \$5,000,000 of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide assistance under the Tree Assistance 6 7 Program, subtitle C of title X of the Farm Security and 8 Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8201 et seq.), 9 to tree-fruit growers located in a federally declared dis-10 aster area in the State of New York who suffered tree losses in 2003 as a result of an April 4–6, 2003, icestorm. 11 12 (b) OFFSET.—The amount appropriated by this Act under the heading "RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT 13 PROGRAM" is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000. 14

15 SEC. 748. Section 204(a)(3) of the Agricultural
16 Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C.
17 1724(a)(3)) is amended by striking "and Committee" and
18 inserting ", the Committee on Appropriations, and the
19 Committee".

SEC. 749. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for the Food and Drug Administration may be used under section 801 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prevent an individual not in the business of importing a prescription drug within the meaning of section 801(g) of such Act, wholesalers, or pharmacists from importing a prescription drug
 which complies with sections 501, 502, and 505.

3 SEC. 750. None of the funds appropriated or other4 wise made available in this Act shall be expended to violate
5 Public Law 105–264.

6 SEC. 751. None of the funds appropriated or other-7 wise made available by this Act may be used to issue a 8 final rule in Docket No. 02–06201 "Cost-Sharing for Ani-9 mal and Plant Health Emergency Programs", 68 Fed. 10 Reg. 40541–40553 (July 8, 2003).

11 SEC. 752. No funds appropriated or made available 12 by this Act may be used to identify by photograph on a 13 department's or agency's website any Member of the 14 House of Representatives or the Senate within 60 days 15 before a Federal general election.

16 This Act may be cited as the "Agriculture, Rural De-17 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related18 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004".

Passed the House of Representatives July 14, 2003. Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL, Clerk.

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AN ACT

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

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