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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2022

Ms. BALDWIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-
5 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-
6 tion, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending Sep-
7 tember 30, 2023, and for other purposes, namely:

1 TITLE I
2 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
3 PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING
4 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)
6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,
7 \$68,423,000 of which not to exceed \$7,471,000 shall be
8 available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not
9 to exceed \$1,402,000 shall be available for the Office of
10 Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000 shall be
11 available for the Office of Tribal Relations, of which
12 \$1,000,000 shall be to establish a Tribal Public Health
13 Resource Center at a land grant university with existing
14 indigenous public health expertise to expand current part-
15 nerships and collaborative efforts with indigenous groups,
16 including but not limited to, tribal organizations and insti-
17 tutions such as tribal colleges, tribal technical colleges,
18 tribal community colleges and tribal universities, to im-
19 prove the delivery of culturally appropriate public health
20 services and functions in American Indian communities fo-
21 cusing on indigenous food sovereignty; not to exceed
22 \$7,280,000 shall be available for the Office of Partner-
23 ships and Public Engagement, of which \$1,500,000 shall
24 be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5); not to exceed \$32,862,000
25 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary

1 for Administration, of which \$31,136,000 shall be avail-
2 able for Departmental Administration to provide for nec-
3 essary expenses for management support services to of-
4 fices of the Department and for general administration,
5 security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous
6 supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and nec-
7 essary for the practical and efficient work of the Depart-
8 ment: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to
9 an agency in the Administration mission area for salaries
10 and expenses are available to fund up to one administra-
11 tive support staff for the Office; not to exceed \$4,609,000
12 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Secretary for
13 Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs to
14 carry out the programs funded by this Act, including pro-
15 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison
16 within the executive branch; and not to exceed \$9,609,000
17 shall be available for the Office of Communications: *Pro-*
18 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is author-
19 ized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the
20 Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office
21 of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation
22 for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than
23 5 percent: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$22,000
24 of the amount made available under this paragraph for
25 the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available

1 for official reception and representation expenses, not oth-
2 erwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Pro-*
3 *vided further*, That the amount made available under this
4 heading for Departmental Administration shall be reim-
5 bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for trav-
6 el expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required
7 by 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That funds made
8 available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant
9 Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovern-
10 mental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the De-
11 partment of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain
12 personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no
13 funds made available under this heading for the Office of
14 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be
15 obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this
16 Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on
17 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the alloca-
18 tion of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided further*,
19 That during any 30 day notification period referenced in
20 section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
21 take no action to begin implementation of the action that
22 is subject to section 716 of this Act or make any public
23 announcement of such action in any form.

1 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

2 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief
4 Economist, \$30,181,000, of which \$8,000,000 shall be for
5 grants or cooperative agreements for policy research under
6 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided*, That of the amounts made avail-
7 able under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available to
8 carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department of
9 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6924),
10 as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–334.

11 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

12 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and
13 Appeals, \$16,703,000.

14 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

15 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
16 Program Analysis, \$15,667,000.

17 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
19 formation Officer, \$93,284,000, of which not less than
20 \$77,428,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the de-
21 partment.

22 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
24 nancial Officer, \$7,367,000.

1 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL
2 RIGHTS

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant
4 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$1,527,000: *Provided*, That
5 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil
6 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available
7 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
8 fice.

9 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

10 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,
11 \$36,737,000.

12 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
15 ant to Public Law 92-313, including authorities pursuant
16 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-
17 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-
18 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities
19 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
20 alterations and other actions needed for the Department
21 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-
22 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of
23 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-
24 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-

1 ties, and for related costs, \$341,610,000, to remain avail-
2 able until expended.

3 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

5 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
6 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental
7 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
8 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.
9 6901 et seq.), \$7,581,000, to remain available until ex-
10 pended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available
11 herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Man-
12 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-
13 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to
14 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

15 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

16 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-
17 rity, and Protection, \$21,800,000.

18 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

19 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
20 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector
21 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.),
22 \$112,061,000, including such sums as may be necessary
23 for contracting and other arrangements with public agen-
24 cies and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the
25 Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5

1 U.S.C. App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for
2 certain confidential operational expenses, including the
3 payment of informants, to be expended under the direction
4 of the Inspector General pursuant to the Inspector Gen-
5 eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and
6 section 1337 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981
7 (Public Law 97-98).

8 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

9 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
10 Counsel, \$59,037,000.

11 OFFICE OF ETHICS

12 For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,
13 \$5,556,000.

14 OFFICE OF INFORMATION AFFAIRS

15 For necessary expenses of the Office of Information
16 Affairs, \$15,075,000.

17 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,
18 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

19 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
20 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,
21 \$3,384,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
22 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-
23 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
24 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
25 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made

1 available under this heading, \$1,000,000 shall be made
2 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

3 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

4 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
5 Service, \$96,064,000.

6 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

7 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
8 Statistics Service, \$213,576,000, of which up to
9 \$66,413,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-
10 sus of Agriculture: Provided, That amounts made avail-
11 able for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct
12 Current Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.
13 2204g(d) and (f).

14 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research
17 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,
18 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100, and
19 for land exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of
20 equal value or shall be equalized by a payment of money
21 to the grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the
22 total value of the land or interests transferred out of Fed-
23 eral ownership, \$1,755,667,000: *Provided*, That appro-
24 priations hereunder shall be available for the operation
25 and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to

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

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

20 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

21 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-
22 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
23 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-
24 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-
25 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$166,387,000 to re-

1 main available until expended, of which \$68,400,000 shall
2 be for previously funded facilities that have incurred cost
3 overruns, and of which \$32,582,000 shall be for the pur-
4 poses, and in the amounts, specified for this account in
5 the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in
6 the explanatory statement to accompany this Act.

7 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

8 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

9 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
10 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
11 for other expenses, \$1,086,754,000 which shall be for the
12 purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled
13 “National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research
14 and Education Activities” in the explanatory statement to
15 accompany this Act: *Provided*, That funds for research
16 grants for 1994 institutions, education grants for 1890
17 institutions, Hispanic serving institutions education
18 grants, capacity building for non-land-grant colleges of ag-
19 riculture, the agriculture and food research initiative, vet-
20 erinary medicine loan repayment, multicultural scholars,
21 graduate fellowship and institution challenge grants,
22 grants management systems, tribal colleges education eq-
23 uity grants, and scholarships at 1890 institutions shall re-
24 main available until expended: *Provided further*, That each
25 institution eligible to receive funds under the Evans-Allen

1 program receives no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided fur-*
 2 *ther*, That funds for education grants for Alaska Native
 3 and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions be made avail-
 4 able to individual eligible institutions or consortia of eligi-
 5 ble institutions with funds awarded equally to each of the
 6 States of Alaska and Hawaii: *Provided further*, That funds
 7 for providing grants for food and agricultural sciences for
 8 Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving institutions
 9 and for Insular Areas shall remain available until Sep-
 10 tember 30, 2024: *Provided further*, That funds for edu-
 11 cation grants for 1890 institutions shall be made available
 12 to institutions eligible to receive funds under 7 U.S.C.
 13 3221 and 3222: *Provided further*, That not more than 5
 14 percent of the amounts made available by this or any other
 15 Act to carry out the Agriculture and Food Research Initia-
 16 tive under 7 U.S.C. 3157 may be retained by the Secretary
 17 of Agriculture to pay administrative costs incurred by the
 18 Secretary in carrying out that authority.

19 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

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

23 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

24 For payments to States, the District of Columbia,
 25 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the

1 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$561,750,000
2 which shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, speci-
3 fied in the table titled “National Institute of Food and
4 Agriculture, Extension Activities” in the explanatory
5 statement to accompany this Act: *Provided*, That funds
6 for extension services at 1994 institutions and for facility
7 improvements at 1890 institutions shall remain available
8 until expended: *Provided further*, That institutions eligible
9 to receive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative ex-
10 tension receive no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*,
11 That funds for cooperative extension under sections 3(b)
12 and (c) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c))
13 and section 208(c) of Public Law 93–471 shall be avail-
14 able for retirement and employees’ compensation costs for
15 extension agents.

16 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

17 For the integrated research, education, and extension
18 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-
19 penses, \$42,500,000, which shall be for the purposes, and
20 in the amounts, specified in the table titled “National In-
21 stitute of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Activities” in
22 the explanatory statement to accompany this Act: *Pro-*
23 *vided*, That funds for the Food and Agriculture Defense
24 Initiative shall remain available until September 30, 2024:
25 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provi-

1 sion of law, indirect costs shall not be charged against any
2 Extension Implementation Program Area grant awarded
3 under the Crop Protection/Pest Management Program (7
4 U.S.C. 7626).

5 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING
6 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

7 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
8 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,
9 \$1,599,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
10 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-
11 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available
12 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
13 fice.

14 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant
18 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for
19 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to
20 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),
21 \$1,187,433,000 of which up to \$9,552,000 shall be for
22 the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this ac-
23 count in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spend-
24 ing” in the explanatory statement to accompany this Act;
25 of which \$514,000, to remain available until expended,

1 shall be available for the control of outbreaks of insects,
2 plant diseases, animal diseases and for control of pest ani-
3 mals and birds (“contingency fund”) to the extent nec-
4 essary to meet emergency conditions; of which
5 \$15,950,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
6 used for the cotton pests program, including for cost share
7 purposes or for debt retirement for active eradication
8 zones; of which \$39,183,000, to remain available until ex-
9 pended, shall be for Animal Health Technical Services; of
10 which \$3,096,000 shall be for activities under the author-
11 ity of the Horse Protection Act of 1970, as amended (15
12 U.S.C. 1831); of which \$64,930,000, to remain available
13 until expended, shall be used to support avian health; of
14 which \$7,451,000, to remain available until expended,
15 shall be for information technology infrastructure; of
16 which \$222,072,000, to remain available until expended,
17 shall be for specialty crop pests, of which \$8,500,000, to
18 remain available until September 30, 2024, shall be for
19 one-time control and management and associated activi-
20 ties directly related to the multiple-agency response to cit-
21 rus greening; of which, \$15,141,000, to remain available
22 until expended, shall be for field crop and rangeland eco-
23 system pests; of which \$21,567,000, to remain available
24 until expended, shall be for zoonotic disease management;
25 of which \$44,317,000, to remain available until expended,

1 shall be for emergency preparedness and response; of
2 which \$62,719,000, to remain available until expended,
3 shall be for tree and wood pests; of which \$6,500,000, to
4 remain available until expended, shall be for the National
5 Veterinary Stockpile; of which up to \$1,500,000, to re-
6 main available until expended, shall be for the scrapie pro-
7 gram for indemnities; of which \$2,500,000, to remain
8 available until expended, shall be for the wildlife damage
9 management program for aviation safety: *Provided*, That
10 any of the funds described in the “Congressional Di-
11 rected Spending” table in the explanatory statement to ac-
12 company this Act that the Secretary determines will not
13 be obligated during the fiscal year shall not be subject to
14 the direction provided in such table: *Provided further*, That
15 of amounts available under this heading for wildlife serv-
16 ices methods development, \$1,000,000 shall remain avail-
17 able until expended: *Provided further*, That of amounts
18 available under this heading for the screwworm program,
19 \$4,990,000 shall remain available until expended; of which
20 \$24,619,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
21 used to carry out the science program and transition ac-
22 tivities for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility lo-
23 cated in Manhattan, Kansas: *Provided further*, That no
24 funds shall be used to formulate or administer a brucel-
25 losis eradication program for the current fiscal year that

1 does not require minimum matching by the States of at
2 least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That this appropriation
3 shall be available for the purchase, replacement, operation,
4 and maintenance of aircraft: *Provided further*, That in ad-
5 dition, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the
6 agricultural production industry of the United States, the
7 Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds
8 available to the agencies or corporations of the Depart-
9 ment such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be avail-
10 able only in such emergencies for the arrest and eradi-
11 cation of contagious or infectious disease or pests of ani-
12 mals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance
13 with sections 10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Pro-
14 tection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431
15 and 442 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and
16 7772), and any unexpended balances of funds transferred
17 for such emergency purposes in the preceding fiscal year
18 shall be merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided*
19 *further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available
20 pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alter-
21 ation of leased buildings and improvements, but unless
22 otherwise provided the cost of altering any one building
23 during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the
24 current replacement value of the building.

1 In fiscal year 2023, the agency is authorized to collect
 2 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
 3 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
 4 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,
 5 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
 6 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
 7 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
 8 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
 9 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-
 10 able until expended, without further appropriation, for
 11 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

12 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

13 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-
 14 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-
 15 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as
 16 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as
 17 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a, \$3,175,000, to remain
 18 available until expended.

19 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

20 MARKETING SERVICES

21 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing
 22 Service, \$245,458,000, of which \$7,500,000 shall be avail-
 23 able for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113-
 24 79, and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the pur-
 25 poses of section 779 of division A of Public Law 117-

1 103: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under
2 this heading, \$25,000,000, to remain available until ex-
3 pended, shall be to carry out section 12513 of Public Law
4 115–334, of which \$23,000,000 shall be for dairy business
5 innovation initiatives established in Public Law 116–6 and
6 the Secretary shall take measures to ensure an equal dis-
7 tribution of funds between these three regional innovation
8 initiatives: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall
9 be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-
10 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
11 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
12 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
13 value of the building.

14 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization
15 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31
16 U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to
17 the development or maintenance of grain standards under
18 the United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et
19 seq.

20 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

21 Not to exceed \$62,596,000 (from fees collected) shall
22 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-
23 tive expenses: *Provided*, That if crop size is understated
24 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may
25 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification

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

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

6 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-
7 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-
8 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other
9 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the
10 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
11 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-
12 fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than
13 \$21,501,000 for formulation and administration of mar-
14 keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural
15 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural
16 Act of 1961 (Public Law 87–128).

17 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

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

1 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

2 EXPENSES

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

10 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

11 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
 12 Secretary for Food Safety, \$1,099,000: *Provided*, That
 13 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food
 14 Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available
 15 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
 16 fice.

17 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

18 For necessary expenses to carry out services author-
 19 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry
 20 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection
 21 Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation
 22 allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the
 23 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
 24 \$1,173,066,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-
 25 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-

1 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the
2 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990
3 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the
4 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system
5 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
6 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall
7 be employed during fiscal year 2023 for purposes dedi-
8 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the
9 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et
10 seq.): *Provided further*, That the Food Safety and Inspec-
11 tion Service shall continue implementation of section
12 11016 of Public Law 110–246 as further clarified by the
13 amendments made in section 12106 of Public Law 113–
14 79: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
15 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-
16 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
17 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
18 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
19 value of the building.

1 TITLE II
2 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION
3 PROGRAMS

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

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation,
8 \$1,727,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conserva-
10 tion mission area for salaries and expenses are available
11 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
12 fice.

13 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS
14 CENTER

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and
18 Conservation Business Center, \$259,948,000: *Provided*,
19 That \$60,228,000 of amounts appropriated for the cur-
20 rent fiscal year pursuant to section 1241(a) of the Farm
21 Security and Rural Investment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
22 3841(a)) shall be transferred to and merged with this ac-
23 count.

1 FARM SERVICE AGENCY
2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,
5 \$1,221,307,000, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall
6 be for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and
7 anticipated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county of-
8 fices and farm loan officers and shall be available until
9 September 30, 2024: *Provided*, That not more than 50
10 percent of the funding made available under this heading
11 for information technology related to farm program deliv-
12 ery may be obligated until the Secretary submits to the
13 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
14 gress, and receives written or electronic notification of re-
15 ceipt from such Committees of, a plan for expenditure that
16 (1) identifies for each project/investment over \$25,000 (a)
17 the functional and performance capabilities to be delivered
18 and the mission benefits to be realized, (b) the estimated
19 lifecycle cost for the entirety of the project/investment, in-
20 cluding estimates for development as well as maintenance
21 and operations, and (c) key milestones to be met; (2) dem-
22 onstrates that each project/investment is, (a) consistent
23 with the Farm Service Agency Information Technology
24 Roadmap, (b) being managed in accordance with applica-
25 ble lifecycle management policies and guidance, and (c)

1 subject to the applicable Department's capital planning
2 and investment control requirements; and (3) has been re-
3 viewed by the Government Accountability Office and ap-
4 proved by the Committees on Appropriations of both
5 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That the agency
6 shall submit a report by the end of the fourth quarter of
7 fiscal year 2023 to the Committees on Appropriations and
8 the Government Accountability Office, that identifies for
9 each project/investment that is operational (a) current
10 performance against key indicators of customer satisfac-
11 tion, (b) current performance of service level agreements
12 or other technical metrics, (c) current performance against
13 a pre-established cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown
14 of current and planned spending on operational enhance-
15 ments or upgrades, and (e) an assessment of whether the
16 investment continues to meet business needs as intended
17 as well as alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*,
18 That the Secretary is authorized to use the services, facili-
19 ties, and authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity
20 Credit Corporation to make program payments for all pro-
21 grams administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That
22 other funds made available to the Agency for authorized
23 activities may be advanced to and merged with this ac-
24 count: *Provided further*, That funds made available to
25 county committees shall remain available until expended:

1 *Provided further*, That none of the funds available to the
 2 Farm Service Agency shall be used to close Farm Service
 3 Agency county offices: *Provided further*, That none of the
 4 funds available to the Farm Service Agency shall be used
 5 to permanently relocate county based employees that
 6 would result in an office with two or fewer employees with-
 7 out prior notification and approval of the Committees on
 8 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

9 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

10 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-
 11 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101-
 12 5106), \$7,000,000.

13 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

14 For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or
 15 groundwater protection activities under section 12400 of
 16 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb-2),
 17 \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended.

18 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity
 21 payments to dairy farmers and manufacturers of dairy
 22 products under a dairy indemnity program, such sums as
 23 may be necessary, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
 24 *vided*, That such program is carried out by the Secretary
 25 in the same manner as the dairy indemnity program de-

1 scribed in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
2 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
3 tions Act, 2001 (Public Law 106–387, 114 Stat. 1549A–
4 12).

5 GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND
6 RANCHERS

7 For necessary expenses to carry out direct reimburse-
8 ment payments to geographically disadvantaged farmers
9 and ranchers under section 1621 of the Food Conserva-
10 tion, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8792),
11 \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended.

12 AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM
13 ACCOUNT
14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
16 rect and guaranteed farm ownership (7 U.S.C. 1922 et
17 seq.) and operating (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.) loans, emer-
18 gency loans (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.), Indian tribe land ac-
19 quisition loans (25 U.S.C. 5136), boll weevil loans (7
20 U.S.C. 1989), guaranteed conservation loans (7 U.S.C.
21 1924 et seq.), relending program (7 U.S.C. 1936c), and
22 Indian highly fractionated land loans (25 U.S.C. 5136)
23 to be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit In-
24 surance Fund, as follows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed
25 farm ownership loans and \$3,100,000,000 for farm owner-

1 ship direct loans; \$2,118,491,000 for unsubsidized guar-
2 anteed operating loans and \$1,633,333,000 for direct op-
3 erating loans; emergency loans, \$4,062,000; Indian tribe
4 land acquisition loans, \$20,000,000; guaranteed conserva-
5 tion loans, \$150,000,000; relending program,
6 \$61,426,000; Indian highly fractionated land loans,
7 \$5,000,000; and for boll weevil eradication program loans,
8 \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall deem the
9 pink bollworm to be a boll weevil for the purpose of boll
10 weevil eradication program loans.

11 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and
12 grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined
13 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
14 as follows: \$23,520,000 for direct farm operating loans,
15 \$11,228,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed farm operating
16 loans, \$249,000 for emergency loans, \$10,983,000 for the
17 relending program, and \$894,000 for Indian highly
18 fractionated land loans, to remain available until ex-
19 pended.

20 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
21 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
22 \$326,461,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,
23 \$305,803,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for
24 “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

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

8 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management
11 Agency, \$71,076,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the
12 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall
13 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-
14 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-
15 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall
16 be in addition to amounts otherwise provided for such pur-
17 pose: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall
18 be available for official reception and representation ex-
19 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

20 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

21 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

22 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
23 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),
24 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
25 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including

1 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
2 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
3 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
4 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-
5 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
6 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
7 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials
8 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
9 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
10 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-
11 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
12 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
13 \$926,599,000, to remain available until September 30,
14 2024: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder
15 shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construc-
16 tion and improvement of buildings and public improve-
17 ments at plant materials centers, except that the cost of
18 alterations and improvements to other buildings and other
19 public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Provided*
20 *further*, That when buildings or other structures are erect-
21 ed on non-Federal land, that the right to use such land
22 is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That of the total amount available under this head-
24 ing, \$8,500,000 shall be for necessary expenses to carry
25 out the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Pro-

1 gram under section 222 of subtitle A of title II of the
2 Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7
3 U.S.C. 6923), as amended by section 12302 of Public Law
4 115–334.

5 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

6 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
7 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-
8 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and
9 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed
10 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–
11 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-
12 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,
13 \$195,591,000, to remain available until expended, of
14 which up to \$20,591,000 shall be for the purposes, and
15 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
16 tled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the explana-
17 tory statement to accompany this Act: *Provided*, That for
18 funds provided by this Act or any other prior Act, the limi-
19 tation regarding the size of the watershed or subwatershed
20 exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand acres in which
21 such activities can be undertaken shall only apply for ac-
22 tivities undertaken for the primary purpose of flood pre-
23 vention (including structural and land treatment meas-
24 ures): *Provided further*, That of the amounts made avail-
25 able under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be allocated

1 to projects and activities that can commence promptly fol-
2 lowing enactment; that address regional priorities for flood
3 prevention, agricultural water management, inefficient ir-
4 rigation systems, fish and wildlife habitat, or watershed
5 protection; or that address authorized ongoing projects
6 under the authorities of section 13 of the Flood Control
7 Act of December 22, 1944 (Public Law 78-534) with a
8 primary purpose of watershed protection by preventing
9 floodwater damage and stabilizing stream channels, tribu-
10 taries, and banks to reduce erosion and sediment trans-
11 port: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made avail-
12 able under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall remain avail-
13 able until expended for the authorities under 16 U.S.C.
14 1001-1005 and 1007-1009 for authorized ongoing water-
15 shed projects with a primary purpose of providing water
16 to rural communities.

17 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

18 Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed
19 Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$10,000,000 is pro-
20 vided.

21 CORPORATIONS

22 The following corporations and agencies are hereby
23 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of
24 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-
25 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make

1 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
2 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government
3 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying
4 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current
5 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-
6 inafter provided.

7 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

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

11 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

12 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-
15 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for
16 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-
17 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,
18 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a-11): *Provided*, That of the funds
19 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-
20 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act
21 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the
22 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be
23 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
24 ice for information resource management activities of the
25 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-

1 modify Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,
2 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-
3 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior
4 to the obligation or commitment of any emergency funds
5 from the Commodity Credit Corporation.

6 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

7 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

8 For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit
9 Corporation shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for
10 site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations
11 and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement
12 of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental
13 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
14 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 6961).

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

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Rural Development, \$1,602,000: *Provided*,
7 That funds made available by this Act to an agency in
8 the Rural Development mission area for salaries and ex-
9 penses are available to fund up to one administrative sup-
10 port staff for the Office.

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

14 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-
15 tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-
16 grams, including activities with institutions concerning the
17 development and operation of agricultural cooperatives;
18 and for cooperative agreements; \$451,856,000: *Provided*,
19 That of the amount made available under this heading,
20 up to \$10,000,000, to remain available until September
21 30, 2024, shall be for the Rural Partners Network activi-
22 ties of the Department of Agriculture, and may be trans-
23 ferred to agencies of the Department for such purpose,
24 consistent with the missions and authorities of such agen-
25 cies: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available

1 under this heading, no less than \$150,000,000, to remain
 2 available until expended, shall be used for information
 3 technology expenses: *Provided further*, That notwith-
 4 standing any other provision of law, funds appropriated
 5 under this heading may be used for advertising and pro-
 6 motional activities that support Rural Development pro-
 7 grams: *Provided further*, That in addition to any other
 8 funds appropriated for purposes authorized by section
 9 502(i) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(i)),
 10 any amounts collected under such section will immediately
 11 be credited to this account and will remain available until
 12 expended for such purposes.

13 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

14 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 17 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
 18 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the
 19 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$1,500,000,000
 20 shall be for direct loans, \$20,842,000 shall be for a Single
 21 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for
 22 Native American Tribes, and \$30,000,000,000 shall be for
 23 unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$30,000,000 for section
 24 504 housing repair loans; \$100,000,000 for section 515
 25 rental housing; \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaranteed

1 multi-family housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit sales
2 of single family housing acquired property; \$5,000,000 for
3 section 523 self-help housing land development loans; and
4 \$5,000,000 for section 524 site development loans.

5 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
6 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
7 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section
8 502 loans, \$55,650,000 shall be for direct loans; Single
9 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for
10 Native American Tribes, \$6,857,000; section 504 housing
11 repair loans, \$2,490,000; section 523 self-help housing
12 land development loans, \$267,000; section 524 site devel-
13 opment loans, \$208,000; and repair, rehabilitation, and
14 new construction of section 515 rental housing,
15 \$19,110,000: *Provided*, That to support the loan program
16 level for section 538 guaranteed loans made available
17 under this heading the Secretary may charge or adjust
18 any fees to cover the projected cost of such loan guaran-
19 tees pursuant to the provisions of the Credit Reform Act
20 of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), and the interest on such
21 loans may not be subsidized: *Provided further*, That appli-
22 cants in communities that have a current rural area waiv-
23 er under section 541 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
24 U.S.C. 1490q) shall be treated as living in a rural area
25 for purposes of section 502 guaranteed loans provided

1 under this heading: *Provided further*, That of the amounts
2 available under this paragraph for section 502 direct
3 loans, no less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for direct
4 loans for individuals whose homes will be built pursuant
5 to a program funded with a mutual and self-help housing
6 grant authorized by section 523 of the Housing Act of
7 1949 until June 1, 2023: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
8 retary shall implement provisions to provide incentives to
9 nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities to
10 facilitate the acquisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS)
11 multifamily housing properties by such nonprofit organi-
12 zations and public housing authorities that commit to keep
13 such properties in the RHS multifamily housing program
14 for a period of time as determined by the Secretary, with
15 such incentives to include, but not be limited to, the fol-
16 lowing: allow such nonprofit entities and public housing
17 authorities to earn a Return on Investment on their own
18 resources to include proceeds from low income housing tax
19 credit syndication, own contributions, grants, and devel-
20 oper loans at favorable rates and terms, invested in a deal;
21 and allow reimbursement of organizational costs associ-
22 ated with owner's oversight of asset referred to as "Asset
23 Management Fee" of up to \$7,500 per property.

24 In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,
25 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section

1 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
2 \$45,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a
3 demonstration program for the preservation and revital-
4 ization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family
5 rental housing properties including the restructuring of
6 existing USDA multi-family housing loans, as the Sec-
7 retary deems appropriate, expressly for the purposes of en-
8 suring the project has sufficient resources to preserve the
9 project for the purpose of providing safe and affordable
10 housing for low-income residents and farm laborers includ-
11 ing reducing or eliminating interest; deferring loan pay-
12 ments, subordinating, reducing or re-amortizing loan debt;
13 and other financial assistance including advances, pay-
14 ments and incentives (including the ability of owners to
15 obtain reasonable returns on investment) required by the
16 Secretary: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, as part of
17 the preservation and revitalization agreement, obtain a re-
18 strictive use agreement consistent with the terms of the
19 restructuring.

20 In addition, for the cost of direct loans, grants, and
21 contracts, as authorized by sections 514 and 516 of the
22 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486),
23 \$21,147,000, to remain available until expended, for direct
24 farm labor housing loans and domestic farm labor housing
25 grants and contracts.

1 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
2 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
3 \$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for
4 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

5 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

6 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
7 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
8 of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into
9 in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible house-
10 holds as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Hous-
11 ing Act of 1949, \$1,487,926,000, of which \$40,000,000
12 shall be available until September 30, 2024; and in addi-
13 tion such sums as may be necessary, as authorized by sec-
14 tion 521(c) of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to
15 fiscal year 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program
16 under section 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That
17 amounts made available under this heading shall be avail-
18 able for renewal of rental assistance agreements for a
19 maximum of 15,000 units where the Secretary determines
20 that a maturing loan for a project cannot reasonably be
21 restructured with another USDA loan or modification and
22 the project was operating with rental assistance under sec-
23 tion 521 of the Housing Act of 1949: *Provided further*,
24 That the Secretary may renew the rental assistance agree-
25 ments in maturing properties notwithstanding any provi-

1 sion of section 521 of the Housing Act of 1949, for a term
2 of at least 10 years but not more than 20 years: *Provided*
3 *further*, That any agreement to extend the term of the
4 rental assistance contract under section 521 of the Hous-
5 ing Act of 1949 for a project shall obligate the owner to
6 continue to maintain the project as decent, safe, and sani-
7 tary housing and to operate the development in accordance
8 with the Housing Act of 1949, except that rents shall be
9 based on the lesser of (1) the budget-based needs of the
10 project, or (2) the operating cost adjustment factor as a
11 payment standard as provided under section 524 of the
12 Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability
13 Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note): *Provided further*,
14 That rental assistance agreements entered into or renewed
15 during the current fiscal year shall be funded for a one-
16 year period: *Provided further*, That upon request by an
17 owner of a project financed by an existing loan under sec-
18 tion 514 or 515 of the Act, the Secretary may renew the
19 rental assistance agreement for a period of 20 years or
20 until the term of such loan has expired, subject to annual
21 appropriations: *Provided further*, That any unexpended
22 balances remaining at the end of such one-year agree-
23 ments may be transferred and used for purposes of any
24 debt reduction, maintenance, repair, or rehabilitation of
25 any existing projects; preservation; and rental assistance

1 activities authorized under title V of the Act: *Provided fur-*
2 *ther*, That rental assistance provided under agreements
3 entered into prior to fiscal year 2023 for a farm labor
4 multi-family housing project financed under section 514
5 or 516 of the Act may not be recaptured for use in another
6 project until such assistance has remained unused for a
7 period of 12 consecutive months, if such project has a
8 waiting list of tenants seeking such assistance or the
9 project has rental assistance eligible tenants who are not
10 receiving such assistance: *Provided further*, That such re-
11 captured rental assistance shall, to the extent practicable,
12 be applied to another farm labor multi-family housing
13 project financed under section 514 or 516 of the Act: *Pro-*
14 *vided further*, That except as provided in the sixth proviso
15 under this heading and notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of the Act, the Secretary may recapture rental assist-
17 ance provided under agreements entered into prior to fis-
18 cal year 2023 for a project that the Secretary determines
19 no longer needs rental assistance and use such recaptured
20 funds for current needs.

21 RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

22 For the rural housing voucher program as authorized
23 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but not-
24 withstanding subsection (b) of such section, \$50,000,000,
25 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the

1 funds made available under this heading shall be available
2 for rural housing vouchers to any low-income household
3 (including those not receiving rental assistance) residing
4 in a property financed with a section 515 loan which has
5 been prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30,
6 2005: *Provided further*, That the amount of such voucher
7 shall be the difference between comparable market rent
8 for the section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for such
9 unit: *Provided further*, That funds made available for such
10 vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual ap-
11 propriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall,
12 to the maximum extent practicable, administer such
13 vouchers with current regulations and administrative guid-
14 ance applicable to section 8 housing vouchers administered
15 by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban
16 Development: *Provided further*, That in addition to any
17 other available funds, the Secretary may expend not more
18 than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made
19 available under this heading, for administrative expenses
20 for activities funded under this heading.

21 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

22 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
23 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
24 1490c), \$32,000,000, to remain available until expended.

1 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2 For grants for very low-income housing repair and
3 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing
4 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,
5 \$48,000,000, to remain available until expended.

6 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

7 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
8 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306
9 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated
10 Farm and Rural Development Act, \$2,800,000,000 for di-
11 rect loans and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

12 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
13 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
14 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
15 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by
16 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the
17 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
18 \$319,284,000, to remain available until expended, of
19 which up to \$202,284,000 shall be for the purposes, and
20 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
21 tled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the explana-
22 tory statement to accompany this Act: *Provided*, That
23 \$7,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
24 ing shall be available for a Rural Community Development
25 Initiative: *Provided further*, That such funds shall be used

1 solely to develop the capacity and ability of private, non-
2 profit community-based housing and community develop-
3 ment organizations, low-income rural communities, and
4 Federally Recognized Native American Tribes to under-
5 take projects to improve housing, community facilities,
6 community and economic development projects in rural
7 areas: *Provided further*, That such funds shall be made
8 available to qualified private, nonprofit and public inter-
9 mediary organizations proposing to carry out a program
10 of financial and technical assistance: *Provided further*,
11 That such intermediary organizations shall provide match-
12 ing funds from other sources, including Federal funds for
13 related activities, in an amount not less than funds pro-
14 vided: *Provided further*, That any unobligated balances
15 from prior year appropriations under this heading for the
16 cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and grants, including
17 amounts deobligated or cancelled, may be made available
18 to cover the subsidy costs for direct loans and or loan
19 guarantees under this heading in this fiscal year: *Provided*
20 *further*, That no amounts may be made available pursuant
21 to the preceding proviso from amounts that were des-
22 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement
23 pursuant to a Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the
24 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
25 1985: *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 of the amount

1 appropriated under this heading shall be available for com-
2 munity facilities grants to tribal colleges, as authorized by
3 section 306(a)(19) of such Act: *Provided further*, That sec-
4 tions 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and
5 Rural Development Act are not applicable to the funds
6 made available under this heading.

7 RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

8 RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

9 For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the
10 rural business development programs authorized by sec-
11 tion 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and
12 (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
13 Development Act, \$83,100,000, to remain available until
14 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated
15 under this heading, not to exceed \$500,000 shall be made
16 available for one grant to a qualified national organization
17 to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in
18 order to promote economic development and \$9,000,000
19 shall be for grants to the Delta Regional Authority (7
20 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.), the Northern Border Regional
21 Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.), and the Appa-
22 lachian Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.)
23 for any Rural Community Advancement Program purpose
24 as described in section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm
25 and Rural Development Act, of which not more than 5

1 percent may be used for administrative expenses: *Provided*
 2 *further*, That \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated
 3 under this heading shall be for business grants to benefit
 4 Federally Recognized Native American Tribes, including
 5 \$250,000 for a grant to a qualified national organization
 6 to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in
 7 order to promote economic development: *Provided further*,
 8 That of the amount appropriated under this heading,
 9 \$5,000,000 shall be for the Rural Innovation Stronger
 10 Economy Grant Program (7 U.S.C. 2008w): *Provided fur-*
 11 *ther*, That sections 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated
 12 Farm and Rural Development Act are not applicable to
 13 funds made available under this heading.

14 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
 17 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
 18 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$18,889,000.

19 For the cost of direct loans, \$3,313,000, as author-
 20 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
 21 count (7 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$331,000 shall be avail-
 22 able through June 30, 2023, for Federally Recognized Na-
 23 tive American Tribes; and of which \$663,000 shall be
 24 available through June 30, 2023, for Mississippi Delta Re-
 25 gion counties (as determined in accordance with Public

1 Law 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the
 2 cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section
 3 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

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

8 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM

9 ACCOUNT

10 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
 11 ized under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification
 12 Act, for the purpose of promoting rural economic develop-
 13 ment and job creation projects, \$75,000,000.

14 The cost of grants authorized under section 313B(a)
 15 of the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of pro-
 16 moting rural economic development and job creation
 17 projects shall not exceed \$15,000,000.

18 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

19 For rural cooperative development grants authorized
 20 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and
 21 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$28,300,000, of
 22 which \$3,500,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for
 23 the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas pro-
 24 gram: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be
 25 for grants for cooperative development centers, individual

1 cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives that serve socially
2 disadvantaged groups and a majority of the boards of di-
3 rectors or governing boards of which are comprised of in-
4 dividuals who are members of socially disadvantaged
5 groups; and of which \$16,000,000, to remain available
6 until expended, shall be for value-added agricultural prod-
7 uct market development grants, as authorized by section
8 210A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, of which
9 \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
10 for Agriculture Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to
11 section 6402 of Public Law 107–171.

12 RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

13 For the principal amount of direct loans as author-
14 ized by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
15 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$25,000,000.

16 For the cost of loans and grants, \$6,500,000 under
17 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
18 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
19 Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s).

20 RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

21 For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under
22 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
23 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of
24 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$20,000,000.

1 For the cost of a program of loan guarantees and
 2 grants, under the same terms and conditions as authorized
 3 by section 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
 4 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$15,018,000: *Pro-*
 5 *vided*, That the cost of loan guarantees, including the cost
 6 of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502
 7 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

8 HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE

9 For the cost of loans and grants that is consistent
 10 with section 243 of subtitle D of title II of the Department
 11 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
 12 6953), as added by section 4206 of the Agricultural Act
 13 of 2014, for necessary expenses of the Secretary to sup-
 14 port projects that provide access to healthy food in under-
 15 served areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to
 16 revitalize low-income communities, \$5,000,000, to remain
 17 available until expended: *Provided*, That the cost of such
 18 loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be
 19 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
 20 of 1974.

21 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

22 RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT
 23 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

24 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 25 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306

1 and described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated
2 Farm and Rural Development Act, as follows:
3 \$1,440,000,000 for direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for
4 guaranteed loans.

5 For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, including
6 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
7 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for rural water,
8 waste water, waste disposal, and solid waste management
9 programs authorized by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D,
10 306E, and 310B and described in sections 306C(a)(2),
11 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated Farm
12 and Rural Development Act, \$720,448,000, to remain
13 available until expended, of which not to exceed
14 \$1,000,000 shall be available for the rural utilities pro-
15 gram described in section 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act, and
16 of which not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be available for
17 the rural utilities program described in section 306E of
18 such Act: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$15,000,000 of
19 the amount appropriated under this heading shall be for
20 grants authorized by section 306A(i)(2) of the Consoli-
21 dated Farm and Rural Development Act in addition to
22 funding authorized by section 306A(i)(1) of such Act: *Pro-*
23 *vided further*, That \$75,000,000 of the amount appro-
24 priated under this heading shall be for loans and grants
25 including water and waste disposal systems grants author-

1 ized by section 306C(a)(2)(B) and section 306D of the
2 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and Fed-
3 erally Recognized Native American Tribes authorized by
4 306C(a)(1) of such Act: *Provided further*, That funding
5 provided for section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and
6 Rural Development Act may be provided to a consortium
7 formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law 105–83:
8 *Provided further*, That not more than 2 percent of the
9 funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated
10 Farm and Rural Development Act may be used by the
11 State of Alaska for training and technical assistance pro-
12 grams and not more than 2 percent of the funding pro-
13 vided for section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and
14 Rural Development Act may be used by a consortium
15 formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law 105–83 for
16 training and technical assistance programs: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That not to exceed \$40,000,000 of the amount ap-
18 propriated under this heading shall be for technical assist-
19 ance grants for rural water and waste systems pursuant
20 to section 306(a)(14) of such Act, unless the Secretary
21 makes a determination of extreme need, of which
22 \$8,500,000 shall be made available for a grant to a quali-
23 fied nonprofit multi-State regional technical assistance or-
24 ganization, with experience in working with small commu-
25 nities on water and waste water problems, the principal

1 purpose of such grant shall be to assist rural communities
2 with populations of 3,300 or less, in improving the plan-
3 ning, financing, development, operation, and management
4 of water and waste water systems, and of which not less
5 than \$800,000 shall be for a qualified national Native
6 American organization to provide technical assistance for
7 rural water systems for tribal communities: *Provided fur-*
8 *ther*, That not to exceed \$25,000,000 of the amount ap-
9 propriated under this heading shall be for contracting with
10 qualified national organizations for a circuit rider program
11 to provide technical assistance for rural water systems:
12 *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$4,000,000 of the
13 amounts made available under this heading shall be for
14 solid waste management grants: *Provided further*, That
15 not to exceed \$5,448,000 of the amounts appropriated
16 under this heading shall be available as the Secretary
17 deems appropriate for water and waste direct one percent
18 loans for distressed communities: *Provided further*, That
19 if the Secretary determines that any portion of the amount
20 made available for one percent loans is not needed for such
21 loans, the Secretary may use such amounts for grants au-
22 thorized by section 306(a)(2) of the Consolidated Farm
23 and Rural Development Act: *Provided further*, That if any
24 funds made available for the direct loan subsidy costs re-
25 main unobligated after July 31, 2023, such unobligated

1 balances may be used for grant programs funded under
 2 this heading: *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 of the
 3 amount appropriated under this heading shall be trans-
 4 ferred to, and merged with, the Rural Utilities Service,
 5 High Energy Cost Grants Account to provide grants au-
 6 thorized under section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act
 7 of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 918a): *Provided further*, That sections
 8 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
 9 Development Act are not applicable to the funds made
 10 available under this heading.

11 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

12 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

1 Act, \$690,000,000: *Provided*, That up to \$2,000,000,000
2 shall be used for the construction, acquisition, design, en-
3 gineering or improvement of fossil-fueled electric gener-
4 ating plants (whether new or existing) that utilize carbon
5 subsurface utilization and storage systems.

6 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section
7 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7
8 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,
9 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
10 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,
11 \$3,726,000.

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

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

22 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND
23 PROGRAM

24 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning
25 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa

1 et seq., \$64,991,000, to remain available until expended,
2 of which up to \$4,991,000 shall be for the purposes, and
3 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
4 tled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the explana-
5 tory statement to accompany this Act: *Provided*, That
6 \$3,000,000 shall be made available for grants authorized
7 by section 379G of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
8 velopment Act: *Provided further*, That funding provided
9 under this heading for grants under section 379G of the
10 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act may only
11 be provided to entities that meet all of the eligibility cri-
12 teria for a consortium as established by this section.

13 For the cost of broadband loans, as authorized by
14 sections 601 and 602 of the Rural Electrification Act,
15 \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
16 That the cost of direct loans shall be as defined in section
17 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

18 For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant
19 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of
20 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law
21 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as
22 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$400,000,000, to remain
23 available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary
24 may award grants described in section 601(a) of the Rural
25 Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C.

1 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such pilot pro-
2 gram: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct loans shall
3 be defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
4 of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90 percent of the
5 households to be served by a project receiving a loan or
6 grant under the pilot program shall be in a rural area
7 without sufficient access to broadband: *Provided further*,
8 That for purposes of such pilot program, a rural area
9 without sufficient access to broadband shall be defined as
10 twenty-five megabytes per second downstream and three
11 megabytes per second upstream: *Provided further*, That to
12 the extent possible, projects receiving funds provided
13 under the pilot program must build out service to at least
14 one hundred megabytes per second downstream, and twen-
15 ty megabytes per second upstream: *Provided further*, That
16 an entity to which a loan or grant is made under the pilot
17 program shall not use the loan or grant to overbuild or
18 duplicate broadband service in a service area by any entity
19 that has received a broadband loan from the Rural Utili-
20 ties Service unless such service is not provided sufficient
21 access to broadband at the minimum service threshold:
22 *Provided further*, That not more than four percent of the
23 funds made available in this paragraph can be used for
24 administrative costs to carry out the pilot program and
25 up to three percent of funds made available in this para-

1 graph may be available for technical assistance and pre-
2 development planning activities to support the most rural
3 communities: *Provided further*, That the Rural Utilities
4 Service is directed to expedite program delivery methods
5 that would implement this paragraph: *Provided further*,
6 That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall
7 adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-
8 ment requirements set forth in section 701 of the Rural
9 Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).

10 In addition, \$35,000,000, to remain available until
11 expended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-
12 thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb-3.

1 TITLE IV
2 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,
4 NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,
7 \$1,376,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
8 Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer
9 Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
10 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
11 the Office.

12 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE
13 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.
16 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et
17 seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of
18 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and
19 21; \$28,613,957,000 to remain available through Sep-
20 tember 30, 2024, of which such sums as are made avail-
21 able under section 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation,
22 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as
23 amended by this Act, shall be merged with and available
24 for the same time period and purposes as provided herein:
25 *Provided*, That of the total amount available, \$20,162,000

1 shall be available to carry out section 19 of the Child Nu-
2 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.): *Provided*
3 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$21,005,000
4 shall be available to carry out studies and evaluations and
5 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
6 That of the total amount available, \$15,000,000 shall re-
7 main available until expended to carry out section 18(g)
8 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1769(g)): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
10 section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National
11 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total
12 grant amount provided to a farm to school grant recipient
13 in fiscal year 2023 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*
14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$35,000,000
15 shall be available to provide competitive grants to State
16 agencies for subgrants to local educational agencies and
17 schools to purchase the equipment, with a value of greater
18 than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier meals, improve food
19 safety, and to help support the establishment, mainte-
20 nance, or expansion of the school breakfast program: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That of the total amount available,
22 \$50,000,000 shall remain available until expended to carry
23 out section 749(g) of the Agriculture Appropriations Act
24 of 2010 (Public Law 111–80): *Provided further*, That of
25 the total amount available, \$3,000,000 shall remain avail-

1 able until expended to carry out activities authorized
2 under subsections (a)(2) and (e)(2) of section 21 of the
3 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1769b–1(a)(2) and (e)(2)): *Provided further*, That of the
5 total amount available, \$3,000,000 shall be available until
6 September 30, 2024 to carry out section 23 of the Child
7 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1793), of which
8 \$500,000 shall be for grants under such section to the
9 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the
10 Northern Mariana Islands, the United States Virgin Is-
11 lands, Guam, and American Samoa: *Provided further*,
12 That section 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell National
13 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is amended in
14 the first sentence by striking “2010 through 2023” and
15 inserting “2010 through 2024”: *Provided further*, That
16 section 9(h)(3) of the Richard B. Russell National School
17 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended in the first
18 sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2022” and inserting
19 “For fiscal year 2023”: *Provided further*, That section
20 9(h)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first sen-
22 tence by striking “For fiscal year 2022” and inserting
23 “For fiscal year 2023”.

1 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
2 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

3 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
4 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
5 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
6 \$6,000,000,000, to remain available through September
7 30, 2024: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
8 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
9 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for
10 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities,
11 and \$14,000,000 shall be used for infrastructure: *Pro-*
12 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall use funds made
13 available under this heading to increase the amount of a
14 cash-value voucher for women and children participants
15 to an amount recommended by the National Academies
16 of Science, Engineering and Medicine and adjusted for in-
17 flation: *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided
18 in this account shall be available for the purchase of infant
19 formula except in accordance with the cost containment
20 and competitive bidding requirements specified in section
21 17 of such Act: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
22 provided shall be available for activities that are not fully
23 reimbursed by other Federal Government departments or
24 agencies unless authorized by section 17 of such Act: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That upon termination of a federally man-

1 dated vendor moratorium and subject to terms and condi-
2 tions established by the Secretary, the Secretary may
3 waive the requirement at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the re-
4 quest of a State agency.

5 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

6 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and
7 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),
8 \$111,180,895,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain
9 available through September 30, 2025, shall be placed in
10 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times
11 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:
12 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended
13 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition
14 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
15 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to
16 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and
17 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food
18 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*
19 *further*, That of the funds made available under this head-
20 ing, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
21 2024, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public
22 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal
23 organizations: *Provided further*, That this appropriation
24 shall be subject to any work registration or workfare re-
25 quirements as may be required by law: *Provided further*,

1 That funds made available for Employment and Training
2 under this heading shall remain available through Sep-
3 tember 30, 2024: *Provided further*, That funds made avail-
4 able under this heading for section 28(d)(1), section 4(b),
5 and section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
6 shall remain available through September 30, 2024: *Pro-*
7 *vided further*, That none of the funds made available under
8 this heading may be obligated or expended in contraven-
9 tion of section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality
10 Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A): *Provided further*, That funds made
11 available under this heading may be used to enter into
12 contracts and employ staff to conduct studies, evaluations,
13 or to conduct activities related to program integrity pro-
14 vided that such activities are authorized by the Food and
15 Nutrition Act of 2008.

16 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

1 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, \$465,710,000,
2 to remain available through September 30, 2024: *Pro-*
3 *vided*, That none of these funds shall be available to reim-
4 burse the Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities
5 donated to the program: *Provided further*, That notwith-
6 standing any other provision of law, effective with funds
7 made available in fiscal year 2023 to support the Seniors
8 Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by
9 section 4402 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
10 Act of 2002, such funds shall remain available through
11 September 30, 2024: *Provided further*, That of the funds
12 made available under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutri-
13 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may
14 use up to 20 percent for costs associated with the distribu-
15 tion of commodities.

16 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

17 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food
18 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-
19 tion assistance program, \$189,348,000: *Provided*, That of
20 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for
21 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107-171, as
22 amended by section 4401 of Public Law 110-246.

1 TITLE V
2 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED
3 PROGRAMS

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

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

13 OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

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

17 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
21 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-
22 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of
23 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
24 \$240,093,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall re-
25 main available until September 30, 2024, for overseas op-

1 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff,
2 and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available to carry out
3 section 3307 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*, That the
4 Service may utilize advances of funds, or reimburse this
5 appropriation for expenditures made on behalf of Federal
6 agencies, public and private organizations and institutions
7 under agreements executed pursuant to the agricultural
8 food production assistance programs (7 U.S.C. 1737) and
9 the foreign assistance programs of the United States
10 Agency for International Development: *Provided further*,
11 That funds made available for middle-income country
12 training programs, funds made available for the Borlaug
13 International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellow-
14 ship program, and up to \$2,000,000 of the Foreign Agri-
15 cultural Service appropriation solely for the purpose of off-
16 setting fluctuations in international currency exchange
17 rates, subject to documentation by the Foreign Agricul-
18 tural Service, shall remain available until expended.

19 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

20 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-
21 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-
22 cluding interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act
23 (Public Law 83–480), for commodities supplied in connec-
24 tion with dispositions abroad under title II of said Act,
25 \$1,800,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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

3 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
4 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
5 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o-1), \$250,000,000, to
6 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Com-
7 modity Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the
8 services, facilities, and authorities for the purpose of im-
9 plementing such section, subject to reimbursement from
10 amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That of the
11 amount made available under this heading, not more than
12 10 percent, but not less than \$25,000,000, shall remain
13 available until expended to purchase agricultural commod-
14 ities as described in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm
15 Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
16 1736o-1(a)(2)).

17 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)

18 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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

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

1 TITLE VI
2 RELATED AGENCY AND FOOD AND DRUG
3 ADMINISTRATION
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
5 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger
10 motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related
11 costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and
12 activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are
13 included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space
14 in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; in addition to
15 amounts appropriated to the FDA Innovation Account, for
16 carrying out the activities described in section 1002(b)(4)
17 of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114–255); for
18 miscellaneous and emergency expenses of enforcement ac-
19 tivities, authorized and approved by the Secretary and to
20 be accounted for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not
21 to exceed \$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of
22 Public Law 107–188; \$6,351,956,000: *Provided*, That of
23 the amount provided under this heading, \$1,224,132,000
24 shall be derived from prescription drug user fees author-
25 ized by 21 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this ac-

1 count and remain available until expended; \$248,342,000
2 shall be derived from medical device user fees authorized
3 by 21 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account
4 and remain available until expended; \$550,449,000 shall
5 be derived from human generic drug user fees authorized
6 by 21 U.S.C. 379j-42, and shall be credited to this ac-
7 count and remain available until expended; \$40,841,000
8 shall be derived from biosimilar biological product user
9 fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-52, and shall be cred-
10 ited to this account and remain available until expended;
11 \$32,238,000 shall be derived from animal drug user fees
12 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-12, and shall be credited
13 to this account and remain available until expended;
14 \$29,459,000 shall be derived from generic new animal
15 drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-21, and shall
16 be credited to this account and remain available until ex-
17 pended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-
18 uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be
19 credited to this account and remain available until ex-
20 pended: *Provided further*, That in addition to and notwith-
21 standing any other provision under this heading, amounts
22 collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device
23 user fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biologi-
24 cal product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic
25 new animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal

1 year 2023 limitations are appropriated and shall be credited to this account and remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That fees derived from prescription drug, medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological product, animal drug, and generic new animal drug assessments for fiscal year 2023, including any such fees collected prior to fiscal year 2023 but credited for fiscal year 2023, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2023 limitations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may accept payment during fiscal year 2023 of user fees specified under this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2024, prior to the due date for such fees, and that amounts of such fees assessed for fiscal year 2024 for which the Secretary accepts payment in fiscal year 2023 shall not be included in amounts under this heading: *Provided further*, That none of these funds shall be used to develop, establish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated: (1) \$1,185,539,000 shall be for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs, of which no less than \$15,000,000 shall be used for inspections of foreign seafood manufacturers and field examinations of imported seafood; (2) \$2,190,235,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and related

1 field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs, of which
2 no less than \$8,500,000 shall be for pilots to increase un-
3 announced foreign inspections and shall remain available
4 until expended; (3) \$470,478,000 shall be for the Center
5 for Biologics Evaluation and Research and for related field
6 activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (4)
7 \$284,572,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary Medi-
8 cine and for related field activities in the Office of Regu-
9 latory Affairs; (5) \$663,157,000 shall be for the Center
10 for Devices and Radiological Health and for related field
11 activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (6)
12 \$77,146,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxi-
13 cological Research; (7) \$677,165,000 shall be for the Cen-
14 ter for Tobacco Products and for related field activities
15 in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (8) \$216,570,000 shall
16 be for Rent and Related activities, of which \$56,011,000
17 is for White Oak Consolidation, other than the amounts
18 paid to the General Services Administration for rent; (9)
19 \$237,917,000 shall be for payments to the General Serv-
20 ices Administration for rent; and (10) \$349,177,000 shall
21 be for other activities, including the Office of the Commis-
22 sioner of Food and Drugs, the Office of Food Policy and
23 Response, the Office of Operations, the Office of the Chief
24 Scientist, and central services for these offices: *Provided*
25 *further*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of this amount shall

1 be for official reception and representation expenses, not
2 otherwise provided for, as determined by the Commis-
3 sioner: *Provided further*, That any transfer of funds pursu-
4 ant to, and for the administration of, section 770(n) of
5 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
6 379dd(n)) shall only be from amounts made available
7 under this heading for other activities and shall not exceed
8 \$2,000,000: *Provided further*, That of the amounts that
9 are made available under this heading for “other activi-
10 ties”, and that are not derived from user fees, \$1,500,000
11 shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation
12 for “Department of Health and Human Services—Office
13 of Inspector General” for oversight of the programs and
14 operations of the Food and Drug Administration and shall
15 be in addition to funds otherwise made available for over-
16 sight of the Food and Drug Administration: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That funds may be transferred from one specified
18 activity to another with the prior approval of the Commit-
19 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

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

1 facility fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription
2 drug wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees
3 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics
4 provider licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21
5 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized
6 by 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), medical countermeasure priority
7 review voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–
8 4a, and fees relating to over-the-counter monograph drugs
9 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–72 shall be credited to this
10 account, to remain available until expended.

11 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

12 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-
13 sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-
14 ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Admin-
15 istration, where not otherwise provided, \$30,788,000, to
16 remain available until expended.

17 FDA INNOVATION ACCOUNT, CURES ACT

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 For necessary expenses to carry out the purposes de-
20 scribed under section 1002(b)(4) of the 21st Century
21 Cures Act, in addition to amounts available for such pur-
22 poses under the heading “Salaries and Expenses”,
23 \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That amounts appropriated in this paragraph are
25 appropriated pursuant to section 1002(b)(3) of the 21st

1 Century Cures Act, are to be derived from amounts trans-
 2 ferred under section 1002(b)(2)(A) of such Act, and may
 3 be transferred by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs
 4 to the appropriation for “Department of Health and
 5 Human Services Food and Drug Administration Salaries
 6 and Expenses” solely for the purposes provided in such
 7 Act: *Provided further*, That upon a determination by the
 8 Commissioner that funds transferred pursuant to the pre-
 9 vious proviso are not necessary for the purposes provided,
 10 such amounts may be transferred back to the account:
 11 *Provided further*, That such transfer authority is in addi-
 12 tion to any other transfer authority provided by law.

13 INDEPENDENT AGENCY

14 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

15 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

16 Not to exceed \$88,500,000 (from assessments col-
 17 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal
 18 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
 19 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
 20 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this
 21 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-
 22 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed
 23 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the
 24 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
 25 gress: *Provided further*, That the purposes of section

1 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.
2 2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may
3 exempt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the applica-
4 tion of the limitation provided in that clause of export
5 loans described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a
6 manner other than described in subclause (II) of the
7 clause.

1 TITLE VII
2 GENERAL PROVISIONS
3 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations
5 made available to the Department of Agriculture in this
6 Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition
7 to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the
8 total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year 2023
9 does not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased
10 in fiscal year 2018: *Provided*, That, prior to purchasing
11 additional motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine
12 that such vehicles are necessary for transportation safety,
13 to reduce operational costs, and for the protection of life,
14 property, and public safety: *Provided further*, That the
15 Secretary may not increase the Department of Agri-
16 culture's fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary
17 notifies in writing, and receives approval from, the Com-
18 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
19 within 30 days of the notification.

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

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

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

1 technology upgrades: *Provided further*, That of annual in-
2 come amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the De-
3 partment of Agriculture attributable to the amounts in ex-
4 cess of the true costs of the shared services provided by
5 the National Finance Center and budgeted for the Na-
6 tional Finance Center, the Secretary shall reserve not
7 more than 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition
8 of capital equipment, including equipment for the improve-
9 ment, delivery, and implementation of financial, adminis-
10 trative, and information technology services, and other
11 systems of the National Finance Center or to pay any un-
12 foreseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Cen-
13 ter: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts reserved
14 shall be available for obligation unless the Secretary sub-
15 mits written notification of the obligation to the Commit-
16 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That the limitations on the obligation of
18 funds pending notification to Congressional Committees
19 shall not apply to any obligation that, as determined by
20 the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a declared state
21 of emergency that significantly impacts the operations of
22 the National Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of
23 the National Finance Center to a safe haven to continue
24 operations of the National Finance Center.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided
15 by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated bal-
16 ances from appropriations made available for salaries and
17 expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall
18 remain available through September 30, 2024, for infor-
19 mation technology expenses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section
12 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this
13 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds
14 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any
15 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses
16 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of
17 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section
18 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,483,309,000
19 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal
20 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement
21 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—
22 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—
23 \$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-
24 chases—\$37,178,000: *Provided*, That, of the total funds
25 made available in the matter preceding this proviso that

1 remain unobligated on October 1, 2023, such unobligated
2 balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2024 and shall
3 remain available until expended for any of the purposes
4 of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used
5 in accordance with clause (3) of section 32 may not exceed
6 \$350,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture provides written notification of the
8 expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both
9 Houses of Congress at least two weeks in advance: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That, with the exception of any available
11 carryover funds authorized in any prior appropriations Act
12 to be used for the purposes of clause (3) of section 32,
13 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
14 able by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the
15 salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department
16 of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section 32.

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

1 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission
2 of the budget unless such budget submission identifies
3 which additional spending reductions should occur in the
4 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the
5 date of the convening of a committee of conference for
6 the fiscal year 2024 appropriations Act.

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

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

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

2 or

3 (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or

4 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

5 unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of

6 Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies

7 in writing and receives approval from the Committees on

8 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30

9 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds or

10 the use of such authority.

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

12 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies

13 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or

14 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from

15 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of

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

17 available for obligation or expenditure for activities, pro-

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

19 authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds

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

21 that—

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

23 tivities;

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

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

8 unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of
9 Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies
10 in writing and receives approval from the Committees on
11 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30
12 days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of such
13 funds or the use of such authority.

14 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of
15 Health and Human Services shall notify in writing and
16 receive approval from the Committees on Appropriations
17 of both Houses of Congress before implementing any pro-
18 gram or activity not carried out during the previous fiscal
19 year unless the program or activity is funded by this Act
20 or specifically funded by any other Act.

21 (d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-
22 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies
23 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or
24 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from
25 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of

1 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
2 available for—

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

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

13 (3) carrying out activities or functions that
14 were not described in the budget request;

15 unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing,
16 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
17 gress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for
18 these purposes.

19 (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used
20 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture or
21 the Secretary of Health and Human Services receives from
22 the Committee on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
23 gress written or electronic mail confirmation of receipt of
24 the notification as required in this section.

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

7 SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or other-
8 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the
9 Food and Drug Administration or the Farm Credit Ad-
10 ministration shall be used to transmit or otherwise make
11 available reports, questions, or responses to questions that
12 are a result of information requested for the appropria-
13 tions hearing process to any non-Department of Agri-
14 culture, non-Department of Health and Human Services,
15 or non-Farm Credit Administration employee.

16 SEC. 719. Unless otherwise authorized by existing
17 law, none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used
18 by an executive branch agency to produce any pre-
19 packaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution
20 in the United States unless the story includes a clear noti-
21 fication within the text or audio of the prepackaged news
22 story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or
23 funded by that executive branch agency.

24 SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-
25 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or

1 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other
2 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days
3 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency
4 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or
5 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the
6 period of assignment.

7 SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of
8 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the
9 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration and
10 the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall
11 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
12 Houses of Congress a detailed spending plan by program,
13 project, and activity for all the funds made available under
14 this Act including appropriated user fees, as defined in
15 the explanatory statement to accompany this Act.

16 SEC. 722. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
17 made available for the supplemental nutrition program as
18 authorized by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of
19 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), \$232,650,000 are hereby re-
20 scinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded
21 from amounts that were designated by the Congress as
22 an emergency requirement pursuant to a Concurrent Res-
23 olution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
24 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility
2 or level of program assistance for Rural Development pro-
3 grams the Secretary shall not include incarcerated prison
4 populations.

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

14 SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates
15 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-
16 tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
17 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
18 tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107-76)
19 shall be available for obligation without written notifica-
20 tion to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Ap-
21 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That
22 the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for
23 obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and
24 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-
25 livery, and implementation of Departmental financial

1 management, information technology, and other support
2 systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administra-
3 tive, and information technology services, including cloud
4 adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies
5 of the Department of Agriculture.

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

1 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were
2 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of
3 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

4 SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section
5 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the
6 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority
7 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and
8 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under
9 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with respect to loans guaranteed under
11 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

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

18 SEC. 729. None of the funds made available by this
19 or any other Act may be used to carry out the final rule
20 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration and
21 put into effect November 16, 2015, in regards to the haz-
22 ard analysis and risk-based preventive control require-
23 ments of the current good manufacturing practice, hazard
24 analysis, and risk-based preventive controls for food for
25 animals rule with respect to the regulation of the produc-

1 tion, distribution, sale, or receipt of dried spent grain by-
2 products of the alcoholic beverage production process.

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

22 SEC. 731. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—
23 (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates
24 the following factors in the country or region being
25 audited, as applicable—

- 1 (A) veterinary control and oversight;
2 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-
3 tices;
4 (C) livestock demographics and
5 traceability;
6 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-
7 tial sources of infection;
8 (E) surveillance practices;
9 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and
10 (G) emergency preparedness and response;
11 and

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

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

18 SEC. 732. None of the funds made available by this
19 Act may be used to implement section 3.7(f) of the Farm
20 Credit Act of 1971 in a manner inconsistent with section
21 343(a)(13) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
22 ment Act.

23 SEC. 733. None of the funds made available by this
24 Act may be used to carry out any activities or incur any
25 expense related to the issuance of licenses under section

1 3 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2133), or the re-
2 newal of such licenses, to class B dealers who sell Random
3 Source dogs and cats for use in research, experiments,
4 teaching, or testing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
21 sistent with United States obligations under international
22 agreements.

23 (e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of
24 the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities
25 Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-

1 count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-
2 section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the re-
3 quirements of this section.

4 (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a
5 project for which the engineering plans and specifications
6 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited
7 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-
8 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the
9 date of enactment of this Act.

10 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United
11 States” and “State” shall include each of the several
12 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-
13 ognized Indian Tribe.

14 SEC. 735. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
15 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
16 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
17 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-
18 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
19 1913.

20 SEC. 736. Of the total amounts made available by
21 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following
22 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-
23 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—
24 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing
25 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural

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

1 States: *Provided further*, That with respect to specific ac-
2 tivities for which program levels have been made available
3 by this Act that are not supported by budget authority,
4 the requirements of this section shall be applied to such
5 program level.

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

17 SEC. 738. None of the funds made available by this
18 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule
19 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-
20 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,
21 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption,” and
22 published on November 27, 2015, with respect to the regu-
23 lation of entities that grow, harvest, pack, or hold wine
24 grapes, hops, pulse crops, or almonds.

1 SEC. 739. There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000,
2 to remain available until September 30, 2024, for a pilot
3 program for the National Institute of Food and Agri-
4 culture to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for
5 programs and services to establish and enhance farming
6 and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

7 SEC. 740. For school years 2022–2023 and 2023–
8 2024, none of the funds made available by this Act may
9 be used to implement or enforce the matter following the
10 first comma in the second sentence of footnote (c) of sec-
11 tion 220.8(c) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, with
12 respect to the substitution of vegetables for fruits under
13 the school breakfast program established under section 4
14 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

15 SEC. 741. None of the funds made available by this
16 Act or any other Act may be used—

17 (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Ag-
18 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G
19 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or sec-
20 tion 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
21 2018; or

22 (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,
23 sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is
24 grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606
25 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the

1 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or out-
2 side the State in which the hemp is grown or cul-
3 tivated.

4 SEC. 742. For necessary expenses for salary and re-
5 lated costs associated with Agriculture Quarantine and In-
6 spection Services activities pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 136a(6),
7 and in addition to any other funds made available for this
8 purpose, there is appropriated, out of any money in the
9 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$250,000,000, to re-
10 main available until September 30, 2024, to offset the loss
11 resulting from the coronavirus pandemic of quarantine
12 and inspection fees collected pursuant to sections 2508
13 and 2509 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
14 Trade Act of 1990 (21 U.S.C. 136, 136a): *Provided*, That
15 amounts made available in this section shall be treated
16 as funds collected by fees authorized under sections 2508
17 and 2509 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
18 Trade Act of 1990 (21 U.S.C. 136, 136a) for purposes
19 of section 421(f) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
20 (6 U.S.C. 231(f)).

21 SEC. 743. For an additional amount for the “Office
22 of the Secretary”, \$1,000,000, to remain available until
23 expended, for the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
24 retary of the Department of Health and Human Services,
25 to enter into an agreement with the National Academies

1 of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS) to conduct
2 a study of the eight research topics related to alcohol con-
3 sumption that were not examined by the 2020 Dietary
4 Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC): *Provided*, That
5 the NAS shall examine the relationship between alcohol
6 consumption and (1) growth, size, body composition, and
7 risk of being overweight and obesity; (2) risk of cardio-
8 vascular disease (CVD); (3) risk of cancer; (4)
9 neurocognitive health; (5) infant developmental mile-
10 stones, including neurocognitive development (lactation);
11 (6) post-partum weight loss (lactation); (7) human milk
12 composition and quantity; and (8) alcohol consumption
13 and all-cause mortality.

14 SEC. 744. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive
15 the matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of
16 the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Re-
17 form Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

18 SEC. 745. There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000,
19 to remain available until expended, for a pilot program
20 for the Secretary to provide grants to qualified non-profit
21 organizations and public housing authorities to provide
22 technical assistance, including financial and legal services,
23 to RHS multi-family housing borrowers to facilitate the
24 acquisition of RHS multi-family housing properties in
25 areas where the Secretary determines a risk of loss of af-

1 affordable housing, by non-profit housing organizations and
2 public housing authorities as authorized by law that com-
3 mit to keep such properties in the RHS multi-family hous-
4 ing program for a period of time as determined by the
5 Secretary.

6 SEC. 746. There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000,
7 to carry out section 4208 of Public Law 115–334, includ-
8 ing for project locations in additional regions.

9 SEC. 747. In response to an eligible community where
10 the drinking water supplies are inadequate due to a nat-
11 ural disaster, as determined by the Secretary, including
12 drought or severe weather, the Secretary may provide po-
13 table water through the Emergency Community Water As-
14 sistance Grant Program for an additional period of time
15 not to exceed 120 days beyond the established period pro-
16 vided under the Program in order to protect public health.

17 SEC. 748. Funds made available under title II of the
18 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be
19 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate
20 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-
21 trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is
22 received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by
23 food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-
24 propriate purposes.

1 SEC. 749. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-
3 ucts imported into the United States from the People's
4 Republic of China for use in the school lunch program
5 under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care Food
7 Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1766),
8 the Summer Food Service Program for Children under
9 section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the school
10 breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
11 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

12 SEC. 750. For school year 2023–2024, only a school
13 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit
14 school food service account as of December 31, 2022, shall
15 be required to establish a price for paid lunches in accord-
16 ance with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National
17 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

18 SEC. 751. Any funds made available by this or any
19 other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section
20 1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
21 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended,
22 shall be available for grants for biotechnology risk assess-
23 ment research: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer
24 such funds among appropriations of the Department of
25 Agriculture for purposes of making such grants.

1 SEC. 752. There is hereby appropriated \$400,000 to
2 carry out section 1672(g)(4)(B) of the Food, Agriculture,
3 Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
4 5925(g)(4)(B)) as amended by section 7209 of Public Law
5 115–334.

6 SEC. 753. The Secretary, acting through the Chief
7 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use
8 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for
9 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program
10 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out
11 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-
12 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency
13 Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to
14 section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16
15 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such pro-
16 grams pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Secu-
17 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding
18 subsection (c) of such section.

19 SEC. 754. In administering the pilot program estab-
20 lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-
21 propriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-
22 retary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining en-
23 tities eligible to receive assistance, consider those commu-
24 nities which are “Areas Rural in Character”: *Provided*,
25 That not more than 10 percent of the funds made avail-

1 able under the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine,
2 and Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot
3 program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–
4 141 may be used for this purpose.

5 SEC. 755. There is hereby appropriated \$29,700,000
6 for the Goodfellow Federal facility, to remain available
7 until expended, to be transferred to and merged with the
8 appropriation for “Food Safety and Inspection Service”.

9 SEC. 756. None of the funds made available by this
10 Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of per-
11 sonnel—

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

14 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the
15 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of
16 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or

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

20 SEC. 757. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used to propose, promulgate, or implement
22 any rule, or take any other action with respect to, allowing
23 or requiring information intended for a prescribing health
24 care professional, in the case of a drug or biological prod-
25 uct subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food,

1 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)), to be dis-
2 tributed to such professional electronically (in lieu of in
3 paper form) unless and until a Federal law is enacted to
4 allow or require such distribution.

5 SEC. 758. Out of amounts appropriated to the Food
6 and Drug Administration under title VI, the Secretary of
7 Health and Human Services, acting through the Commis-
8 sioner of Food and Drugs, shall, not later than September
9 30, 2023, and following the review required under Execu-
10 tive Order No. 12866 (5 U.S.C. 601 note; relating to regu-
11 latory planning and review), issue advice revising the ad-
12 vice provided in the notice of availability entitled “Advice
13 About Eating Fish, From the Environmental Protection
14 Agency and Food and Drug Administration; Revised Fish
15 Advice; Availability” (82 Fed. Reg. 6571 (January 19,
16 2017)), in a manner that is consistent with nutrition
17 science recognized by the Food and Drug Administration
18 on the net effects of seafood consumption.

19 SEC. 759. In addition to amounts otherwise made
20 available by this Act and notwithstanding the last sentence
21 of 16 U.S.C. 1310, there is appropriated \$4,000,000, to
22 remain available until expended, to implement non-renew-
23 able agreements on eligible lands, including flooded agri-
24 cultural lands, as determined by the Secretary, under the
25 Water Bank Act (16 U.S.C. 1301–1311).

1 SEC. 760. The Secretary shall set aside for Rural
2 Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zones, until August
3 15, 2023, an amount of funds made available in title III
4 under the headings of Rural Housing Insurance Fund
5 Program Account, Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants,
6 Rural Housing Assistance Grants, Rural Community Fa-
7 cilities Program Account, Rural Business Program Ac-
8 count, Rural Development Loan Fund Program Account,
9 and Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account,
10 equal to the amount obligated in REAP Zones with re-
11 spect to funds provided under such headings in the most
12 recent fiscal year any such funds were obligated under
13 such headings for REAP Zones.

14 SEC. 761. There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000,
15 to remain available until expended, to carry out section
16 2103 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*, That the Sec-
17 retary shall prioritize the wetland compliance needs of
18 areas with significant numbers of individual wetlands, wet-
19 land acres, and conservation compliance requests.

20 SEC. 762. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal
22 approved prior to the effective date of the National Bio-
23 engineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19,
24 2019) shall include the words “genetically engineered”
25 prior to the existing acceptable market name.

1 SEC. 763. There is hereby appropriated \$500,000 to
2 carry out the duties of the working group established
3 under section 770 of the Agriculture, Rural Development,
4 Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-
5 propriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6; 133 Stat. 89).

6 SEC. 764. For an additional amount for the Office
7 of the Secretary, \$15,000,000, to remain available until
8 expended, to continue the Institute for Rural Partnerships
9 as established in section 778 of Public Law 117–103: *Pro-*
10 *vided*, That the Institute for Rural Partnerships shall con-
11 tinue to dedicate resources to researching the causes and
12 conditions of challenges facing rural areas, and develop
13 community partnerships to address such challenges: *Pro-*
14 *vided further*, That administrative or other fees shall not
15 exceed one percent: *Provided further*, That such partner-
16 ship shall coordinate and publish an annual report.

17 SEC. 765. Of the unobligated balances from prior
18 year appropriations made available under the heading
19 “Farm Service Agency—Agricultural Credit Insurance
20 Fund Program Account”, \$5,000,000 are hereby re-
21 scinded.

22 SEC. 766. The Secretary, as part of the report on
23 foreign landholding required under the Agricultural For-
24 eign Investment Disclosure Act (Public Law 95–460),
25 shall report to Congress on foreign investments in agricul-

1 tural land in the United States, including the impact for-
2 eign ownership has on family farms, rural communities,
3 and the domestic food supply: *Provided*, That beginning
4 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 shall publish all prior year disclosures of foreign invest-
6 ments in agricultural land in the United States on an
7 interactive public USDA database and update every 90
8 days thereafter: *Provided further*, That all disclosures of
9 foreign investments in agricultural land on the USDA
10 website shall be disaggregated by: (1) in any case in which
11 such foreign person is an individual, the citizenship of
12 such foreign person; and (2) in any case in which such
13 foreign person is not an individual or a government, the
14 nature of the legal entity holding the interest, the country
15 in which such foreign person is created or organized, and
16 the principal place of business of such foreign person.

17 SEC. 767. Section 2507(f) of the Farm Security and
18 Rural Investment Act of 2002 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–6(f))
19 is repealed.

20 SEC. 768. In addition to amounts otherwise made
21 available by this or any other Act, there is hereby appro-
22 priated \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended,
23 to the Secretary for a pilot program to provide grants to
24 a regional consortium to fund technical assistance and
25 construction of regional wastewater systems for histori-

1 cally impoverished communities that have had difficulty
2 in installing traditional wastewater treatment systems due
3 to soil conditions.

4 SEC. 769. Notwithstanding any other provision of
5 law, the common name “Kanpachi” shall serve as an ac-
6 ceptable market name under the Federal Food, Drug, and
7 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) for labeling and
8 marketing of ocean-farmed *Seriola rivoliana*.

9 This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-
10 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
11 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023”.

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