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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
*Washington, DC, January 2, 2023.*

Hon. CHERYL JOHNSON,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: Pursuant to rule XI, clause 1(d) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I herewith submit to the House a report of the activities of the Committee on Agriculture during the 117th Congress.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

Hon. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia,  
*Chairman.*



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Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, from the Committee on Agriculture,  
submitted the following

### R E P O R T

In accordance with rule XI, clause 1(d), of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Agriculture reports herewith on its activities during the 117th Congress.

#### I. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION, JURISDICTION, AND OVERSIGHT PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

##### A. ORGANIZATION

The House of Representatives established the total authorized membership of the Committee on Agriculture for the 117th Congress at 51, with a part division of 27 Democrats and 24 Republicans. Among the Committee Members were 18 Representatives who were serving their first terms on the Committee.

The Committee organized on February 10, 2021, into six subcommittees. The six subcommittees were constituted as follows:

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Ratio includes *ex officio* Members.

David Scott of Georgia, Chairman, and Glenn Thompson, Ranking Minority Member, are *ex officio* Members of all Subcommittees.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL FARM COMMODITIES AND RISK MANAGEMENT  
(RATIO 9–8)

CHERI BUSTOS, Illinois, *Chair*

ANGIE CRAIG, Minnesota	AUSTIN SCOTT, Georgia, <i>Ranking Minority Member</i>
FILEMON VELA, Texas <sup>1</sup>	
SALUD O. CARBAJAL, California	ERIC A. “RICK” CRAWFORD, Arkansas
TOM O’HALLERAN, Arizona <sup>2</sup>	RICK W. ALLEN, Georgia
AL LAWSON, JR., Florida <sup>3</sup>	DAVID ROUZER, North Carolina
SANFORD D. BISHOP, Georgia <sup>4</sup>	TRACEY MANN, Kansas
	MARY E. MILLER, Illinois
	BARRY MOORE, Alabama

**Jurisdiction:** Policies, statutes and markets relating to commodities including barley, cotton, cottonseed, corn, grain sorghum, honey, mohair, oats, other oilseeds, peanuts, pulse crops, rice, soybeans, sugar, wheat, and wool; the Commodity Credit Corporation; risk management policies and statutes, including Federal Crop Insurance; producer data and privacy issues.

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMODITY EXCHANGES, ENERGY, AND CREDIT  
(RATIO 11–10)

ANTONIO DELGADO, New York,<sup>5</sup> *Chairman*

SEAN PATRICK MALONEY, New York,<sup>6</sup> *Chairman*

STACEY E. PLASKETT, Virgin Islands	MICHELLE FISCHBACH, Minnesota,
RO KHANNA, California	<i>Ranking Minority Member</i>
CYNTHIA AXNE, Iowa	AUSTIN SCOTT, Georgia
BOBBY L. RUSH, Illinois	DOUG LAMALFA, California
ANGIE CRAIG, Minnesota	RODNEY DAVIS, Illinois
ANN M. KUSTER, New Hampshire	CHRIS JACOBS, New York
CHERI BUSTOS, Illinois	TROY BALDERSON, Ohio
	MICHAEL CLOUD, Texas
	RANDY FEENSTRA, Iowa
	KAT CAMMACK, Florida

**Jurisdiction:** Policies, statutes, and markets relating to commodity exchanges; agricultural credit; rural development; energy; rural electrification.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY  
(RATIO 9–8)

ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER, Virginia, *Chair*

FILEMON VELA, Texas <sup>7</sup>	DOUG LAMALFA, California, <i>Ranking Minority Member</i>
CHELLIE PINGREE, Maine	
ANN M. KUSTER, New Hampshire	SCOTT DESJARLAIS, Tennessee
TOM O’HALLERAN, Arizona	RICK W. ALLEN, Georgia
JIMMY PANETTA, California	TRENT KELLY, Mississippi
J. LUIS CORREA, California	DUSTY JOHNSON, South Dakota
KIM SCHRIER, Washington <sup>8</sup>	MARY E. MILLER, Illinois
	BARRY MOORE, Alabama

**Jurisdiction:** Policies and statutes relating to resource conservation, forestry, and all forests under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture.



SUBCOMMITTEE ON NUTRITION, OVERSIGHT, AND DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS  
(RATIO 11–10)

JAHANA HAYES, Connecticut, *Chair*

JAMES P. MCGOVERN, Massachusetts	DON BACON, Nebraska, <i>Ranking Minority Member</i>
ALMA S. ADAMS, North Carolina	
SHONTEL M. BROWN, Ohio <sup>9</sup>	ERIC A. “RICK” CRAWFORD, Arkansas
BOBBY L. RUSH, Illinois	SCOTT DESJARLAIS, Tennessee
GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN, Northern Mariana Islands	VICKY HARTZLER, Missouri
SALUD O. CARBAJAL, California	JAMES R. BAIRD, Indiana <sup>11</sup>
AL LAWSON, JR., Florida	CHRIS JACOBS, New York
ANN M. KUSTER, New Hampshire	MICHAEL CLOUD, Texas
JIMMY PANETTA, California	KAT CAMMACK, Florida
SEAN PATRICK MALONEY, New York <sup>10</sup>	JULIA LETLOW, Louisiana <sup>12</sup>
	BRAD FINSTAD, Minnesota <sup>13</sup>

**Jurisdiction:** Policies and statutes relating to nutrition, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and domestic commodity distribution and consumer initiative; departmental and agency oversight; and special investigations.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BIOTECHNOLOGY, HORTICULTURE, AND RESEARCH  
(RATIO 12–11)

STACEY E. PLASKETT, Virgin Islands, *Chair*

ANTONIO DELGADO, New York <sup>14</sup>	JAMES R. BAIRD, Indiana, <i>Ranking Minority Member</i>
SHONTEL M. BROWN, Ohio <sup>15</sup>	
KIM SCHRIER, Washington	AUSTIN SCOTT, Georgia
JIMMY PANETTA, California	ERIC A. “RICK” CRAWFORD, Arkansas <sup>17</sup>
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	MICHELLE FISCHBACH, Minnesota
	JULIA LETLOW, Louisiana <sup>21</sup>
	BRAD FINSTAD, Minnesota <sup>22</sup>

**Jurisdiction:** Policies, statutes and markets relating to horticulture, including fruits, vegetables, nuts, and ornamentals; bees; and organic agriculture; policies and statutes relating to marketing and promotion orders; pest and disease management, including pesticides; bioterrorism; adulteration and quarantine matters; research, education and extension; and biotechnology.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LIVESTOCK AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURE  
(RATIO 13–12)

JIM COSTA, California, *Chairman*

ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER, Virginia	DUSTY JOHNSON, South Dakota, <i>Ranking Minority Member</i>
JAHANA HAYES, Connecticut	
J. LUIS CORREA, California	ERIC A. “RICK” CRAWFORD, Arkansas <sup>24</sup>
JOSH HARDER, California	SCOTT DESJARLAIS, Tennessee
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	TRACEY MANN, Kansas
	RANDY FEENSTRA, Iowa
	BARRY MOORE, Alabama <sup>26</sup>

**Jurisdiction:** Policies, statutes, and markets relating to all livestock, poultry, dairy, and seafood, including all products thereof; the inspection, marketing, and promotion of such commodities and products; aquaculture; animal welfare; grazing; foreign agricultural assistance and trade promotion.

### Section Notes

- 1 Resigned from Congress March 31, 2022.
- 2 Appointed to Subcommittee February 24, 2021.
- 3 Appointed to Subcommittee February 24, 2021.
- 4 Appointed to Subcommittee March 17, 2021.
- 5 Resigned from Congress May 25, 2022.
- 6 Appointed Subcommittee Chairman June 3, 2022.
- 7 Resigned from Congress March 31, 2022.
- 8 Appointed to Subcommittee February 24, 2021.
- 9 Appointed to Subcommittee December 8, 2021.
- 10 Resigned from Subcommittee December 8, 2021.
- 11 Appointed to Subcommittee March 17, 2021, also added a vacancy.
- 12 Appointed to Subcommittee April 14, 2021.
- 13 Appointed to Subcommittee September 14, 2022.
- 14 Resigned from Congress May 25, 2022.
- 15 Appointed to Subcommittee December 8, 2021.
- 16 Appointed to Subcommittee February 24, 2021. Resigned from Committee December 1, 2021.
- 17 Appointed to Subcommittee March 17, 2021.
- 18 Deceased, February 17, 2022.
- 19 Resigned from Subcommittee March 17, 2021.
- 20 Resigned from Subcommittee March 17, 2021.
- 21 Appointed to Subcommittee April 14, 2021.
- 22 Appointed to Subcommittee September 14, 2022.
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- 25 Deceased, February 17, 2022.
- 26 Appointed to Subcommittee March 17, 2021.

### B. COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

Under Rules adopted by the House of Representatives for the 117th Congress, the Committee on Agriculture's (hereinafter also referred to as Committee) jurisdiction (See Rule X, clause 1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives) extended to—

- (1) Adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and protection of birds and animals in forest reserves.
- (2) Agriculture generally.
- (3) Agricultural and industrial chemistry.
- (4) Agricultural colleges and experiment stations.
- (5) Agricultural economics and research.
- (6) Agricultural education extension services.
- (7) Agricultural production and marketing and stabilization of prices of agricultural products, and commodities (not including distribution outside of the United States).
- (8) Animal industry and diseases of animals.
- (9) Commodity exchanges.
- (10) Crop insurance and soil conservation.
- (11) Dairy industry.
- (12) Entomology and plant quarantine.
- (13) Extension of farm credit and farm security.
- (14) Inspection of livestock, poultry, meat products, and seafood and seafood products.
- (15) Forestry in general, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain.
- (16) Human nutrition and home economics.
- (17) Plant industry, soils, and agricultural engineering.

- (18) Rural electrification.
- (19) Rural development.
- (20) Water conservation related to activities of the Department of Agriculture.

The revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the 117th Congress (House Document No. 114–192) provides the following concerning the Committee on Agriculture:<sup>27</sup>

This Committee was established in 1820 (IV, 4149). In 1880 the subject of forestry was added to its jurisdiction, and the Committee was conferred authority to receive estimates of and to report appropriations (IV, 4149). However, on July 1, 1920, authority to report appropriations for the U.S. Department of Agriculture was transferred to the Committee on Appropriations (VII, 1860).

The basic form of the present jurisdictional statement was made effective January 2, 1947, as a part of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 812). Subparagraph (7) was altered by the 93d Congress, effective January 3, 1975, to include jurisdiction over agricultural commodities (including the Commodity Credit Corporation) while transferring jurisdiction over foreign distribution and nondomestic production of commodities to the Committee on International Relations (H. Res. 988, 93d Cong., Oct 8, 1974, p. 34470). Nevertheless, the Committee has retained a limited jurisdiction over measures to release CCC stocks for such foreign distribution (Sept. 14, 1989, p. 20428). Previously unstated jurisdictions over commodities exchanges and rural development were codified effective January 3, 1975.

The 104th Congress consolidated the Committee's jurisdiction over inspection of livestock and meat products to include inspection of poultry, seafood, and seafood products, and added subparagraph (20) relating to water conservation (sec. 202(a), H. Res. 6, Jan. 4, 1995, p. 464). Clerical and stylistic changes were effected when the House recodified its rules in the 106th Congress (H. Res. 5, Jan. 6, 1999, p. 47).

The Committee has had jurisdiction of bills for establishing and regulating the Department of Agriculture (IV, 4150), for inspection of livestock and meat products, regulation of animal industry, diseases of animals (IV, 4154; VII, 1862), adulteration of seeds, insect pests, protection of birds and animals in forest reserves (IV, 4157; VII, 1870), the improvement of the breed of horses, even with the cavalry service in view (IV, 4158; VII, 1865), and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, amending Horse Protection Act to prevent the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, or receiving of horses to be slaughtered for human consumption (July 13, 2006, p. 14304).

The Committee, having charge of the general subject of forestry, has reported bills relating to timber, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain (IV, 4160). The Committee on Natural Resources, and not this Committee,

<sup>27</sup> References are to the volume and section of Hinds' (volumes I–V, *e.g.*, IV, 500) and Cannon's (volumes VI–VIII, *e.g.*, VI, 400) Precedents of the House of Representatives, and to the Congressional Record by date and page (*e.g.*, January 3, 1953, p. 500).

has jurisdiction over a bill to convey land that is part of a National Forest created from the public domain (March 23, 2004, p. 4926). It has also exercised jurisdiction of bills relating to agricultural colleges and experiment stations (IV, 4152), incorporation of agricultural societies (IV, 4159), and establishment of a highway commission (IV, 4153), to discourage fictitious and gambling transactions in farm products (IV, 4161; VII, 1861), to regulate the transportation, sale and handling of dogs and cats intended for use in research and the licensing of animal research facilities (July 29, 1965, p. 18691); and to designate an agricultural research center (May 14, 1995, p. 11070). The Committee shares with the Committee on the Judiciary jurisdiction over a bill comprehensively amending the Immigration and Nationality Act and including food stamp eligibility requirements for aliens (Sept. 19, 1995, p. 25533).

The House referred the President's message dealing with the refinancing of farm-mortgage indebtedness to the Committee, thus conferring jurisdiction (April 4, 1933, p. 1209).

The Committee has jurisdiction over a bill relating solely to executive level position in the Department of Agriculture (Mar. 2, 1976, p. 4958) and has jurisdiction over bills to develop land and water conservation programs on private and non-Federal lands (June 7, 1976, p. 16768).

Some of the specific areas in which the Committee on Agriculture exercises its jurisdiction or that have been created for the Committee by historical reference include:

- (1) Public Law 480, Eighty-third Congress, the restoration, expansion, and development of foreign markets for United States agricultural products; and the effect of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (and the North American Free Trade Agreement), bilateral free trade agreements, the European Community, and other regional economic agreements and commodity marketing and pricing systems on United States agriculture.
- (2) All matters relating to the establishment and development of an effective Foreign Agricultural Service.
- (3) Matters relating to rural development, including rural telephone companies, farm credit banks, farm rural housing loans, rural water supply, rural flood control and water pollution control programs, and loans for rural firehouses, community facilities, and businesses.
- (4) Production and use of energy from agricultural and forestry resources.
- (5) Matters relating to the development, use, and administration of the National Forests, including, but not limited to, development of a sound program for general public use of the National Forests consistent with watershed protection and sustained-yield timber management, study of the forest fire prevention and control policies and activities of the Forest Service and their relation to coordinated activities of other Federal, State, and private agencies; Forest Service land exchanges; and wilderness and similar use designations applied to National Forest land.

- (6) Price spreads of agricultural commodities between producers and consumers.
- (7) The formulation and development of improved programs for agricultural commodities; matters relating to the inspection, grading, and marketing of such commodities, including seafood; and food safety generally.
- (8) Matters relating to trading in futures contracts for all commodities and similar instruments, including commodity options and commodity leverage contracts.
- (9) The administration and operation of agricultural programs through State and county committees and the administrative policies and procedures relating to the selection, election, and operation of such committees.
- (10) The administration and development of small watershed programs under Public Law 566, Eighty-third Congress, as amended, and the development of resource conservation and development programs for rural areas.
- (11) Programs of food assistance or distribution supported in whole or in part by funds of the Department of Agriculture, including but not limited to the food stamp program and the commodity distribution program.
- (12) Aquaculture programs of the Department of Agriculture.
- (13) Sugar legislation, including import control programs that stabilize domestic prices.
- (14) All matters relating to pesticides, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1972, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Amendments of 1988, and the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, including, but not limited to, the registration, marketing, and safe use of pesticides, groundwater contamination, and the coordination of the pesticide program under FIFRA with food safety programs.
- (15) Agricultural research programs, including, but not limited to, the authorization of specific research projects and agricultural biotechnology development efforts.
- (16) All matters relating to the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.
- (17) Legislation relating to the control of the entry into the United States of temporary, nonresident aliens for employment in agricultural production.
- (18) Legislation relating to the general operations and the Organic Act of the Department of Agriculture, the Commodity Credit Corporation, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, Farm Credit System, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, and Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- (19) Producer-funded research, promotion, and consumer and industry information programs for agricultural commodities.
- (20) Legislation regarding reclamation water projects where the pricing of water delivered by such projects is affected by

whether the water will be used in the production of a crop for which an acreage reduction program is in effect.

- (21) Legislation regarding reclamation water projects for which the Secretary of Agriculture is required to make a determination regarding commodity availability prior to the determination of the price to be charged for the delivery of such project water.
- (22) Legislation establishing the level of fees charged by the Federal Government for the grazing of livestock on Federal lands.
- (23) Legislation governing the Federal regulation of transactions involving swaps contracts, hybrid financial instruments, and derivative securities and financial products.
- (24) Legislation regarding the Federal Reserve Board with respect to its authority to regulate the establishment of appropriate levels of margin on stock index futures contracts.

The Committee also reviews and studies, on a continuing basis, the current and prospective application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of the Committee, and the organization and operation of the Federal agencies and entities having responsibilities in or for the administration and execution thereof. In addition, the Committee, along with other standing Committees of the House, has the function of reviewing and studying on a continuing basis the effect or probable effect of tax and other fiscal and monetary policies affecting subjects within their jurisdiction.

### C. OVERSIGHT PLAN

Pursuant to House Rules, the Committee fulfilled oversight requirements of rule X, clause 2(d)(1) of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 117th Congress with the transmittal of the Committee's Oversight plan to the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committee on House Administration on March 1, 2021. This plan was prepared in consultation with the Ranking Member and was presented to the Members of the Committee, with proper notice, for their consideration.

While much of the work in the 117th Congress will focus on continued recovery from impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee and its subcommittees expect to exercise appropriate oversight activity regarding the issues listed below, as well as to begin consideration and formulation of the 2023 Farm Bill. The Committee will also have a general focus on the condition of rural communities; the farm economy, including ways to support equity for minority and socially disadvantaged producers; food security; and food and agriculture supply chain resilience. The Committee will also conduct any other general oversight as necessary. The Committee will consult, as appropriate, with other committees of the House that may share subject matter interest.

The Committee expects to exercise appropriate oversight activity regarding the following issues:

## **GENERAL**

- Review rulemakings, guidance, and other actions under the jurisdiction of the Committee taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Farm Credit Administration, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the Environmental Protection Agency, and any other applicable Federal agency or Department, for consistency and compliance with applicable laws and Congressional intent, generally and specifically with regard to:

### **Animal Health and Welfare**

- Review U.S. animal health threats and prevention and response capabilities, including animal traceability;
- Review USDA's authorities and functions under the Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act; and
- Monitor strategies and opportunities to reduce and resolve livestock predation and conflicts between wildlife and people, including feral hogs.

### **Biotechnology**

- Review USDA's efforts to develop and promote the benefits of biotechnology for combatting climate change, increasing agricultural productivity, and combating hunger globally;
- Review the regulatory process for gene-edited plants and animals, including the SECURE rule; and
- Review USDA's implementation of biotechnology labeling standards.

### **Climate**

- Review the role of America's farmers, ranchers, and foresters in mitigating climate change, including small-scale, limited resource, and socially disadvantaged producers; and
- Review USDA's role in providing cost-share funding, incentives, research, technical expertise, and other tools related to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

### **Commodity Exchanges**

- Review the general operations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to provide a reauthorization of the Commission;
- Review enforcement and oversight policies and their implementation by the CFTC;
- Review rulemakings, guidance, and other actions taken by the Commission and its staff for consistency and compliance with the Commodity Exchange Act and Congressional intent;
- Review the impact of emerging commodity markets and financial technologies and examine the authority of the Commission to deter fraud and manipulation, promote market integrity, and protect investors in digital commodity derivatives and at organized digital commodity trading platforms;
- Review the impact of COVID-19 on derivatives markets;
- Review international treatment of the U.S. derivatives industry, including market participants and infrastructure;

- Review the impacts of increased coordinated market participation of retail traders; and
- Review the existing and potential market risk in derivatives markets posed by climate change.

### **Conservation and Forestry**

- Review the effectiveness of Farm Bill conservation programs in addressing wildlife habitat, water quality/quantity, and promoting soil health;
- Review the interaction between conservation practices and risk management;
- Review USDA's realignment that resulted in the Farm Production and Conservation mission area, including its impact on programs, customers, and staff;
- Review actual and planned staffing levels, trends, and plans for the Natural Resources and Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, and U.S. Forest Service (USFS);
- Review USDA policies and programs related to the outdoor recreation economy;
- Review current USFS management and workforce challenges;
- Review USFS's strategy related to wildfire, including firefighter pay and retention; use and impact of various hiring authorities to supplement permanent workforce; fire preparedness; and, use of authorities, agreements, partnerships, and technology;
- Review impact of USFS budget modernization efforts on staffing and program delivery, including actual and planned staffing and resource needs;
- Review USFS forest management, forest health, work to combat invasive species, and work to support the climate sink opportunity of USFS managed lands, including grasslands and forests; and
- Review effectiveness of USDA programs in delivering and maximizing ecosystem service benefits on National Forest System lands, and USDA metrics and staff performance reviews in encouraging those benefits in the field.

### **Coronavirus Response**

- Monitor the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on rural communities, farmers, ranchers, food and farmworkers, agriculture and food supply chains, zoonotic surveillance, and domestic and international hunger;
- Review USDA's COVID-19 response efforts under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, Families First Coronavirus Response Act, CARES Act, H.R. 133, and any other applicable statute;
- Review USDA's COVID-19 response, including the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) 1, CFAP 2, and the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, to ensure efforts are equitable across sectors and support communities in need, small-scale, and socially disadvantaged producers; and
- Review status of funding spent and remaining available to be spent under the programs and authorities noted above.



### **Dairy, Livestock, and Poultry**

- Monitor and examine factors related to dairy, livestock, and poultry market conditions and pricing, including reauthorization of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting program and factors that influence on-farm profitability;
- Review risk management and safety net tools available to dairy, livestock, and poultry producers;
- Evaluate processes for and impacts of USDA purchases of dairy, meat, and poultry products; and
- Review the U.S. generic dairy, meat, and poultry research and promotion programs.

### **Department Operations**

- Examine programmatic and staffing impacts of the previous administration's reorganization efforts and use of the business center concept in Farm Production and Conservation; Research, Education, and Extension; Marketing and Regulatory Programs; and other mission areas;
- Review the historical inequality within USDA facing Black, Indigenous, and Other People of Color (BIPOC);
- Review the civil rights and programs appeals processes for both USDA employees and customers; and
- Monitor USDA's efforts to ensure the safety of the Department's computer networks and systems and efforts to maintain the security of program and customer data; and
- Monitor USDA's compliance with laws intended to protect the privacy of producer data.

### **Disaster**

- Monitor the effectiveness of USDA's ad hoc disaster programs, including funding remaining to cover 2019 losses and the estimated losses for 2020 and potential 2021 losses.

### **Energy**

- Review agriculture's role in a renewable energy and biobased economy;
- Review the implementation of the Renewable Fuel Standard and its impact on agriculture; and
- Review USDA's Farm Bill energy programs.

### **Farm Credit, Rural Development, and The Rural Economy**

- Review of implementation of rural development policies and authorities contained in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review the economic state of rural America and the impacts of COVID-19 on rural economies;
- Review credit conditions and the impact of COVID-19 on credit availability in rural America;
- Review the availability of mental health counseling and mediation services in rural areas;
- Review the technical capacity of rural areas in accessing Federal programs;

- Review access to and success of rural development programs in minority communities;
- Review broadband delivery and needs in rural America, including barriers to expansion of telehealth services and distance learning; and
- Review rural development loan and grant programs, including their role in increasing medical care in rural areas.

#### **Federal Crop Insurance, Commodity Crop Safety Net, and Risk Management**

- Review the role and effectiveness of Federal crop insurance, including policies developed through 508(h) process, and including applicability for new, beginning, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers;
- Review the development and delivery of new crop insurance products for livestock, specialty crops, timber, and dairy;
- Review USDA's realignment that resulted in the Farm Production and Conservation mission area, including its impact on programs, customers, and staff;
- Review implementation of changes to the Price Loss Coverage program, Agriculture Risk Coverage program, and marketing assistance loans as enacted in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) authorities;
- Review impacts of COVID-19 on the farm economy, including examining the resiliency of the agricultural supply chain;
- Review FSA program accessibility for socially disadvantaged and underserved farmers; and
- Review USDA's enforcement of the Grain Standards Act and inspection activities.

#### **Food Loss and Waste**

- Review current activities and future opportunities within USDA programs to reduce food loss and waste; and
- Examine opportunities to encourage and incentivize private sector improvements to increase consumer awareness of food loss and waste and to recover food that would otherwise be lost or wasted.

#### **Food Safety**

- Review USDA's inspection of meat, poultry, and egg products; and
- Examine availability of meat and poultry processed under benefit of Federal inspection or state inspection conducted under cooperative agreement with USDA.

#### **Horticulture and Organic Agriculture**

- Review USDA's ongoing implementation of horticulture and organic related programs authorized in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review USDA's regulation of organic standards and pending organic rulemaking;

- Review USDA's implementation of organic certification cost-share and other efforts to assist producers transitioning to organic production;
- Review USDA's purchasing programs for opportunities to expand access to specialty crops, including fresh fruits and vegetables;
- Review USDA's programming as it relates to local food production, marketing, urban agriculture, and effort to strengthen local and regional food systems;
- Review implementation of the Domestic Hemp Production Program and its impacts on the hemp sector, as well as inter-agency coordination on hemp issues;
- Review the use of commodity checkoff programs; and
- Review the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act.

### **Nutrition**

- Review the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program's (SNAP) ability to respond to a public health emergency, including the use of Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT);
- Review the Emergency Food Assistance Program's (TEFAP) ability to respond to a public health emergency and food banks' capacity to manage large increases in distribution;
- Review the challenges states encountered administering nutrition programs to efficiently provide assistance during the COVID-19 crisis;
- Review retailer operations;
- Review the process by which the 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for America (DGA) will be decided, including the charter and DGA Committee operations;
- Review the challenges related to the SNAP EBT system, SNAP online purchasing, and other SNAP technologies; and
- Review USDA's implementation of nutrition programs and authorities in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

### **Outreach and Civil Rights**

- Review USDA's implementation of outreach and civil rights policies, programs and authorities authorized in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Monitor USDA's outreach efforts to beginning, small, and underserved (e.g. socially disadvantaged and Veteran) farmers and ranchers; and
- Monitor USDA's outreach efforts to military veterans interested in careers in agriculture.

### **Regulations**

- Review the effect of regulatory activities carried out pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, or any proposed legislative changes to such Act, on agricultural producers and rural communities;
- Review the effect of regulatory activities carried out pursuant to the Clean Air and Clean Water Act on agricultural producers and rural communities; and

- Review the effect of regulatory activities by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) relative to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act on agricultural producers and industry stakeholders.

### **Research, Education, and Extension**

- Review USDA's implementation of research, education and extension programs authorized in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review the operation of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Economic Research Service (ERS); Review the sufficiency of research funding and staffing under the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Economic Research Service (ERS), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).
- Review USDA-supported research contributing to climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency, both within ARS and through NIFA;
- Review the capabilities of Land-grant institutions, minority serving institutions, and Cooperative Extension to support farmers and ranchers, including socially disadvantaged farmers and underserved communities;
- Review the effectiveness of data gathering at NASS, including outreach to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers;
- Review access to and release of World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates;
- Review access to and release of World Agricultural Outlook Board meetings data; and
- Review efforts to leverage Federal research investment with state, local, and private sources of funding.

### **Trade Facilitation**

- Review pending—and review existing—trade agreements and disputes and their impact on agriculture;
- Review USDA's trade promotion and technical trade facilitation activities;
- Review the effectiveness of USDA's trade mitigation programs;
- Review the activities of the Undersecretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs;
- Review the legacy impact of Trump Administration retaliatory tariffs and trade war on U.S. agricultural producers and agribusinesses; and
- Review the impacts of USDA and USAID international food aid programs on global food security.

### **Consultation with Other Committees**

- With Natural Resources on forestry issues, livestock predation, and aquaculture;
- With Science, Space and Technology on research;
- With Ways and Means and Education and Labor on nutrition programs;
- With Ways and Means on tax and trade issues;

- With Judiciary on immigrant agricultural labor and hemp issues involving the Drug Enforcement Agency;
- With Energy and Commerce on broadband, food safety, food waste, regulation of cell-cultured meat, gene-edited animals, hemp products including CBD, and biomass energy;
- With Transportation and Infrastructure on certain Clean Water Act compliance issues, livestock hauling, and food aid delivery;
- With Financial Services on Dodd-Frank and emerging issues such as digital assets;
- With Foreign Affairs on food aid and trade issues;
- With Homeland Security on biodefense and border inspection and security measures related to agriculture;
- With Small Business on addressing economic opportunities for rural America and assessing the impact of COVID-19 on rural communities and small business; and
- Any other committee as appropriate.

## II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING THE 117TH CONGRESS

### A. MAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Agriculture reported or otherwise considered a variety of bills in the 117th Congress covering many of the diverse areas within its jurisdiction.

Some of the major activities of the Committee during the 117th Congress included the following:

#### *Agenda for the House Agriculture Committee*

- The Agriculture Committee approached its business in an open, transparent manner and maintained the strong bipartisan tradition of the Committee. The Committee continued its oversight of the implementation of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-334). The Committee also exercised its oversight over several programs established at the Department of Agriculture to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the Committee participated in the drafting of the American Rescue Plan (P.L. 117-2) and the Inflation Reduction Act (P.L. 117-169) through the Budget reconciliation process, in addition to reporting out multiple pieces of bipartisan legislation relating to livestock mandatory reporting, disaster assistance, rural broadband, supply chain resiliency, and 1890 institution scholarships.
- The Agriculture Committee held 55 Committee hearings, including 18 specifically reviewing programs established in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-334) and 9 business meetings during the 117th Congress. The Committee also hosted five listening sessions throughout 2022, providing farmers, ranchers, producers and rural citizens the opportunity to provide direct feedback and suggestions to Committee Members about issues of importance to them. These listening sessions were held in Coolidge, Arizona; Fresno, California; Carnation, Washington; Northfield, Minnesota; and Fremont, Ohio.

- The Committee heard testimony from 27 Administration officials, specifically U.S. Department of Agriculture representatives and Administration officials from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Additional testimony heard by the Committee was offered by university research, nonprofit organizations, trade groups, and farmers and ranchers from across the United States for a total of 134 witnesses.
- The House Agriculture Committee participated in the successful passage of the following bills within its jurisdiction, which ultimately became laws:
  - P.L. 117–114 (H.R. 3113), Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act
  - P.L. 117–25 (S. 409), A bill to provide for the availability of amounts for customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commissions Whistleblower Program, and for other purposes.
  - P.L. 117–103 (H.R. 2471), Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022
  - P.L. 117–XX (H.R. 2617), Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023
- The House Agriculture Committee held 18 hearings to examine the implementation of the farm bill.
- The House Agriculture Committee successfully drafted and passed out of the House the Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act of 2022, the Cattle Contract Library Act of 2021, the Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act, legislation to extend authorization for livestock mandatory reporting, and the National Forest Restoration and Remediation Act.

#### B. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

##### (1) *Statistics on bills referred to the Committee on Agriculture*

Number of bills referred:

House bills .....	421
Senate bills .....	5
House joint resolutions .....	0
House concurrent resolutions .....	5
Senate joint resolutions .....	0
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	0
House resolutions .....	31
Total: .....	462

##### (2) *Disposition of Bills Containing Items Under the Jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture*

Bills enacted into law .....	8
Bills acted on by the Committee included in other bills that became law ....	5
Bills vetoed .....	0
Bills acted on by both Houses, but not enacted .....	1
Bills acted on by the House but not the Senate .....	11
Concurrent Resolutions approved .....	0
Bills reported to the House but not considered .....	6
Bills ordered reported, but not reported .....	0
Bills defeated in the House .....	0

(3) *Statistics on hearings and markups:*

Full Committee/Subcommittee	Business Meeting	Hearings/ Forums	Field Hearings/ Listening Sessions
Full Committee on Agriculture .....	9	21	5
Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management .....		4	
Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit .....		4	
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry .....		7	
Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations .....		7	
Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research .....		4	
Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture .....		5	
Total .....	9	*55	5

\*Hearing count includes the joint Subcommittee hearing held by the Subcommittees on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture and Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

## C. DIGEST OF BILLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WHICH ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN

1. *Bills enacted into Law**H.R. 3113, Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act*

H.R. 3113 was introduced by Representative Blake D. Moore on May 11, 2021. This bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in addition to the Committees on Agriculture and Transportation and Infrastructure. On March 15, 2022, the Committee discharged the bill. On March 15, 2022, the House passed the bill by a vote of 414 yeas to 9 nays. The bill passed the Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent on April 6, 2022. On April 29, 2022, the President signed the bill.

This bill directs the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to jointly develop and adopt interagency standards to ensure compatibility and interoperability among federal databases for the collection and dissemination of outdoor recreation data related to federal lands and used to depict locations at which recreation uses are available to the public.

**Other Legislative Matters***P.L. 117-25 (S. 409)*

*A bill to provide for the availability of amounts for customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commissions Whistleblower Program, and for other purposes.*

S. 409 was introduced by Senator Charles Grassley on February 24, 2021. On May 28, 2021, the Senate passed the bill with an amendment and an amendment to the title by Unanimous Consent. On June 1, 2021, the bill was received in the House and held at the desk. On June 16, 2021, the Committee on Agriculture approved a Committee Print of the bill by voice vote. On June 23, 2021, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and agreed to in the House.

This bill expands the permissible uses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Customer Protection Fund to include administrative expenses.

*P.L. 117–103 (H.R. 2471)**Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022*

On March 9, 2022, the House considered the Senate amendment to H.R. 2471 (originally introduced on April 13, 2021, by Representative Hakeem S. Jeffries) with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–35. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 973, the vote was divided between a vote on the matter proposed to be inserted as divisions B, C, F, X, and Z, and titles 2 and 3 of division N and a vote on the remaining divisions. The Senate amendment with a portion of amendment comprised of B, C, F, X, Z, and titles of 2 and 3 of division N was agreed to with 361 yeas and 69 nays. The Senate amendment with a portion of amendment comprised of the remaining divisions was agreed to with 260 yeas and 171 nays. It passed the Senate with 68 yeas and 31 nays on March 10, 2022. The President signed the bill into law on March 15, 2022.

The bill provides appropriations for Federal departments and agencies for the remainder of FY2022 and provides supplemental appropriations for activities to support Ukraine, and other issues.

The following bill within Committee jurisdiction was included in P.L. 117–103:

*H.R. 5290, To extend authorization for livestock mandatory reporting*

H.R. 5290 was introduced by Chairman David Scott on September 17, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On December 8, 2021, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by 418 yeas and 9 nays.

This bill amends the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the authorization for the livestock mandatory reporting program.

*P.L. 117–XX (H.R. 2617)**Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023*

H.R. 2617 was introduced by Representative Gerald Connolly on April 16, 2021. On September 28, 2021, the House passed the bill, as amended, by a vote of 414 yeas and 10 nays. The bill subsequently passed the Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. On December 22, 2022, the Senate concurred in the House amendment to Senate amendment by a vote of 68 yeas and 29 nays. On December 23, 2022, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2617 by a vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays. The President signed the bill into law on December 19, 2022.

The following authorizing provisions were contained in division HH of H.R. 2617.

Section 201. Greenhouse Gas Technical Assistance Provider and Third-Party Verifier Program. This section directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to register entities that provide technical assistance to and verify the practices of farmers, ranchers, and foresters who participate in voluntary carbon markets with the goal of providing information and confidence to producers. This section is an updated version of the Growing Climate Solu-



tions Act, S. 1251, which passed the Senate by a vote of 92–8 on June 24, 2021.

Section 202. Acceptance and Use of Private Funds for Public-Private Partnerships. This section modifies existing authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to accept private donations to conservation programs by allowing the private donor the ability to direct how and where those funds would be used as well as give the Secretary the discretion on whether to match those funds with existing program funds. This section is an updated version of HR. 2606, the SUSTAINS Act, which was reported by the House Committee on Agriculture by voice vote on May 17, 2022.

Section 301. CFTC Whistleblower Program. This section extends the authority of an administrative sub account within the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) Customer Protection Fund through October 1, 2024. It also authorizes the CFTC to transfer an additional \$10 million from the Customer Protection Fund account to the sub account. The sub account allows for the continued payment of salaries, customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses, ensuring that the CFTC’s whistleblower program can continue to function even when awards obligated to whistleblowers exceed the program fund’s balance at the time of distribution. This temporary authority was originally signed into law after passage of S. 409 in July 2021 and has been extended in recent short-term continuing resolutions.

Section 401. Modification or Termination of Easements Under the Healthy Forests Reserve Program. This section allows for a contract modifications of easements held under the U.S. Forest Service Healthy Forest Reserve Program (“HFRP”). The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (“ACEP”) and the Emergency Watershed Program (“EWP”) currently allow for the modification of easements signed under each program and this section would extend the authority for modifications to HFRP easements as well.

Section 501. SNAP EBT Skimming Regulations and Reimbursement. This provision requires the Secretary to coordinate with relevant agencies and stakeholders to investigate the extent of the problem, develop methods to prevent fraud and improve security measures through guidance and regulatory action, and provide replacement of benefits stolen through these fraudulent methods through FY2024. This program is newly established in the FY2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act. No Congressional action aside from this provision has been conducted to address this emerging problem.

Sections 502 and 503. Summer Meals Program EBT & Alternative Options. This section updates the USDA summer food service program to permanently allow states to provide non-congregate meals and summer EBT benefits nationwide to eligible children as other options in addition to meals provided at congregate feeding sites. Non-congregate meals, such as grab-and-go or home delivery, would be provided in rural areas to eligible children, and summer EBT benefits would be capped at \$40 per child per month.

Section 601. Pandemic Assistance Payments to Cotton Merchandisers. This section provides \$100 million for USDA to make payments to merchandisers of cotton who purchased cotton from U.S. producers or marketed cotton on their behalf for economic losses

experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result of other supply chain disruptions.

Section 602. Assistance to Rice Producers. This section requires the Secretary of Agriculture to make payments to certain rice producers. Payments to producers will be calculated based on a payment rate determined by the Secretary, yield history, and the number of certified planted acres. This section makes available \$250 million for such payments.

Section 603. Chronic Wasting Disease (“CWD”) Research and Management Act. This section enacts H.R. 5608, the Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act. It authorizes \$70 million in annual appropriations for CWD research and management activities administered by USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (“APHIS”). APHIS is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with state and Tribal wildlife agencies and agriculture departments to implement research and management activities in order to develop new testing methods, better understand the spread of CWD, develop methods to control and manage CWD in cervid populations, and other uses. Funding is required to be split between research and management activities. USDA is also directed to conduct a review of the existing Herd Certification program standards.

Sections 701 through 708. The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2022, commonly referred to as “PRIA” or “PRIA V”. This section reauthorizes the user-fee programs that fund the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) pesticide registration and review processes. PRIA V includes an increase in registration and maintenance fees that will support a more predictable regulatory process and provide important resources for farm worker safety and health care provider training, in addition to other services that advance the safe and effective use of pesticides. PRIA V requires the EPA to comply with numerous registration process improvements in order to access additional funding levels and requires manufacturers to phase-in bilingual labels on pesticides products over the next 8 years.

Section 711. Registration Review Deadline Extension. This section provides the EPA with (1) a four-year extension of the deadline to complete the statutorily required review of certain pesticides registrations, and (2) the flexibility to move forward with interim decisions (“IDs”) on registration reviews between now and October 1, 2026. The language also requires that, where applicable, EPA include mitigations to reduce the effects of pesticides receiving an interim decision on endangered species or critical habitats of such endangered species while taking into account input from the Secretary of Agriculture.

The following bill within Committee jurisdiction was included in P.L. 117–XX:

*H.R. 5608, Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act*

H.R. 5608 was introduced by Representative Ron Kind on October 19, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On December 8, 2021, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by 393 yeas and 33 nays. The bill was included in H.R. 2617, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023,

which passed the Senate on December 22, 2022 by a vote of 68–29 and passed the House on December 23, 2022 by a vote of 225–201.

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to address chronic wasting disease afflicting deer, elk, and moose populations. Specifically, the bill directs USDA to establish a program to research and manage the disease. Under the program, USDA must offer to enter into agreements with state or Tribal wildlife agencies and departments of agriculture, institutions of higher education, and research centers to support research on the transmission of, resistance to, and diagnosis of the disease. In addition, USDA must offer to enter into agreements with such agencies and departments to support state and Tribal efforts to develop and implement management strategies that address the disease.

## *2. Bills Acted on by the House But Not the Senate*

### *H.R. 1602, Eliminate Barriers to Innovation Act of 2021*

H.R. 1602 was introduced by Representative Patrick T. McHenry on March 8, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Financial Services in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On April 19, 2021, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and agreed to.

This bill requires the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to jointly establish a working group on digital assets.

### *H.R. 2989, Financial Transparency Act of 2021*

H.R. 2989 was introduced by Representative Carolyn B. Maloney on May 4, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Financial Services in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 25, 2021, the bill, as amended, was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by 400 yeas and 19 nays.

This bill requires federal financial regulatory agencies to adopt specified data standards with respect to format, searchability, and transparency.

### *H.R. 3617, Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act*

H.R. 3617 was introduced by Representative Jerrold Nadler on May 28, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Education and Labor, the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Small Business, the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. On April 1, 2022, the House passed the bill by a vote of 220 yeas and 204 nays.

### *H.R. 4300, Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act*

H.R. 4300 was introduced by Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks on July 1, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On July 29, 2022, the bill, as amended, was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by 420 yeas and 0 nays.

This bill makes the America the Beautiful-National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available, without charge, to members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and Gold Star Families.

*H.R. 4489, National Forest Restoration and Remediation Act*

H.R. 4489 was introduced by Representative Kim Schrier on July 16, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On December 8, 2021, the bill, as amended, was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by 385 yeas and 42 nays.

This bill modifies the treatment of monies collected by the United States arising out of certain Forest Service activities.

*H.R. 5290, To extend authorization for livestock mandatory reporting*

H.R. 5290 was introduced by Chairman David Scott on September 17, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On December 8, 2021, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by 418 yeas and 9 nays.

This bill amends the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the authorization for the livestock mandatory reporting program.

*H.R. 5609, Cattle Contract Library Act of 2021*

H.R. 5609 was introduced by Representative Dusty Johnson on October 19, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On December 8, 2021, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by 411 yeas and 13 nays.

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish and maintain a library or catalog of each type of contract offered by packers to producers for the purchase of all or part of the production of fed cattle (including cattle that are purchased or committed for delivery), including any schedules of premiums or discounts associated with the contract.

*H.R. 6337, Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act*

H.R. 6337 was introduced by Representative Joe Neguse on December 20, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On July 19, 2022, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and agreed to.

This bill establishes requirements related to long-distance bike trails.

*H.R. 7066, Russia and Belarus Financial Sanctions Act of 2022*

H.R. 7066 was introduced by Representative Brad Sherman on March 11, 2022. The bill was referred to the Committee on Financial Services in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 11, 2022, the bill, as amended, was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by 418 yeas and 2 nays.

This bill requires a U.S. financial institution to take all necessary and available actions to ensure any entity or person owned or controlled by such institution complies with financial sanctions applicable to Russia or Belarus to the same extent required of that institution.

*H.R. 7606, Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act of 2022*

H.R. 7606 was introduced by Representative Abigail Spanberger on April 27, 2022. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On June 16, 2022, the House passed the bill by a vote of 221 yeas to 204 nays.

This bill addresses provisions related to agriculture, food, and fuel, including by providing funds for nutrient management, precision agriculture, and biofuel infrastructure. Specifically, the bill provides funding for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to (1) assist agricultural producers with the costs of crop nutrient use or adopting precision agriculture practices, and (2) provide grants to eligible entities (e.g., fueling and distribution facilities) for biofuel infrastructure.

*3. House Resolutions Considered in the House*

*H. Res. 1156, Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to building on the twenty years of success of the George McGovern-Robert Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program*

H. Res. 1156 was introduced by Representative James P. McGovern on June 7, 2022. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. On June 24, 2022, Rep. McGovern gave introductory remarks on the measure on the House floor. On December 13, 2022, the resolution was considered under suspension of the rules and agreed to by voice vote.

This resolution expresses that the House of Representatives is committed to (1) building upon the 20 years of success of the George McGovern-Robert Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program and supporting U.S. farmers, millers, shippers, and commodity groups that provide agricultural commodities for use in the McGovern-Dole Program to help combat global malnutrition and food insecurity and advance global education.

*4. Bills Reported by the Committee on Agriculture But Not Considered*

*H.R. 267, 2020 WHIP+ Reauthorization Act*

H.R. 267 was introduced by Representative Mike Thompson on January 11, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 20, 2021, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This bill expands the Department of Agriculture's Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+) to include coverage for losses of crops (including smoke-tainted wine grapes) due to wildfires occurring in calendar year 2020.

*H.R. 2424, Agricultural Fairs Rescue Act*

H.R. 2424 was introduced by Representative Jimmy Panetta on April 8, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 21, 2021, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This bill directs the Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture to establish a program to award grants to

states or state departments of agriculture to provide support to agricultural fairs for losses sustained by such fairs due to COVID-19.

*H.R. 2518, PRECISE Act*

H.R. 2518 was introduced by Representative Ashley Hinson on April 14, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 17, 2022, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This bill incorporates support for precision agriculture into various programs of the Department of Agriculture (USDA). Specifically, the bill makes changes to eligibility criteria, administrative procedures, and other aspects of the Conservation Loan Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and the Conservation Stewardship Program. These changes include allowing the programs to support the adoption of precision agriculture practices and acquisition of precision agriculture technologies.

*H.R. 2606, SUSTAINS Act*

H.R. 2606 was introduced by Ranking Member Glenn Thompson on April 15, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 17, 2022, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This bill authorizes the Natural Resources Conservation Service to accept contributions of nonfederal funds to support a broader range of conservation programs.

*H.R. 4140, Butcher Block Act*

H.R. 4140 was introduced by Representative Dusty Johnson on June 24, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On June 14, 2022, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to make (or guarantee) loans and award grants for establishing, expanding, and otherwise supporting livestock and poultry processing and related activities.

*H.R. 4252, To provide additional funding for scholarships for students at 1890 institutions*

H.R. 4252 was introduced by Chairman David Scott on June 30, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On November 3, 2021, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This bill rescinds specified funds that were provided to the Department of Agriculture for assistance and support for socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers, and forest land owners and operators. The bill makes the rescinded funds available for scholarships at 1890 Institutions (i.e., historically Black colleges and universities that belong to the U.S. land-grant university system).

*H.R. 4374, Broadband Internet Connections for Rural America Act*

H.R. 4374 was introduced by Chairman David Scott on July 9, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. On August 6,

2022, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This bill reauthorizes through FY2029 and makes other changes to various programs of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) that support broadband internet expansion in rural areas.

*H.R. 5589, Pyrolysis Innovation Grants Act*

H.R. 5589 was introduced by Representative Josh Harder on October 15, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On November 1, 2022, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This bill requires the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to award grants for pilot projects with the potential to reduce or sequester greenhouse gas emissions by converting and valorizing tree nut harvest by-products into higher value biocarbon products.

*H.R. 7764, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional payments under the environmental quality incentives program for implementation of nutrient management practice, and for other purposes*

H.R. 7764 was introduced by Representatives Josh Harder on May 13, 2022. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 17, 2022, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote.

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture to provide payments for nutrition management practices under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

*H.R. 7675, To amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish an Agricultural and Food System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Task Force, and for other purposes*

H.R. 7675 was introduced by Representative Angie Craig on May 6, 2022. On May 17, 2022, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish within USDA an Agricultural and Food System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Task Force. Among other responsibilities, the task force must (1) help promote the leadership of the United States with respect to the stability of the agriculture and food system supply chain; (2) monitor the resilience, diversity, security, and strength of the supply chain; and (3) support the creation of jobs with competitive wages in the U.S. agricultural and food system sector.

*H. Res. 271, Recognizing the importance of the blueberry industry to the United States and supporting the designation of July 2021 as National Blueberry Month*

H. Res. 271 was introduced by Representative Sanford D. Bishop on March 26, 2021. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 21, 2021, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the resolution to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

This resolution (1) supports the designation of National Blueberry Month; and (2) recognizes the contributions of U.S. growers

and their families, and that purchasing blueberries grown in the United States supports farmers, jobs, and the economy.

*5. Bills Reported by Other Committees Within the Committee on Agriculture's Jurisdiction But Not Considered*

*H.R. 1503, Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021*

H.R. 1503 was introduced by Representative Mike Levin on March 2, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 5, 2021, the Committee on Natural Resources considered and ordered the bill to be reported favorably with 24 yeas and 15 nays. The Committee on Agriculture discharged the bill on December 14, 2022, and it was subsequently reported by the Committee on Natural Resources the same day.

*H.R. 1506, Transparency in Energy Production Act of 2021*

H.R. 1506 was introduced by Representative Alan S. Lowenthal on March 2, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 5, 2021, the Committee on Natural Resources considered and ordered the bill to be reported favorably with 24 yeas and 15 nays. The Committee on Agriculture discharged the bill on December 14, 2022, and it was subsequently reported by the Committee on Natural Resources the same day.

*H.R. 2021, Environmental Justice For All Act*

H.R. 2021 was introduced by Representative Raúl M. Grijalva on March 18, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Judiciary, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Education and Labor. On July 27, 2021, the Committee on Natural Resources considered and ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, favorably with 26 yeas and 21 nays.

*H.R. 3075, Illegal Fishing and Forced Labor Prevention Act*

H.R. 3075 was introduced by Representative Jared Huffman on May 11, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. On October 13, 2021, the Committee on Natural Resources considered and ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

*H.R. 3326, Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2021*

H.R. 3326 was introduced by Representative Mike Levin on May 19, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On November 17, 2021, the Committee on Natural Resources considered and ordered the bill to be reported by unanimous consent. The Committee on Agriculture discharged the bill on December 14, 2022, and it



was subsequently reported by the Committee on Natural Resources the same day.

*H.R. 3670, SOAR Act*

H.R. 3670 was introduced by Representative Joe Neguse on June 1, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 13, 2021, the Committee on Natural Resources considered and ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by unanimous consent. The Committee on Agriculture discharged the bill on December 14, 2022, and it was subsequently reported by the Committee on Natural Resources the same day.

*H.R. 3686, Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development Act*

H.R. 3686 was introduced by Representative Annie M. Kuster on June 4, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources. On July 13, 2022, the Committee on Natural Resources considered and ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by unanimous consent. The Committee on Agriculture discharged the bill on December 14, 2022, and it was subsequently reported by the Committee on Natural Resources the same day.

*H.R. 6435, To provide for the application of certain provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for fiscal year 2021*

H.R. 6435 was introduced by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers on January 20, 2022. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources. On February 16, 2022, the Committee on Natural Resources considered and ordered the bill to be reported by unanimous consent. The Committee on Agriculture discharged the bill on December 14, 2022, and it was subsequently reported by the Committee on Natural Resources the same day.

*H.R. 6936, Stamp Out Invasive Species Act*

H.R. 6936 was introduced by Representative Elise M. Stefanik on March 3, 2022. The bill was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture. On July 13, 2022, the Committee on Natural Resources considered and ordered the bill to be reported by unanimous consent. The Committee on Agriculture discharged the bill on December 14, 2022, and it was subsequently reported by the Committee on Natural Resources the same day.

*6. Bills Ordered Reported by the Committee on Agriculture*

See the bills listed under “4. Bills Reported by the Committee on Agriculture But Not Considered.”

*7. Bills Ordered Reported but Not Reported by Other Committees Within the Committee on Agriculture’s Jurisdiction*

None.

*8. Bills Defeated*

None.

9. *Bills Acted on by the Committee Included in Other Laws Enacted*  
None.

10. *Bills Vetoed*  
None.

11. *Bills Acted on by Both Houses But Not Enacted*

*H.R. 4521, United States Innovation and Competition Act of 2021*

H.R. 4521 was introduced by Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson on July 19, 2021. The bill was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology in addition to the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4521 was discharged from consideration by the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce on January 28, 2022, and was reported out the same day by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. On February 4, 2022, the House passed the bill by a vote of 222 yeas to 210 nays. The bill passed the Senate, as amended, by a vote of 68 yeas and 28 nays.

*S. 5328, A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend terminal lakes assistance.*<sup>28</sup>

S. 5328 was introduced by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto on December 20, 2022. On December 20, 2022, the Senate passed the bill by Unanimous Consent. On December 22, 2022, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and agreed to in the House. The bill was presented to the President on December 28, 2022, and was awaiting further action as of the date of publication.

12. *Concurrent Resolutions Approved*

None.

*Other Bills of Interest:* Several bills acted on by other committees, but not acted on by the Committee on Agriculture, contain provisions relating to matters within the Committee's jurisdiction. The following are abbreviated summaries of these bills.

*P.L. 117-2 (H.R. 1319), American Rescue Plan Act of 2021*

H.R. 1319 was introduced by Representative John A. Yarmuth on February 24, 2021. The bill passed the House on February 27, 2021, by a vote of 219 yeas to 212 nays. The bill subsequently passed the Senate by a vote of 50 yeas to 49 nays on March 6, 2021. Pursuant to H. Res. 198, the House proceeded with 2 hours of debate on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment. On March 10, 2021, the Senate amendment was agreed to with 220 yeas to 211 nays. The President signed the bill into law on March 11, 2021.

The applicable provisions of this bill address the continued impacts of COVID-19 by providing additional funding to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in order to (1) improve the food supply chain and agriculture pandemic response; (2) improve rural health care and other rural development needs; (3) pay off outstanding farm loan debts of socially disadvantaged farmers

<sup>28</sup> The extension of expiration went from 10/1/2023 to 10/1/2025.

and ranchers; and (4) address historical discrimination and disparities in the agriculture sector. In addition, the bill included additional funding to boost nutritional assistance programs and improve access to food supplies.

*P.L. 117–169 (H.R. 5376), Inflation Reduction Act of 2022*

H.R. 5376 was introduced by Representative John A. Yarmuth on September 27, 2021. The bill passed the House on November 19, 2021, by a vote of 220 yeas to 213 nays. The bill subsequently passed the Senate by a vote of 51 yeas to 50 nays on August 7, 2022. Pursuant to H. Res. 1316, the House proceeded with 3 hours of debate on the Yarmuth motion to agree to the Senate amendment. On August 12, 2022, the Senate amendment was agreed to with 220 yeas and 207 nays. The President signed the bill into law on August 16, 2022.

The applicable provisions of this bill provide funding for conservation, rural development, and forestry programs; amend Section 1006 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to aid underserved farmers, ranchers, and foresters; and provide immediate relief to borrowers with at-risk agricultural operation farm loans.

*P.L. 117–263 (H.R. 7776), James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023*

H.R. 7776 was introduced by Representative Peter DeFazio on May 16, 2022. On June 8, 2022, the House passed the bill, as amended, by a vote of 384 yeas to 37 nays. The bill subsequently passed the Senate by a vote of 93 yeas to 1 nay on December 8, 2022. Pursuant to H. Res. 1512, the House agreed to the Senate amendment with an amendment. On December 15, 2022, the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 7776 by a vote of 83 yeas and 11 nays. The President signed the bill into law on December 23, 2022.

This bill authorizes Department of Defense (DOD) activities for FY2023, and includes legislation such as the Water Resources Development Act, Coast Guard Authorization Act, State Department Authorization Act, and Intelligence Authorization Act. It also addresses issues related to conservation and climate change.

#### D. OVERSIGHT

The Committee on Agriculture and its Subcommittees were active in their oversight functions, holding a number of oversight hearings and activities during the 117th Congress. The 117th Congress saw numerous Member-level hosted meetings, round tables, and conference calls. These calls were conducted with senior Administration Officials including the Secretary of Agriculture and the United States Trade Representative, as well as both public and private stakeholders across the country. These meetings supplemented the Committee's oversight work by providing Members the opportunity to engage with these leaders and stakeholders on issues within the Committee's jurisdiction. The hearings related to the application, administration, and effectiveness of laws that lie within the Committee's jurisdiction as well as the organization and operation of the Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies having responsibility for the administration of such laws.

The oversight hearings conducted during the 117th Congress included specific oversight of the implementation of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, allowing Members of the Committee to question witnesses, both government and critical stakeholders, about what has worked well and what needs improvement in the creation of the next Farm Bill, expected in 2023. The hearings often resulted in recommendations for improvements in the administration of the laws, regulations and policies in effect in the Executive Branch as they relate to the Committee’s jurisdiction.

As part of its hearings, the Committee and its Subcommittees reviewed the way the particular Federal agency or department (usually the Department of Agriculture) administered existing laws related to the subject matter of the legislation before, or to be considered by, the Committee. In most cases, legislation favorably reported to the House carries a termination date (a “sunset”) to ensure that in the future, Congress will again review the effectiveness and the methods with which the Executive Branch of Government has carried out the letter and the spirit of that statute.

In keeping with the objective of the Oversight Plan, as submitted to the Committee on Oversight and Reform and House Administration, and Rule XI, clause 2 of the House of Representatives, the Committee and its Subcommittees conducted the following chronological oversight hearings during the 117th Congress (Note: To see a copy of the Oversight Plan as submitted, see “I. Summary of Organization, Jurisdiction, and Oversight Plan of the Committee on Agriculture.”):

#### *Oversight Hearings*

**February 25, 2021:** *Climate Change and the U.S. Agriculture and Forestry Sectors.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–1.

This full committee hearing marked Representative David Scott’s (GA–13) first as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) lists risks to markets, agricultural income, higher food prices, and an increase in extreme weather events as potential climate impacts that will affect the agriculture and forestry sectors. This hearing explored those impacts as well as opportunities to adapt to and mitigate against climate change.

**March 11, 2021:** *A Look at Food Insecurity in America.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–2.

Since the COVID–19 pandemic, unemployment and uncertainty have put a strain on retailers and philanthropic groups who are crucial for efficient and effective food delivery to low-income Americans. The focus of this hearing was to learn from key stakeholders, including retailers, urban and rural food banks, and producers, how they are meeting the changing needs of communities under stress and lessons learned for future crises.

**March 25, 2021:** *A Hearing to Review the State of Black Farmers in the U.S.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–3.

This hearing examined the history and experience of Black farmers’ involvement with various United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs. This hearing also explored opportunities to address the impacts of discrimination, and how to improve the profitability and sustainability of Black farmers moving forward.

**April 20, 2021:** *Rural Broadband—Examining Internet Connectivity Needs and Opportunities in Rural America*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–4.

The hearing explored the critical role access to reliable and affordable broadband and connected devices plays on the community development, health, and economic success of rural America. The Committee also examined barriers and solutions to reach the ultimate goal of nationwide broadband coverage and adoption.

**May 12, 2021:** *Title II Conservation Programs: Exploring Climate Smart Practices*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 117–5.

This hearing explored the benefits of climate-smart, conservation practices as well as available support for their adoption through Title II conservation programs.

**May 18, 2021:** *Member Day*. Full Committee. Serial. No. 117–6.

As required by the Rules of the House, the Committee hosted a Member Day hearing, allowing any Member of the House to provide testimony before the Committee on legislation or other issues of importance. The Committee heard from ten Members of Congress, and accepted written submissions from an additional ten Members of Congress, on issues including sustainable agriculture, energy and conservation, rural schools, landscape restoration, student food security, and broadband for rural America.

**May 26, 2021:** *The Future of SNAP: Moving Past the Pandemic*. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 117–7.

In this hearing, Members of the Subcommittee heard from a variety of stakeholders, including program participants, to get an overview of SNAP’s responsiveness during the COVID–19 public health emergency for the purpose of considering future changes to the program.

**June 15, 2021:** *Examining Opportunities for Growth and Investment in Rural America*. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 117–8.

This hearing examined the economic and community development needs of rural communities and evaluated the efficacy of existing resources and programs.

**June 16, 2021:** *1890 Land-Grant Institutions: Investing for Agricultural Resiliency, Equity, and Global Impact*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–9.

Members of the Committee engaged with leaders from the 1890 land-grant university system to discuss the current state of the 1890s, including COVID–19 impact, response, and recovery, implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill provisions impacting the 1890s, their agricultural research and extension needs, and opportunities for further investments to support their mission and impact.

**June 23, 2021:** *A Hearing to Review the Efficacy of the Farm Safety Net*. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Serial No. 117–10.

Over the past several years, farmers across the country have experienced numerous challenges such as severe weather conditions, historically low prices, extreme market volatility, trade disruptions, and the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. This Subcommittee hearing gathered input from farmers, a crop insurance agent, and an agricultural economist on the function of farm safety net pro-

grams like the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program, risk management tools like crop insurance, and other programs about how such tools help farmers manage those challenges.

**June 30, 2021:** *Supply Chain Recovery and Resiliency: Small Producers and Local Agricultural Markets*. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 117–11.

This hearing focused on the impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic on small farmers and ranchers, including small certified organic producers. Members of the Subcommittee engaged with small producers to discuss COVID–19 recovery, supply-chain management, and how USDA programs support the development of economic opportunities for local agricultural markets.

**July 12, 2021:** *Examining the SNAP Benefit Cliff*. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 117–12.

The purpose of this hearing was to shed light on the SNAP benefit cliff’s impact on low-income Americans, including mechanisms that help states better phase out SNAP benefits when a recipient experiences a change in eligibility. Additionally, the hearing touched on the impending COVID–19 relief SNAP benefit “cliff”—the end of SNAP emergency allotments and the 15 percent increase in benefits, currently slated for September 30, 2021.

**July 21, 2021:** *The U.S. Wood Products Industry: Facilitating the Post COVID–19 Recovery*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 117–13.

This hearing explored the impacts of COVID–19 on the wood products industry, including market pressures, labor shortages, and transportation challenges, among other disruptions. The hearing also explored ways in which wood products can contribute to climate-friendly infrastructure.

**July 28, 2021:** *State of the Beef Supply Chain: Shocks, Recovery, and Rebuilding*. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 117–14.

The livestock industry has experienced a number of distinct shocks over the past few years including the COVID–19 pandemic, a facility fire in Holcomb, Kansas, and a cyberattack on JBS. All of these shocks affected beef processing capacity and contributed to significant volatility in cattle markets. This hearing gave Members the opportunity to hear from economists, academics, and a cyber security expert about impacts on the beef supply chain and how supply chains can strengthen resilience to protect against future disruptions.

**July 29, 2021:** *21st Century Food Systems: Controlled Environment Agriculture’s Role in Protecting Domestic Food Supply Chains and Infrastructure*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–15.

This hearing focused on controlled environment agriculture (CEA), the production of plants in a controlled, indoor environment such as in greenhouses, vertical farms, and growth chambers. Members had the opportunity to hear directly from industry experts about CEA production and its role in the domestic food supply chain alongside and discuss CEA market conditions, infrastructure needs, and food safety and security efforts.

**September 23, 2021:** *Voluntary Carbon Markets in Agriculture and Forestry*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–16.

This hearing explored existing carbon markets and the ways that producers participate in them. The hearing also explored ways that these markets can better support producers in contributing to climate-friendly practices.

**September 29, 2021:** *The 2021 Wildland Fire Year: Responding to and Mitigating Threats to Communities*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 117–17.

This hearing explored the challenges presented by the 2021 Fire Year. The hearing also discussed staffing, management goals, restoration challenges, and forest resilience goals.

**October 7, 2021:** *A Hearing to Review the State of the Livestock Industry*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–18.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine issues facing the livestock industry and to hear various perspectives on how to address industry and market challenges. Members heard from Senator Grassley, Secretary Vilsack, and representatives of the livestock industry. The witnesses provided a range of expertise and opinions on different segments of the livestock sector, including cattle, swine, and sheep production, along with views from the meat processing industry and U.S. government. This hearing also addressed questions about Livestock Mandatory Reporting (LMR) and some proposed changes to LMR.

**October 26, 2021:** *Agricultural Biotechnology: 21st Century Advancements and Applications*. Joint hearing of the Subcommittees on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture and Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 117–19.

The agricultural biotechnology industry has undergone challenges in market access and global adoption. These challenges are compounded by varying international regulatory approaches and reluctance in domestic and global acceptance. This hearing provided Members of the Full Committee an opportunity to hear about these and other issues directly impacting agricultural biotechnology, alongside discussion of the U.S. regulatory framework, supply chain issues, current research, educational outreach efforts, and innovations in the pipeline.

**November 3, 2021:** *The Immediate Challenges to our Nation's Food Supply Chain*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–20.

This hearing explored the broad and complex challenges facing the food and agriculture supply chain. Witnesses offered perspectives on the impact of the COVID–19 pandemic on the economy, transportation and logistics, the workforce, farm-level production challenges such as rising input costs, ingredient and raw material sourcing. Witnesses included representatives from the trucking, baking, dairy processing, grocers and wholesalers, and crop input retailers industries, as well as a fruit and vegetable grower.

**November 10, 2021:** *Hunger Among Veterans and Servicemembers: Understanding the Problem and Evaluating Solutions*. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 117–21.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine the causes of hunger among veterans and servicemembers, including the unique challenges each may face in accessing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Testimony covered areas such as the impact of SNAP work requirements on disabled veterans and

how the military's Basic Allowance for Housing impacts SNAP eligibility for servicemembers living off-base.

**November 16, 2021:** *A Look at the Renewable Economy in Rural America.* Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 117–22.

This hearing examined opportunities and incentives for renewable energy projects and biobased product manufacturing in rural America. Discussion included evaluation of the renewable energy projects in rural areas, potential benefits and project barriers that affect benefits to local communities. The hearing also evaluated USDA program incentives for biobased products manufacturing, including discussion of biobased product development and their economic and environmental benefits.

**November 17, 2021:** *Trade Policy and Priorities.* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 117–23.

The hearing was designed to educate Members about industry's trade priorities and how those priorities can be incorporated into the Biden Administration's trade agenda, including what can be done to improve trade relations, open new markets, and facilitate the export of American products. The hearing provided important background for future engagements with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service.

**December 8, 2021:** *Review of USDA Nutrition Distribution Programs.* Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 117–24.

The purpose of this hearing was to review U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) food distribution programs—The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), and Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)—and how they support Americans in need. The conversation explored program implementation and the impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic, including the response of these programs and the organizations that operate them.

**January 12, 2022:** *Implications of Electric Vehicle Investments for Agriculture and Rural America.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–25.

The purpose of the hearing was to investigate the problems and opportunities for rural America of investing billions of private and public dollars into electric vehicles and related infrastructure needs. The panel of experts testifying included an energy provider and distributor, a car manufacturer, a regional chain convenient store, a union worker association, a biofuel association, a rural auto dealer and a think tank to testify on all implications of such a massive electric vehicle investment in the United States on rural America.

**January 20, 2022:** *To Review the State of the Rural Economy with Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–26.

The Committee welcomed back Secretary Vilsack for the purposes of providing testimony on the issues facing rural residents and agricultural producers, including the status of programs implemented to assist farmers and ranchers and our food and agriculture industry during the pandemic and the resiliency of the food supply chain. Secretary Vilsack also offered updates on agriculture



provisions in the American Rescue Plan, the status of disaster assistance programs, and further updates on the implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill.

**February 2, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of Farm Bill Conservation Programs.* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing reviewed the current state of farm bill conservation programs, challenges and success of 2018 Farm Bill program implementation, and a discussion of how staffing challenges are impacting program delivery. Members heard testimony from, and asked questions of, Farm Service Agency Administrator Zach Ducheneaux and Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Terry Cosby.

**February 3, 2022:** *Sustainability in the Livestock Sector: Environmental Gain and Economic Viability.* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 117–28.

This hearing gave Members an opportunity to discuss the interaction between sustainability initiatives in the livestock sector, climate change, and existing market incentives for producing sustainable products. This hearing explored the challenges posed by climate change, the actions that the livestock industry is taking, any gaps that should be addressed, and incentives and conditions required for producers to succeed.

**February 8, 2022:** *A Hearing to Review Farm Policy with Under Secretary Robert Bonnie.* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Serial No. 117–29.

As part of the Committee’s oversight responsibilities, this Subcommittee hearing entailed testimony from USDA Farm Production and Conservation Under Secretary Robert Bonnie on the status of program delivery through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Risk Management Agency (RMA) along with the Administration’s use of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). The hearing entailed updates on the status of implementation of provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill.

**February 15, 2022:** *Review of the Office of the Inspector General Report on USDA Oversight of Civil Rights Complaints.* Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 117–30.

The purpose of this hearing was to review a report conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) regarding the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights’ (OASCR) oversight of the civil rights complaints process between 2016 and 2019. The Inspector General for USDA provided testimony which touched on OASCR’s continued untimely processing of civil rights program complaints and needed improvements to OASCR’s procedures and oversight processes.

**March 1, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of Farm Bill: Commodity Group Perspectives on Title I.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–27.

As part of the Committee’s series of Farm Bill review activities, this hearing featured testimony from nine witnesses representing 16 commodity associations on implementation of Title I of the 2018 Farm Bill. Witnesses provided perspective on how commodity programs have been working, input on how Congress should evaluate the structure of safety net programs, and perspective on accessibility of those programs. The witnesses also provided perspective on the current state of the farm economy.

**March 8, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of Farm Bill: Rural Development.* Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing examined the implementation and effectiveness of Rural Development programs created and amended during the 2018 Farm Bill.

**March 16, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The Role of USDA Programs in Addressing Climate Change.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing allowed Members of the Committee to hear testimony regarding how USDA programs can help farmers, ranchers, foresters, and rural communities meet and proactively address climate concerns while also addressing other needs.

**March 29, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Horticulture and Urban Agriculture.* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 117–27.

The Agriculture Committee heard from USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs Under Secretary Moffit and Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Cosby, alongside five stakeholders on the implementation of the horticulture and urban agriculture sections from the 2018 Farm bill. This hearing offered oversight and suggestions for improvement for the applicable statutes.

**March 31, 2022:** *State of the CFTC.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–31.

This hearing evaluated the state of operations at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and reviewed major commodity market developments and trends and upcoming agency activities and initiatives.

**April 5, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Energy—Renewable Energy Opportunities in Rural America.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing examined the state of the renewable economy in rural America, including the role rural America plays in its development, and the adoption of renewable energy in rural areas.

**April 6, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: International Trade and Food Assistance Programs.* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing was a review of 2018 Farm Bill programs that fall under Title III, also known as the “Trade Title.” Members asked questions of Agency representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Agency for International Development, along with a second panel of stakeholders who participate in USDA and USAID trade promotion and international food assistance programs. This was an opportunity to gather information and insights on how effectively Title III of the 2018 Farm Bill has been implemented and whether there may be room for improvements in the 2023 Farm Bill.

**April 27, 2022:** *An Examination of Price Discrepancies, Transparency, and Alleged Unfair Practices in Cattle Markets.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–32.

This hearing examined issues facing cattle producers and focused on how to address industry and market challenges in the cattle industry. Over the past few years there have been a number of allegations directed towards the packing industry, including claims that the packers participated in market manipulation and unfair

practices. This hearing sought to illuminate some of those claims and provide the CEOs from the packing companies an opportunity to respond to those allegations. Members heard from a panel of cattle producers, and from the CEOs of the big four packing firms.

**April 28, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–27.

The purpose of this hearing was to gather input from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding provisions in Title IV of the 2018 Farm Bill addressing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Deputy Under Secretary for USDA’s Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services (FNCS), joined by the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), discussed how SNAP is working to provide food assistance to millions of Americans and provided insight into the implementation and impact of the 2018 Farm Bill SNAP provisions to date.

**May 12, 2022:** *Changing Market Roles: The FTX Proposal and Trends in New Clearinghouse Models*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–33.

Following the CFTC’s public request for input on a proposal from FTX, the hearing provided an opportunity for Members to hear directly from industry stakeholders concerning the implications of and impacts on market participants of FTX’s proposed direct clearing model for margined products.

**May 25, 2022:** *Supporting Careers in Conservation: Workforce Training, Education, and Job Opportunities*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 117–34.

This hearing explored the work that stakeholders are doing to address workforce shortages, from teaching children more about conservation, to providing professional development to early career professionals. Members heard from stakeholders with different missions and learned about various approaches to developing interest in careers, and educating future professionals.

**June 8, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Stakeholder Perspectives on SNAP*. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 117–27.

The purpose of this hearing was to provide an opportunity for input from relevant stakeholders regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and associated provisions in Title IV of the 2018 Farm Bill. Witnesses included a State SNAP administrator, SNAP retailer, and non-profit representative, who provided insight into how the 2018 Farm Bill and events since the bill’s passage, like the COVID–19 pandemic, have impacted SNAP operations and the individuals it serves and recommendations on how to improve the program in the 2023 Farm Bill.

**June 9, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Economic Perspectives on Title I Commodities and Title XI Crop Insurance*. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Serial No. 117–27.

As part of the Agriculture Committee’s farm bill oversight activities, this hearing gathered input from agricultural economists on the dynamics of commodity prices and input costs in recent years, and implications of those conditions for the effectiveness of 2018 Farm Bill safety net programs and risk management tools. Witnesses shared their perspectives on farm policy options, current

economic conditions, land values, input costs, and other economic dynamics with implications for farm policy.

**June 14, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Stakeholder Perspectives on Non-SNAP USDA Nutrition Programs.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing provided an opportunity to gather input from relevant stakeholders regarding U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) non-Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) nutrition programs, including The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP), Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI), Community Food Projects (CFP), Healthy Fluid Milk Incentive Projects (HFMI), and Micro-Grants for Food Security Program (MGFSP), and relevant provisions in Title IV of the 2018 Farm Bill. Witnesses testified about how the 2018 Farm Bill and COVID–19 pandemic have impacted program operations and discussed opportunities for further improvements to these programs in the upcoming farm bill.

**June 15, 2022:** *The Role of Climate Research in Supporting Agricultural Resiliency.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–35.

This hearing was an opportunity for Members to develop a deeper understanding of the research being done on the relationship between agriculture and climate resiliency. Members heard from a number of experts on different aspects of the challenges and opportunities.

**June 22, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Dairy Provisions.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–27.

The House Agriculture Committee held this hearing on the implementation of dairy provisions in the 2018 farm bill. The hearing included two panels: one of USDA experts and one of industry stakeholders who shared feedback on the Dairy Margin Coverage program and the recent Federal Milk Marketing Order change.

**June 23, 2022:** *The Future of Digital Asset Regulation.* Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 117–36.

The purpose of this hearing was to gather input from stakeholders, academics, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) regarding the current and potential future regulation of digital assets and to consider the CFTC's current and future role in regulating the spot or cash digital commodity markets.

**July 13, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Forestry.* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing explored the implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill. The hearing allowed Members to explore how farm bill forestry programs are being implemented by the administration. This hearing also allowed Members to hear stakeholder perspectives on program uses and challenges.

**July 14, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The State of Credit for Young, Beginning, and Underserved Producers.* Full Committee. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing featured testimony from young, beginning, and underserved farmers to better understand the unique challenges they face .A focus on this group of producers is important as current

farmers and ranchers are aging and these producers will need the financial resources to continue farming and ranching.

**July 20, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Stakeholder Perspectives on Title XI Crop Insurance*. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Serial No. 117–27.

As part of the Agriculture Committee’s farm bill oversight activities, this hearing gathered input from stakeholders on the crop insurance provisions contained in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115–334, 2018 Farm Bill). Witnesses testifying on the panel included representatives of trade associations representing crop insurance and reinsurance companies and crop insurance agents, as well as a product developer and two farmers.

**July 28, 2022:** *An Examination of the USDA Hemp Production Program*. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 117–37.

This hearing featured testimony from producers, researchers, Tribal members, and State Agriculture Directors and Commissioners who provided an overview of the hemp industry. This overview addressed changes made in both the 2014 and 2018 Farm Bills pertaining to the USDA Hemp Production Program. The hearing provided valuable insight to be used moving forward in preparation of a 2023 Farm Bill.

**September 14, 2022:** *Soil Health Practices and Programs that Support Regenerative Agriculture*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–38.

This hearing explored the concepts and practices of soil health and regenerative agriculture, including both organic and conventional perspectives. Members heard from producers and experts regarding soil health changes and opportunities.

**September 15, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Broadband*. Full Committee. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing provided a review of the collaborative efforts and coordination of USDA, NTIA, FCC, and other Federal agencies awarding broadband funding and the role these agencies will play in achieving nationwide connectivity.

**September 20, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Stakeholder Perspectives on Title II Conservation Programs*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 117–27.

This subcommittee hearing provided perspectives from producers and program users regarding USDA conservation program use, challenges and opportunities.

**September 29, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Title XII—Department Operations and Outreach*. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 117–27.

This hearing allowed Members to explore USDA department operations and outreach programs, including the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program, or the 2501 Program, and the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. Witnesses Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young, USDA Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics and Chief Scientist, and Zach Ducheneaux, USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator, testified about how the 2018 Farm Bill and COVID–19 pandemic impacted USDA and its consumers and discussed the Departments’ efforts to ensure all farmers have equitable access to its programs.

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- **June 25, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Perspectives from the Field:* Coolidge, AZ
  - House Agriculture General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee Chair Cheri Bustos (D–IL) convened a full Committee farm bill listening session on June 25, 2022, hosted by Representative Tom O'Halleran (D–AZ) at Central Arizona College in Coolidge, Arizona. General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee Ranking Member Austin Scott (R–GA) also participated in the session. Approximately 140 members of the public participated in-person or streamed the session online, with dozens of farmers and other farm bill stakeholders provided input on issues related to all farm bill titles.
- **July 7, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Perspectives from the Field:* Fresno, CA
  - House Agriculture Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman Jim Costa (D–CA) convened a listening session at Fresno State University in California. The Congressman heard from local producers, constituents, and other agricultural stakeholders from around the state about a number of issues relating to the upcoming Farm Bill. Chairman Costa listened to and discussed each title of the Farm Bill with constituents to better understand the needs of producers. Approximately 100 members of the public participated in person, and the listening session was streamed by more than 1000 online.
- **July 22, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Perspectives from the Field:* Carnation, WA
  - House Agriculture Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research Subcommittee Chair Stacey E. Plaskett (D–USVI at-large) convened a full Committee farm bill listening session on July 22, 2022, hosted by Representative Kim Schrier (D–WA) at Remlinger Farms in Carnation, Washington. Approximately 325 members of the public participated in-person or streamed the session online, with dozens of producers, constituents, researchers, local nonprofits, and other farm bill stakeholders provided input on issues to all farm bill titles.
- **July 25, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Perspectives from the Field:* Northfield, MN
  - House Agriculture General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee Chair Cheri Bustos (D–IL) convened a full Committee farm bill listening session on July 25, 2022, hosted by Representative Angie Craig (D–MN) at Far-Gaze Farms near Northfield, Minnesota. Approximately 130 members of the public attended in-person and over 1,000 individuals streamed the session online, with dozens of farmers and other farm bill stakeholders provided input on issues related to all farm bill titles.
- **August 22, 2022:** *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Perspectives from the Field:* Fremont, OH

- House Agriculture General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee Chair Cheri Bustos (D–IL) convened a full Committee farm bill listening session on August 22, 2022, hosted by Representative Marcy Kaptur (D–OH) in the Neeley Center at Terra State Community College in Fremont, Ohio. Approximately 230 members of the public participated in-person or streamed the session online, with dozens of farmers and other farm bill stakeholder provided input on issues related to all farm bill titles.

**Note:** The listening sessions listed in Section D.2. were published as an appendix (Serial No. 117–27, pt. 2) to *A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill*, Serial No. 117–27, pt. 1. To avoid duplication, they are not listed in the following table of published hearings.

#### E. PUBLISHED HEARINGS

- 117–1 Climate Change and the U.S. Agriculture and Forestry Sectors
- 117–2 A Look at Food Insecurity in America
- 117–3 A Hearing to Review the State of Black Farmers in the U.S.
- 117–4 Rural Broadband—Examining Internet Connectivity Needs and Opportunities in Rural America
- 117–5 Title II Conservation Programs: Exploring Climate Smart Practices
- 117–6 Member Day
- 117–7 The Future of SNAP: Moving Past the Pandemic
- 117–8 Examining Opportunities for Growth and Investment in Rural America
- 117–9 Land-Grant Institutions: Investing for Agricultural Resiliency, Equity, and Global Impact
- 117–10 A Hearing to Review the Efficacy of the Farm Safety Net
- 117–11 Supply Chain Recovery and Resiliency: Small Producers and Local Agricultural Markets
- 117–12 Examining the SNAP Benefit Cliff
- 117–13 The U.S. Wood Products Industry: Facilitating the Post COVID–19 Recovery
- 117–14 State of the Beef Supply Chain: Shocks, Recovery, and Rebuilding
- 117–15 21st Century Food Systems: Controlled Environment Agriculture’s Role in Protecting Domestic Food Supply Chains and Infrastructure
- 117–16 Voluntary Carbon Markets in Agriculture and Forestry
- 117–17 The 2021 Wildland Fire Year: Responding to and Mitigating Threats to Communities
- 117–18 A Hearing to Review the State of the Livestock Industry
- 117–19 Agricultural Biotechnology: 21st Century Advancements and Applications
- 117–20 The Immediate Challenges to our Nation’s Food Supply Chain

- 117–21 Hunger Among Veterans and Servicemembers: Understanding the Problem and Evaluating Solutions
- 117–22 A Look at the Renewable Economy in Rural America
- 117–23 Trade Policy and Priorities
- 117–24 Review of USDA Nutrition Distribution Programs
- 117–25 Implications of Electric Vehicle Investments for Agriculture and Rural America
- 117–26 To Review the State of the Rural Economy with Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of Farm Bill: Conservation Programs
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Commodity Group Perspectives on Title I
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Rural Development
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The Role of USDA Programs in Addressing Climate Change
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Horticulture and Urban Agriculture
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Energy—Renewable Energy Opportunities in Rural America
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: International Trade and Food Assistance Programs
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Stakeholder Perspectives on SNAP
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Economic Perspectives on Title I Commodities and Title XI Crop Insurance
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Stakeholder Perspectives on Non-SNAP USDA Nutrition Programs
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Dairy Provisions
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Forestry
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The State of Credit for Young, Beginning, and Underserved Producers
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- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Broadband
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Stakeholder Perspectives on Title II Conservation Programs
- 117–27 A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Title XII—Department Operations and Outreach
- 117–28 Sustainability in the Livestock Sector: Environmental Gain and Economic Viability
- 117–29 A Hearing to Review Farm Policy with Under Secretary Robert Bonnie
- 117–30 Review of the Office of the Inspector General Report on *USDA Oversight of Civil Rights Complaints*
- 117–31 State of the CFTC
- 117–32 An Examination of Price Discrepancies, Transparency, and Alleged Unfair Practices in Cattle Markets



- 117–33 Changing Market Roles: The FTX Proposal and Trends in New Clearinghouse Models
- 117–34 Supporting Careers in Conservation: Workforce Training, Education, and Job Opportunities
- 117–35 The Role of Climate Research in Supporting Agricultural Resiliency
- 117–36 The Future of Digital Asset Regulation
- 117–37 An Examination of the USDA Hemp Production Program
- 117–38 Soil Health Practices and Programs that Support Regenerative Agriculture

#### F. MEETINGS NOT PUBLISHED

February 10, 2021—Full Committee open business meeting. Markup of organizational matters of the Committee on Agriculture for the 117th Congress and to consider a proposal to satisfy the Committee’s reconciliation instructions as required by S. Con. Res. 5. The Committee Rules and Committee staff assignments were approved by voice vote. The recommendations of the Committee regarding the proposal to satisfy the Committee’s reconciliation instructions, as amended, were transmitted to the Committee on the Budget by a vote of 25 yeas and 23 nays.

April 20, 2021—Full Committee open business meeting. Markup of the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates Letter for FY 2022, which was approved by voice vote.

June 16, 2021—Full Committee open business meeting. Markup of a Committee Print to Provide for the Availability of Amounts for Customer Education Initiatives and Non-Award Expenses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Program, and for other purposes, which was reported favorably to the House by voice vote.

July 14, 2021—Full Committee open business meeting. Markup of H.R. 4374, the Broadband Internet Connections for Rural America Act, which, as amended, was reported favorably to the House by voice vote.

July 27, 2021—Full Committee open business meeting. Markup of H.R. 267, the 2020 WHIP+ Reauthorization Act, which, as amended, was reported favorably to the House by voice vote.

September 10 and 13, 2021—Full Committee open business meeting. Markup of a proposal to satisfy the Committee’s reconciliation instructions as required by S. Con. Res. 14. The recommendations of the Committee regarding the proposal to satisfy the Committee’s reconciliation instructions were transmitted to the Committee on the Budget by a vote of 27 yeas and 24 nays.

October 21, 2021—Full Committee open business meeting. Markup of H.R. 4252, To provide additional funding for scholarships for students at 1890’s institutions, which, as amended, was agreed to by a vote of 45 yeas and 3 nays and reported favorably to the House; H.R. 2361, the Rebuild Rural America Act of 2021, which was not offered; H.R. 5608, the Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act, which was agreed to by voice vote and reported favorably to the House; H.R. 3532, To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a periodic wildfire assessment, and for other purposes, which was withdrawn; H.R. 4489, the National

Forest Restoration and Remediation Act, which was agreed to by voice vote and reported favorably to the House; H.R. 5609, the Cattle Contract Library Act of 2021, which was agreed to by voice vote and reported favorably to the House; and H.R. 5589, the Pyrolysis Innovation Grants Act, which, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote and reported favorably to the House.

May 17, 2022—Full Committee open business meeting. Markup of the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates Letter for FY 2023, which was approved by voice vote; H.R. 7764, A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional payments under the environmental quality incentives program for implementation of a nutrient management practice, and for other purposes, which, by unanimous consent, was reported favorably to the House; H.R. 2518, the Producing Responsible Energy and Conservation Incentives and Solutions for the Environment Act or the PRECISE Act, which, by unanimous consent, was reported favorably to the House; H.R. 2606, the Sponsoring USDA Sustainability Targets in Agriculture to Incentivize Natural Solutions Act of 2021, or the SUSTAINS Act, which, by unanimous consent, was reported favorably to the House; H.R. 4140, the Butcher Block Act, which, as amended, by unanimous consent, was reported favorably to the House; H.R. 7675, To amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish an Agricultural and Food System Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Task Force, and for other purposes, which, as amended, by unanimous consent, was reported favorably to the House; H.R. 7606, the Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act of 2022, which, as amended, was agreed to by a vote of 27 yeas and 21 nays and reported favorably to the House; H.R. 7763, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to support and incentivize domestic activities to address fertilizer shortages and deficiencies, diversify fertilizer sources, and reduce depending on foreign sources for fertilizer, and other purposes, which was not offered; and H.R. 7765, the American Food Supply Chain Resiliency Act of 2022, which was not offered.

#### G. COMMITTEE PRINTS

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#### H. WATERSHEDS

None.

### III. APPENDIX

#### A. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

(The phrase [pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104–121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868)] has been removed to avoid duplication.)

#### February 8, 2021

**EC–183.** A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Employment and Training Opportunities in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [FNS–2019–0008 RIN: 0584–AE68] received February 2, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

### **February 22, 2021**

**EC-318.** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Exemptions From Swap Trade Execution Requirement (RIN: 3038-AE25) received February 2, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-319.** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to the Pale Cyst Nematode Regulations [Doc. No.: APHIS-2018-0041] (RIN: 0579-AE48) received February 2, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

### **February 23, 2021**

**EC-359.** A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Market Participants Division, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038-AF05) received February 2, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-360.** A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038-AF03) received February 2, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-361.** A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Swap Execution Facilities (RIN: 3038-AE25) received February 2, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

### **March 17, 2021**

**EC-612.** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Clearing and Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Exemption from Derivatives Clearing Organization Registration (RIN: 3038-AE65) received February 24, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-613.** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Clearing and Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's joint final rule—Customer Margin Rules Relating to Security Futures [Release No.: 34-90244; File No.: S7-09-19] (RIN: 3235-AM55) received February 25, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-614.** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators on Form CPO-PQR (RIN: 3038-AE98) received February 24, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-615.** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Market Participants Division, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's interim final rule—Portfolio Reconciliation Requirements for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants—Revision of “Material Terms” Definition (RIN: 3038-AF08) received February 24, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**April 14, 2021**

**EC-783.** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Exemption from Registration for Certain Foreign Intermediaries (RIN: 3038-AE46) received March 17, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-784.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major final rule—Rural eConnectivity Program [RUS-20-Telecom-0023] (RIN: 0572-AC51) received March 16, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**April 15, 2021**

**EC-804.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Innovation Center, Rural Development-Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revolving Fund Program—Water and Environmental Provisions of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 [Doc. No.: RUS-20-WATER-0033] (RIN: 0572-AC52) received March 26, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-805.** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of a Domestic Hemp Production Program [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-19-0042; SC19-990-2 FR] received February 23, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**May 7, 2021**

**EC-1027.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Energy for America Program [Doc. No.: RBS-20-BUSINESS-0027] (RIN: 0570-AA98) received April 28, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**May 19, 2021**

**EC-1220.** A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed rule—Collateral Evaluation Requirements (RIN: 3052-AC94) received May 12, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**May 25, 2021**

**EC-1308.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rules Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Micro-entrepreneur Assistance Program [Doc. No.: RBS-20-BUSINESS-0044] (RIN: 0570-AB02) received May 19, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**June 17, 2021**

**EC-1393.** A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's direct final rule—Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Disclosure and Reporting (RIN: 3052-AD47) received June 14, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**June 25, 2021**

**EC-1482.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program [Doc. No.: RBS-21-BUSINESS-0007] (RIN: 0570-AB06) received June 23, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**July 20, 2021**

**EC-1638.** A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Rescission of Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents: Notice of Vacatur [NS-2021-0012] (RIN: 0584-AE87) received July 13, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**July 22, 2021**

**EC-1663.** A letter from the Director, Regulations and Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Streamlining Electric Program Procedures [RUS-21-ELECTRIC-0003] (RIN: 0572-AC53) received July 16, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**July 30, 2021**

**EC-1805.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Development Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Inspection of Yak and Other *Bovidae*, *Cervidae*, and *Camelidae* Species [Doc. No.: FSIS-2019-0028] (RIN: 0583-AD73) received July 20, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-1806.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Development Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Elimination of the Requirement To Defibrinate Livestock Blood Saved as an Edible Product [Doc. No.: FSIS-2020-0005] (RIN: 0583-AD81) received July 20, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**August 3, 2021**

**EC-1850.** A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget and Performance Plan, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Oversight and Reform.

**September 3, 2021**

**EC-2098.** A letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the 2020 Annual Report of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, pursuant to Sec. 5.64 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**September 17, 2021**

**EC-2138.** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture,

culture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Definitions of the European Union and the United Kingdom [Doc. No.: APHIS–2021–0003] received August 31, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **September 22, 2021**

**EC–2192.** A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Correcting amendment and extension of comment period for interim final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Non-Discretionary Quality Control Provisions of Title IV of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018; Correction [FNS–2018–0043] (RIN: 0584–AE64) received September 14, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–2193.** A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Standards of Conduct (RIN: 3052–AC44) received September 14, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **September 23, 2021**

**EC–2208.** A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Chlorpyrifos; Tolerance Revocations [EPA–HQ–OPP–2021–0523; FRL–5993–04–OCSPP] received August 31, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **September 27, 2021**

**EC–2229.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of Telecommunications Provisions of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 [RUS–20–TELECOM–0044] (RIN: 0572–AC48) received September 20, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **September 30, 2021**

**EC–2271.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Innovation Center, Rural Development, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's notice of funds availability—The American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Rural Health Care Grant Program [Doc. No.: RHS–21–CF–0009] received August 20, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–2272.** A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the 2020 annual report of the Farm Credit Administration, pursuant to Sec. 5.17(a)(3) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended (Public Law 92–181); to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **October 5, 2021**

**EC–2307.** A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): 2008 Farm Bill Provisions on Clarification of Split Issuance; Accrual of Benefits and Definition Changes: Delay of Implementation Date for Certain Provisions

[FNS 2016–0074] (RIN: 0584–AE02) received August 17, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **October 12, 2021**

**EC–2386.** A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s interim final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Non-Discretionary Quality Control Provisions of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 [FNS–2018–0043] (RIN: 0584–AE64) received August 23, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–2387.** A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration’s direct final rule—Title IV Conservators and Receivers (RIN: 3052–AD46) received August 20, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **October 20, 2021**

**EC–2474.** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Elimination of the Voluntary *Trichinae* Certification Program [Doc. No.: APHIS–2020–0065] (RIN: 0579–AE59) received October 8, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **October 27, 2021**

**EC–2533.** A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration’s notification of its 2021 compensation program adjustments, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1833b(a); Public Law 101–73, Sec. 1206(a); (103 Stat. 523); to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **October 28, 2021**

**EC–2547.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s funding opportunity announcement—Rural eConnectivity Program [Doc. No.: RUS–21–Telecom–0010] received October 25, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **December 20, 2021**

**EC–2997.** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—AWA Research Facility Registration Updates, Reviews, and Reports [Doc. No.: APHIS–2019–0001] (RIN: 0579–AE54) received December 9, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–2998.** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Importation of Sheep, Goats, and Certain Other Ruminants [Doc. No.: APHIS–2009–0095] (RIN: 0579–AD10) received December 14, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–2999.** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Handling of Animals; Contingency Plans [Doc. No.: APHIS–2020–0101] (RIN:

0579–AC69) received December 14, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**December 27, 2021**

**EC-3019.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's notice—Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Biofuel Producer Program for Fiscal Year 2021 [Doc. No.: RBS-21-BUSINESS-0026] received December 14, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-3020.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's notice—Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program [Doc. No.: RBS-21-Business-0036] received December 14, 2021, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**March 7, 2022**

**EC-3554.** A letter from the Chief Innovation Officer, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Business—Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Departments' Major rule—Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program, Fiscal Year 2022 Request for Applications—Phase I received February 28, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**April 27, 2022**

**EC-3837.** A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the CY 2021 annual report on activities under the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2431k(a); Public Law 87-195, Sec. 813(a) (as added by Public Law 105-214, Sec. 1); (112 Stat. 893); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Agriculture.

**May 12, 2022**

**EC-4102.** A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticide Product Performance Data Requirements for Products Claiming Efficacy Against Certain Invertebrate Pests [EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0124; FRL-5331-05-OCSP] (RIN: 2070-AJ49) received April 26, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**June 7, 2022**

**EC-4295.** A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Implementation of the Current Expected Credit Losses Methodology for Allowances, Related Adjustments to the Tier 1/Tier 2 Capital Rule, and Conforming Amendments (RIN: 3052-AD36) received May 10, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**June 14, 2022**

**EC-4334.** A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of 9 CFR 355—



Certified Products for Dogs, Cats, and Other Carnivora; Inspection, Certification, and Identification as to Class, Quality, Quantity, and Condition [Doc. No.: FSIS–2020–0013] (RIN: 0583–AD83) received June 7, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–4335.** A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Elimination of the Requirement To Defibrinate Livestock Blood Saved as an Edible Product [Doc. No.: FSIS–2020–0005] (RIN: 0583–AD81) received June 7, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **June 16, 2022**

**EC–4359.** A letter from the Administrator, National Organic Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—National Organic Program; Origin of Livestock [Doc. No.: AMS–NOP–11–0009; NOP–21–04] (RIN: 0581–AD89) received April 14, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–4360.** A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Inspection of Yak and other *Bovidae*, *Cervidae*, and *Camelidae* Species [Doc. No.: FSIS–2019–0028] (RIN: 0583–AD73) received June 7, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **June 17, 2022**

**EC–4386.** A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s Report to Congress on Implementing IWG Recommendations on Improving the Consultation Process Required Under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for Pesticide Registration and Registration Review; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce.

#### **July 1, 2022**

**EC–4460.** A letter from the Chief of Planning and Regulatory Affairs Office, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Civil Rights Update to the Federal-State Agreement [FNS–2016–0078] (RIN: 0584–AE56) received June 24, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **August 26, 2022**

**EC–5112.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s Major rule—Rural eConnectivity Program [Doc. No.: RUS–22–Telecom–0010] received August 16, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **September 19, 2022**

**EC–5230.** A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators; Further Extension to Expiration Date of Certification Plans [EPA–HQ–OPP–2021–0831; FRL–9134.1–04–OCSPP] (RIN: 2070–AL01) received August 17, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

### **September 26, 2022**

**EC-5303.** A letter from the Acting Director, Regulations Development Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rescission of Dual Labeling Requirements for Certain Packages of Meat and Poultry [Doc. No.: FSIS-2018-0012] (RIN: 0583-AD71) received September 9, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5304.** A letter from the Acting Director, Regulations and Development Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Changes to Accreditation of Non-Federal Analytical Testing Laboratories [Doc. No.: FSIS-2021-0013] (RIN: 0583-AD70) received September 9, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

### **October 4, 2022**

**EC-5390.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's funding opportunity announcement—Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) for Fiscal Year 2022 [Doc. No.: RBS-22-BUSINESS-0006] received September 9, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

### **October 7, 2022**

**EC-5421.** A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Clearing and Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Clearing Requirement Determination Under Section 2(h) of the Commodity Exchange Act for Interest Rate Swaps to Account for the Transition from LIBOR and Other IBORs to Alternative Reference Rates (RIN: 3038-AF18) received September 9, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

### **October 18, 2022**

**EC-5514.** A letter from the Chief, Planning and Regulatory Affairs Office, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major interim final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Requirement for Interstate Data Matching To Prevent Duplicate Issuances [FNS-2019-0055] (RIN: 0584-AE75) received October 14, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5515.** A letter from the Chief Innovation Officer, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Development—Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major notice—Rural eConnectivity Program, Correction [Doc. No.: RUS-22-Telecom-0010] received October 14, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

### **November 3, 2022**

**EC-5682.** A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's notification of its 2022 compensation program adjustments, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1833b(a); Public Law 101-73, Sec. 1206(a); (103 Stat. 523); to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5683.** A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the 2021 Annual Report of the Farm Credit Administration; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**November 16, 2022**

**EC-5898.** A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticides; Addition of Chitosan (Including Chitosan Salts) to the List of Active Ingredients Permitted in Exempted Minimum Risk Pesticide Products [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0701; FRL-7542-05-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AK56) received November 3, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**November 22, 2022**

**EC-5936.** A letter from the Administrator, National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances per October 2020 and April 2021 NOSB Recommendations (Handling, Crops) [Doc. No.: AMS-NOP-21-0060] (RIN: 0581-AE11) received November 18, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5937.** A letter from the Administrator, Cotton and Tobacco—Research and Promotion, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule—Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2022 Amendments) [Doc. No.: AMS-CN-22-0003] received November 16, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5938.** A letter from the Administrator, Livestock and Poultry Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order—Decrease in Assessment Rate and Importer Assessments [Doc. No.: AMS-LP-22-0032] received November 16, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**December 12, 2022**

**EC-6119.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Broadband Loans, Loan/Grant Combinations, and Loan Guarantees [Doc. No.: RUS-19-Telecom-0003] (RIN: 0572-AC46) received December 5, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**December 21, 2022**

**EC-6156.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementing Provisions of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 [Doc. No.: RUS-21-ELECTRIC-0016] (RIN: 0572-AC49) received December 12, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-6157.** A letter from the Associate Administrator, Livestock and Poultry, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cattle Contracts Library Pilot Program [Doc. No.: AMS-LP-22-0065] (RIN: 0581-AE22) received December 12, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**December 23, 2022**

**EC-6188.** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major final rule—Implementing Provisions of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 [Doc. No.: RUS-21-ELECTRIC-0016] (RIN: 0572-AC49) received December 20, 2022, to the Committee on Agriculture.

B. STATUTORY AND SPECIAL REPORTS

**USAID:** Letter to Chairman Scott acknowledging record-preservation obligations set forth in Federal law and the ongoing obligations of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to preserve information relevant to Congressional Oversight. January 14, 2021.

**USDA:** Final rule establishing the Domestic Hemp Production Program, as mandated by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill).<sup>29</sup> January 19, 2021.

**USDA:** 2020 Federal Grain Inspection Service Annual Report to Congress. January 19, 2021.

**GAO:** Pursuant to Section 801(a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency entitled "Agricultural Disaster Indemnity Programs" (RIN: 0560-A155). January 22, 2021.

**NSAC:** National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic comprehensive evaluation of the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program. January 25, 2021.

**Congress of the United States:** Memorandum of Understanding regarding activities and oversight relating to the Department of Homeland Security. January 25, 2021.

**USDA:** Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement notice of meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers. January 27, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on the global effort to reduce child hunger and increase school attendance, as directed by Section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. This report covers FY 2019. February 2, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress developed by the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) on the arrival of forest pests in the United States, as directed by Section 10110 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. February 2, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress containing statistics related to enrollments in conservation programs, pursuant to Section 2501(c) of the

<sup>29</sup>This rule includes regulations used by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to approve plans submitted by States and Indian Tribes for the domestic production of hemp. This rule also includes regulations on the Federal hemp production plan for producers in States or territories of Indian Tribes that do not have their own USDA-approved plans.

Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Section 1241(i) of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended). February 3, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on the types of incentives approved in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) under 7 U.S.C. 2018(j)—Incentives, as required under section 4008 of the Agricultural Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill). February 3, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress detailing the amount of technical assistance funds requested and apportioned for conservation programs, as required by Section 1241(c)(3) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. February 3, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to the President and Congress relating to a study on methyl bromide use in response to an emergency event, as directed by Section 10116 of the Conference Report for the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. February 3, 2021.

**USDA:** Final Rule implementing changes to the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) that were necessitated by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) and changes for administrative streamlining improvements and clarifications. February 4, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress describing the status of watershed rehabilitation activities, pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (P.L. 83–566), as amended. The enclosed report includes USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service’s funding status of rehabilitation, dam assessments, construction, and requests for FY 2020. February 4, 2021.

**FDACS:** Report published by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services entitled “Biden-Harris Administration Partnership Plan: Keeping Florida and America Growing.” February 6, 2021.

**CBO:** February 2001 Baseline Charts relating to USDA Farm Programs and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). February 11, 2021.

**USDA:** Agricultural Marketing Service Report to Congress on the Dairy Promotion and Research Program and the Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Program, 2018 Program Activities. February 18, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress with respect to the efforts of USDA that describes the level of coordination between the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, and other nutrition education programs administered by USDA, as required by Section 4019 of P.L. 115–334, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. February 23, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress with respect to the efforts of the Department in conducting and evaluating up to 10 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training pilot projects as required by Section 4022 of P.L. 113–79, the Agriculture Act of 2014. February 23, 2021.

**FCA:** Farm Credit Administration FY 2020 FISMA Report in compliance with OMB M–21–02, “FY 2020–2021 Guidance on Federal Information Security and Privacy Management Requirements”. March 1, 2021.

**DOS:** Report to Congress on the efforts of Mexico to meet its treaty deliveries of water to the Rio Grande in accordance with the treaty between the United States and Mexico. March 3, 2021.

**USDA:** Report on grant outcomes based on program data from grantees for the Gus Schumacher Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Program, as required by Section 4405(e) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 7517(e), as amended by section 4205 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. March 8, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress with respect to the efforts of the Department to reduce barriers to food access, as required by P.L. 115–334, the “Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.” March 16, 2021.

**FCA:** Notice to Congress of Final Rulemaking repealing ten regulations in Title 12, Chapter VI, Part 627 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* that section 5412 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 supersedes. March 17, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report (08601–0011–41) to Congress on Forest Service Use of Settlement Funds. March 26, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report (24601–0007–31) to Congress on FSIS Waiver of Regulatory Requirements. March 30, 2021.

**FS:** U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service notification, pursuant to section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b) proposed federal acquisition of land, “The Northern Waters Land Trust/Stoney Point #2” acquisition on the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota. April 9, 2021.

**USDA:** Reports to Congress related to organic agriculture: 1. Domestic and Overseas Investigations and Compliance actions; 2. Organic Trade Enforcement Interagency Coordination; 3. Enforcement Actions Taken on Organic Imports. April 22, 2021.

**FS:** U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service notification, pursuant to section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), proposed Federal Acquisitions of land notice of “The Nature Conservancy, Moore-Gateway Tract No. F–145” on the Francis-Marion National Forest, South Carolina. April 30, 2021.

**FS:** U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service notification, pursuant to section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), proposed Federal Acquisitions of land notice of “Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. Duncan Creek, Tract E–125” on the Sumter National Forest, South Carolina. April 30, 2021.

**National Academy of Public Administration:** 2020 Annual Congressional Report. May 5, 2021.

**CBO:** Expired and Expiring Authorizations of Appropriations, Fiscal Year 2021. May 5, 2021.

**USDI; USDA; DOC; CEQ:** Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful: Preliminary report to the National Climate Task Force recommending a “ten year locally led campaign to conserve and restore the lands and waters upon which we all depend, and that bind us together as Americans.” May 5, 2021.

**FS:** U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service notification, pursuant to section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), proposed Federal Acquisitions of land notice of “The Conservation Fund is the owner and willing seller of Pineroots, Tract O–995” on the Osceola National Forest, Florida. May 7, 2021.

**FNS:** State of Origin for USDA Foods in FY 2018 Research Report. May 14, 2021.

**FNS:** State of Origin for USDA Foods in FY 2019 Research Report. May 14, 2021.

**FCA:** Semiannual Report prepared by the Inspector General of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) for the period of October 30, 2020 through March 31, 2021 and pursuant to section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. May 14, 2021.

**FCA:** Notice of Final Rulemaking—FCA Board adopted a direct final rule to eliminate certain requirements for the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac) to submit paper copies of reports to the Office of Secondary Market Oversight (OSMO) that Farmer Mac must submit in electronic form. May 18, 2021.

**University of Minnesota:** 2020 FINBIN Report on Minnesota Farm Finances. May 17, 2021.

**CFTC:** FY 2022 Presidents Budget Final Signed. May 21, 2021.

**USDA:** Annual Report for FY 2020 in accordance with the requirements of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act (No FEAR Act). May 21, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Report “USDA’s Information Technology Incident Response Consideration.” May 26, 2021.

**FCA:** FY 2022 Proposed Budget and Performance Plan. May 28, 2021.

**The White House:** Office of Management and Budget-Budget of the U.S. Government FY22. Undated.

**USDA:** Office of Inspector General (OIG) Semiannual Report to Congress First Half October 1, 2020–March 31, 2021. June 1, 2021.

**CFTC:** Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) for the period from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. June 1, 2021.

**FNS:** USDA Food and Nutrition Service report “The Impact of SNAP Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Time Limit Reinstatement in Nine States.” June 7, 2021.

**NIDIS:** National Integrated Drought Information System release Southern Plains Drought Early Warning System (DEWS) Strategic Plan 2021–2025. June 8, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Report OAI 21–001; *Survey of Food Safety and Inspection Service Inspectors’ Perceptions of COVID–19 Safety in the Work Environment*. June 8, 2021.

**GAO:** GAO Study on Imported Agriculture: Updated Planning and Communication Could Enhance Agency Coordination of Inspections. June 8, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Report 50024–0001–24 USDA’s Fiscal Year 2020 Compliance with Improper Payment Requirements. June 8, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Report 03702–0002–23: 2017 Hurricane Relief Emergency Conservation Program. June 9, 2021.

**USDA:** Report on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Restaurant Meals Program, responding to requirements under Section 4014 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill). June 11, 2021.

**FCA:** FCA OIG report: Survey of Farm Credit Administration Employees on COVID–19. June 15, 2021.

**FR:** *Federal Register* notice on RFI on Racial Justice and Equity. June 16, 2021.

**ASA:** American Sugar Alliance (ASA) New Report Highlights Resiliency of America’s Sugar Supply Chain. June 21, 2021.

**USDA:** USDA OIG Report Containing Highlights Regarding the Work of USDA OIG, “Investigative and Audit Update—April 2021.” June 28, 2021.

**FNS:** USDA FNS SNAP ABAWD Rule Notice of Vacatur Available for Public Inspection. June 29, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Final Report Florida Citrus Recovery Block Grant Program. June 30, 2021.

**USDA:** FSA Conservation Reserve Program Annual Summary and Statistics, FY 2020. June 30, 2021.

**USDH:** 20th Report to Congress on Welfare Indicators and Risk Factors in accordance with the Welfare Indicators Act of 1994. July 1, 2021.

**GAO:** Report to the heads of CFO and other select agencies providing an overview of USDA implementation of GAO recommendations. July 8, 2021.

**USDA:** Food Safety and Inspection Service reports on 2018 Farm Bill Report on FSIS guidance and outreach to small meat processors. July 9, 2021.

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Office of Communications report on World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE). July 12, 2021.

**EPA:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report to Congress, pursuant to satisfy section 3(c)(1)(D)(i) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(1)(D)(i)) as amended by section 10115 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, “Implementing IWG Recommendations on Improving the Consultation Process Required Under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for Pesticide Registration and Registration Review.” July 12, 2021.

**FCA:** Farm Credit Administration request, asking for comments on the FCA proposed rule that would revise their regulatory capital requirements for Farm Credit System institutions to define and establish risk weightings for High Volatility Commercial Real Estate exposures. July 13, 2021.

**FNS:** Report from FNS on “Farm to School Census and Comprehensive Review Summary Report” and the “2019 Farm to School Census Report” and announced over \$12 million in Farm to School grants for Fiscal Year 2021. July 15, 2021.

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture report for Congress, pursuant to Section 5413 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, presenting fiscal year 2020 data for the Farm Service Agency’s Direct and Guaranteed Farm Loan Programs. July 16, 2021.

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture report for Congress, in accordance with Section 3206 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, as amended by Section 3311 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, on the USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement (USDA LRP) Program for fiscal year 2020. July 20, 2021.

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture report to Congress, in accordance with section 1110 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, on the USDA Food for Progress Program for fiscal year 2020. July 20, 2021.

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture report, required by Section 407 of the Food for Peace Act, as amended by the Agriculture



Improvement Act of 2018, on U.S. International Food Assistance Report FY 2020. July 20, 2021.

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General (OIG) Bulletin containing highlights regarding the work of USDA OIG. July 26, 2021.

**EDF:** Environmental Defense Fund report on Agricultural Soil Carbon Credits: Making sense of protocols for carbon sequestration and net greenhouse gas removals. July 26, 2021.

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture report from the Risk Management Agency (RMA), required by Section 11023 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. July 30, 2021.

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture Report responding to requirements of Section 12506 describing the number of staff years and employees of each USDA Agency for FY 20 through 21. July 30, 2021.

**USDA:** Update to Report to Congress as mandated by section 10110, developed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service on the arrival of forest pests in the United States. August 10, 2021.

**USAID:** Fiscal Year 2020 International Food Assistance Report. August 12, 2021.

**USDA:** World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates. August 12, 2021.

**USDA:** Multi Agency Task Force Report in coordination and direction for the commodity programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. August 13, 2021.

**USDA:** 2021 Reevaluation Report: Thrifty Food Plan, as mandated by the 2018 Farm Bill. August 15, 2021.

**FCA:** Notice of Final Rulemaking: Amending the regulations at 12 CFR 612 subpart A governing standards of conduct of directors and employees of Farm Credit System institutions, excluding the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. August 25, 2021.

**EPA:** Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Charter Renewal. August 25, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Report on Farm Service Agency Controls Over Its Contract Closeout Process. August 26, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Report on California's Controls Over Summer Food Service Program. August 26, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Report on COVID-19—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Online Purchasing in Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019. August 26, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Report on COVID-19—Oversight of the Emergency Food Assistance Program—Interim Report. August 26, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG FY 2021 Report on USDA's Management Challenges. September 1, 2021.

**FNS:** Report "The Extent of Trafficking in SNAP—2015–2017." September 3, 2021.

**FNS:** Report "Expanding Opportunities and Reducing Barriers to Work: Interim Summary Report, Evaluation of Pilot Projects to Promote Work and Increase Accountability in the USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program." September 3, 2021.

**EPA:** Charter Renewal for EPA Science Advisory Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. September 10, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Independent Service Auditor's Report on FMS Description of its Financial Systems and the Sustainability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of its Controls for October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Report 11403-0006-12. September 13, 2021.

**Gates Foundation:** Goalkeepers 2021 Report on Innovation and Inequity. September 14, 2021.

**USDA:** Report on factors that affect the export of specialty crops, FY 2020. September 17, 2021.

**GAO:** Report to Congressional Requesters: IT Modernization—USDA Needs to Improve Oversight of Farm Production and Conservation Mission Area. GAO Report 21-512. September 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on "USDA Oversight of Civil Rights Complaints". Report 60601-0001-21. September 23, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Inspection Report on "COVID-19—Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Modifications in Response to the Pandemic." Report 34801-0001-23. September 28, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Inspection report on "Agreed Upon Procedures: Employee Benefits, Withholdings, Contributions, and Supplemental Semiannual Headcount Reporting Submitted to the Office of Personnel Management for Fiscal Year 2021." Report 11401-0006-31. September 28, 2021.

**GAO:** Report to Congressional Addressees: "COVID-19: Selected Agencies Overcame Technology Challenges to Support Telework but Need to Fully Assess Security Controls." GAO Report 21-583. September 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on "Follow-up on Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance Program." Report 33601-0004-23. September 30, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on "Independent Service Auditor's Report on the Office of the Chief Information Officer's Description of its Data Center Hosting and Security Systems and the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of its Controls for the Period October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021." Report 88403-0001-12. September 30, 2021.

**HUD:** Response of the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) for Final Report entitled "Economic Development: Opportunities Exist for Further Collaboration among EPA, HUD, and USDA" (GAO 21-579). September 30, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Inspection Report on "Regional Forester Authorities for Cost-Share Agreements—Inspection." Report 08801-0001-41. October 7, 2021.

**EOP:** National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) Strategic Plan for 2021. October 8, 2021.

**USDA:** World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates (WASDE) for October 2021. October 12, 2021.

**U.S. Congress:** Report of the Majority Staff of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis entitled "Farmers to Families? An Investigation into the Trump Administration's Food Box Program." October 13, 2021.

**FCA:** OIG Report on "Strategic Plan Fiscal Years 2020-2021". October 14, 2021.

**FCA:** OIG Report on "Audit, Inspection and Evaluation Plan Fiscal Years 2022-2023." October 14, 2021.

**FCA:** OIG Report on "Management Challenges—Farm Credit Administration". October 14, 2021.

**USAID:** Report on Global Food Security Strategy, Fiscal Years 2022–2026. October 14, 2021.

**USDA:** Report on the global effort to reduce child hunger and increase school attendance, Fiscal Year 2020. October 19, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Inspection Report on “COVID–19—Oversight of the Emergency Food Assistance Program—Interim Report.” Report 27801–0001–21(2). October 19, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Inspection Report on “Security Over USDA Web Applications.” Report 50801–0002–12. October 28, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2022. October 28, 2021.

**CFTC:** Consumer Protection Fund Annual Report to Congress, Fiscal Year 2021. October 29, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on “U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Fiscal Year 2021 Federal Information Security Modernization Act.” Report 50503–0005–12. November 1, 2021.

**USDA:** FNS Report on “Evaluation of the Implementation of Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives (FINI).” November 3, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on “USDA’s Digital Accountability and Transparency Act Compliance Efforts for Fiscal Years 202 and 2021.” Report 11601–0002–12. November 4, 2021.

**Farmer Mac:** Third Quarter Results. November 8, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on “Rural Development’s Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2020.” Report 85401–0012–11. November 9, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on “Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency’s Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2020.” Report 05401–00103–11. November 9, 2021.

**USDA:** Report on CLEAR30 Pilot Program within the Conservation Reserve Program, with data on enrollments by practice type, the geographic distribution of enrollments, and estimated water quality benefits. November 10, 2021.

**FCA:** Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation’s Report to the President addressing the requirements of the Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act. November 15, 2021.

**FCA:** OIG Semiannual Report, April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021; and FCA Management Report. November 15, 2021.

**FCA:** 2021 Performance and Accountability Report. November 15, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on “Commodity Credit Corporation’s Financial Statements for 2021 and 2020.” Report 06403–0004–11. November 16, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on “Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2020.” Report 10403–0004–11. November 16, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on “USDA’s Consolidated Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2020.” Report 50401–0020–11. November 16, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Semiannual Report to Congress, Second Half, Fiscal Year 2021. Report 86. November 19, 2021.

**USDA:** OIG Audit Report on “Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (2501 Program) in Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.” Report 91601–0001–21. November 19, 2021.

**CFTC:** OIG Audit Report on FY 2021 CFTC DATA Act Compliance. November 29, 2021

**CBO:** Cost Estimate for H.R. 4374, The Broadband Internet Connections for Rural America Act. November 29, 2021.

**DOI:** Estimates of Anticipated Wildfire Suppression Costs for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022, as required by the Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act. November 2021.

**CBO:** Common Budgetary Terms Explained. December 2, 2021.

**CBO:** Cost estimate for H.R. 4489, the National Forest Restoration and Remediation Act. December 6, 2021.

**CFTC:** Agency Financial Report for FY 2021. December 6, 2021.

**EPA:** Transmittal of the Local Government Advisory Committee Charter, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5. U.S.C App. 2. December 6, 2021.

**CFTC:** Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, in accordance with the requirements of Section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. December 7, 2021.

**Budget Committee:** PAYGO Statements submitted for H.R. 4489, the National Forest Restoration and Remediation Act, in accordance with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933). December 8, 2021.

**EPA:** Proposed Rule titled “Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators; Extension of Deadline to Expiration Date of Certification Plans.” identified in the Regulatory Agenda under RIN 2070–AL00. December 9, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress describing the status of steps taken to carry out the duties of the National Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator, pursuant to Section 12304 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. December 9, 2021.

**USDA:** Annual Report to Congress of civil rights complaints, resolutions, and actions for Fiscal Year 2020, pursuant to the requirements of Section 14010 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. December 10, 2021.

**EPA:** Notification of decrease in Annual Pesticide Registration Maintenance Fees. December 10, 2021.

**USDA:** CCC and FSA Final Rule amending regulations for Dairy Margin Coverage to allow supplemental DMC payments to participating eligible dairy operations. 7 CFR Parts 1410, 1421, 1425, 1430, 1434, and 1435, RIN 0560–A159. December 13, 2021.

**USDA:** FSIS Announcement of updates to Guidelines for Small and Very Small Meat and Poultry Establishments regarding Cooking and Stabilization on Meat and Poultry Products. December 13, 2021.

**FDA:** 2020 Summary Report on Antimicrobials Sold or Distributed for Use in Food Producing Animals. December 14, 2021.

**FCA:** OIG Inspection Report “The Farm Credit Administration’s Property Management Program.” December 14, 2021.

**USDA:** APHIS Evaluation of Virulent *Aeromonas hydrophila* in Farmed Catfish. December 14, 2021.

**USDA:** Report on the Centers of Excellence at 1890 Institutions Program, pursuant to Section 7213 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. December 16, 2021.

**USDA:** Report on the action plans developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for high consequence plant pests and diseases, as required by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. December 16, 2021.

**USDA:** Report from the Office of the Chief Economist that contains an estimate of the quantity of food waste during the past year and the results of the food waste reduction and loss prevention activities carried out or led by the Department, pursuant to Section 12504 of Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. December 21, 2021.

**USDA:** Report describing the Enhanced Use Authority at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, in accordance with Section 7601 of the Conference Report to accompany the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. December 23, 2021.

**GAO:** Report on a major rule promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business-Cooperative Service entitled "Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Biofuel Producer Program for Fiscal Year 2021." B-333849. December 27, 2021.

**USDA:** FS Transmittal of Final Map and Perimeter Boundary description package for the Bethune Woods—Flatside Wilderness on the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas. December 29, 2021.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on the enhanced use lease authority at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, as required in Section 7601 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. January 4, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress: USDA Food Loss and Waste Activities, Results, and New Estimates, as required in Section 12504 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. January 6, 2022.

**APHIS:** Posting of investigative and enforcement services annual enforcement data reports. January 7, 2022.

**FNS and USCIS:** Letter reaffirming public charge policy regarding SNAP. January 12, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Infrastructure Oversight Plan. January 14, 2022.

**FDA:** Report highlighting *Salmonella* outbreak in packaged leafy greens produced in a controlled environment agriculture operation. January 14, 2022.

**EPA:** Draft proposed rule, titled "Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators; Further Extension to Expiration Date of Certification Plans." January 19, 2022.

**EPA:** Transmission of Agency's identification of federal financial assistance infrastructure programs. January 21, 2022.

**USDA:** Update regarding the pilot program allowing Region 1 and Region 3 Regional Forests in Montana and Arizona to process and approve Resource Advisory Committee appointments. January 24, 2022.

**GAO:** Update regarding future review of AgARDA. January 26, 2022.

**USDA:** Release of *Federal Register* action on semiannual regulatory agenda. January 28, 2022.

**RMA:** Report to Congress on adequate coverage for states and underserved producers, as required in Section 11108 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. Undated.

**USDA:** Announcement of inaugural federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture. February 1, 2022.

**GAO:** USDA Market Facilitation Program: Oversight of Future Supplemental Assistance to Farmers Could Be Improved. February 3, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Chairman Scott accounting for both redemption rate and account balances of SNAP. February 3, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on grant outcomes of GusNIP, as required in Section 4205 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. February 3, 2022.

**EPA:** Congressional notification on issuing of final registration review decision requiring the cancellation of pentachlorophenol to protect human health. February 4, 2022.

**EPA:** Transmittal of EPA Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee Charter. February 4, 2022.

**CFTC:** Letter to Congress re: questions regarding the scope and size of digital asset markets, the risks and potential benefits of these emerging technologies, and the potential role of CFTC. February 8, 2022.

**USDA:** World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates February 2022. February 9, 2022.

**FDA:** Release on guidance for industry on enforcement approach to human food with chlorpyrifos residues following EPA tolerance revocations. February 9, 2022.

**USDA:** Rule proposal for transparency in poultry grower contracting and tournaments. February 10, 2022.

**USDA:** Announcement of National Honey Board appointments. February 10, 2022.

**USDA:** Announcement of National Potato Promotion Board appointments. February 10, 2022.

**CoBANK:** Report—Food Manufacturers' Surprise Profitability Set to Continue, Inflation Will Test Consumers. February 10, 2022.

**FSIS:** Announcement on comment request on proposed pathogen reduction performance standards for *Salmonella* in raw comminuted pork and raw pork cuts. February 11, 2022.

**FCA:** Proposed rule—Conservators and Receivers. February 15, 2022.

**FNS:** Report—Best Practices in SNAP E&T Programs: 2016–2020, as required in section 4022 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. February 15, 2022.

**USDA:** FPAC staffing update. February 15, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress—Organic Certification Cost Share Program. February 16, 2022.

**AMS:** Announcement in competitive grant funding for Acer and FSMIP. February 16, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Prior OIG Audits Relevant to NRCS' Infrastructure Funding. February 17, 2022.

**CEQ:** Publication of draft climate and economic justice screening tool. February 18, 2022.

**EPA:** Rule proposal—Pesticide Product Performance Data Requirements for Products Claiming Efficacy Against Certain Invertebrate Pests. February 24, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress—Federal Grain Inspection Service Annual Report. February 28, 2022.

**EPA:** Release of final Analysis of Subsurface Metabolism in Groundwater Modeling. February 28, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Prior OIG Audits Relevant to FS’ Infrastructure Funding. March 8, 2022.

**USDA:** World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates March 2022 Report. March 9, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Market Facilitation Program. March 11, 2022.

**CRA:** Release of study—Feeding the Economy. March 14, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on equitable relief, as required in section 1613 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. March 16, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Prior OIG Audits Relevant to RUS’ Infrastructure Funding. March 18, 2022.

**Department of State:** Report on Mexico Rio Grande Water Deliveries. March 18, 2022.

**CFTC:** FY 2023 Presidential Budget Report. March 21, 2022.

**FNS:** Update to State agencies that administer nutrition programs for promoting access to voting. March 23, 2022.

**USDA:** Report on effectiveness of Restaurant Meals Program, as required in Section 4014 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. March 25, 2022.

**USDA:** Letter to Chairman Scott re: financial assistance to help merchandisers of U.S. cotton. March 25, 2022.

**FS:** Report on Landscape Scale Restoration program, as required in the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. March 25, 2022.

**AMS:** Final rule on NOP Origin of Livestock. March 29, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Rural Development’s Prioritization of Direct Loans and Grants for Facilities Providing Substance Use Disorder Services. Audit Report 04601–0001–24. March 31, 2022.

**FCA:** FY 2023 Proposed Budget and Performance Plan. Undated.

**EPA:** Transmittal of EPA Board of Scientific Counselors charter renewal. April 5, 2022.

**EPA:** Annual report on No FEAR Act. April 6, 2022.

**FPISC:** Report to Congress on progress accomplished by Permitting Council. April 19, 2022.

**HHS:** Report to Congress on Welfare Indicators and Risk Factors. April 20, 2022.

**CFTC:** Newly signed MRAC Charter. April 20, 2022.

**GAO:** Report—Evidence-Based Policy Making: USDA’s Decision to Relocate Research Agencies to Kansas City Was Not Fully Consistent with an Evidence-Based Approach. April 21, 2022.

**USDA:** Announcement of Popcorn Board appointments. April 28, 2022.

**FAPRI-MU:** U.S. Agricultural Market Snapshot, April 2022. May 2, 2022.

**FNS:** Final caseload assignments and administrative grants for 2022 for CSFP. May 2, 2022.

**AMS:** Packers and Stockyards Division’s Annual Report for 2020. May 10, 2022.

**GAO:** Report—Additional Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Billions of Dollars in Financial Benefits. Report GAO–22–105301. May 11, 2022.

**House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis:** Report—How the Trump Administration Helped the Meatpacking Industry Block Pandemic Worker Protections. May 12, 2022.

**USDA:** Report—World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates May 2022. May 12, 2022.

**FNS:** Reports—Evaluation of USDA’s SNAP E&T Pilots: Final Report and Considerations for Administering and Delivering Services in the USDA, SNAP E&T Programs: Lessons From the SNAP E&T Pilots. May 17, 2022.

**GAO:** Report—Tribal Funding: Actions Needed to Improve Information on Federal Funds That Benefit Native Americans. Report GAO–22–104602. May 19, 2022.

**USTR:** Letter to Chairman Scott re: Mexico’s treatment of U.S. ag biotech products. May 20, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Semiannual Report to Congress: First Half October 1, 2021–March 31, 2022. May 24, 2022.

**CFTC OIG:** Report—Semiannual Report to Congress: October 1, 2021–March 31, 2022. May 27, 2022.

**GAO:** Report—*Broadband: National Strategy Needed to Guide Federal Efforts to Reduce Digital Divide*. Report GAO–22–104611. May 31, 2022.

**FPISC:** Quarterly Agency Performance Report for FY 2022 Q1. May 31, 2022.

**GAO:** Report—Global Food Security: Coordination of U.S. Assistance Can Be Improved. June 1, 2022.

**FCA OIG:** Report—Audit Peer Review. June 13, 2022.

**FCA OIG:** Report—FCA’s Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Control Program. June 15, 2022.

**Delta Regional Authority:** Annual Report. June 15, 2022.

**USDA NIFA:** Report—Scholarships for Students at 1890 Institutions, as required in Section 7117 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. June 17, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program. June 23, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—COVID–19—FNS’s PEBT—Interim Report. June 29, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—USDA’s Compliance with Improper Payment Requirements for FY2021. June 29, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—COVID–19—Farmers to Families Food Box Program Administration—Interim Report. June 29, 2022.

**RMA:** Report detailing progress made in developing and improving Federal crop insurance for organic crops. July 7, 2022.

**USDA:** Letter to Chairman Scott re: National Forest Management Act. July 7, 2022.

**Farm Bill Law Enterprise:** Reports. July 11, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—AMS Controls over the SCBGP. July 12, 2022.

**CFTC:** Report—FY 2021 FISMA Report. July 18, 2022.

**GAO:** Snapshot of Healthy Eating. July 19, 2022.

**EPA:** Draft Rule—Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators; Further Extension to Expiration Date of Certification Plans. July 21, 2022.

**FCA OIG:** Report—Survey of Farm Credit System Institutions Regarding the Agency’s Examination Function: First and Second Quarters FY 2022 (Oct. 1, 2022–March 31, 2022). July 21, 2022.

**GAO:** CRA decision about USDA 2021 TFP update. July 28, 2022.



**USDA OIG:** Report—COVID-19—FSIS Pandemic Response at Establishments. July 28, 2022.

**FCA OIG:** Report—FCA's Compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act for FY22. August 4, 2022.

**CBO:** Breakout of Section 21001 of Inflation Reduction Act. August 5, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on activities of USDA performed for FDPIR, as required in section 4003 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. August 5, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress describing NOP activities with respect to domestic and overseas investigations as well as compliance actions taken during preceding year, as required in section 4003 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

**FCA OIG:** Report—FCA's External Communication Process. August 8, 2022.

**AMS:** Final rule submission for OMB review re: strengthening organic enforcement. August 9, 2022.

**CFTC:** Report—FY 2021 Federal Information Security Management Act. August 10, 2022.

**CFTC:** 2022 AAC Charter. August 10, 2022.

**USDA:** Report—World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates August 2022. August 12, 2022.

**FNS:** Report—FY 2019 SNAP Quality Control. August 16, 2022.

**EPA:** Transmittal of FIFRA SAP Charter. August 17, 2022.

**FAPRI-MU:** 2022 Baseline Update for U.S. Ag Markets. August 30, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—USDA Management Challenges. September 2, 2022.

**CBO:** Estimate of Budgetary Effects of P.L. 117-169. September 7, 2022.

**WH OSTP:** Report—Climate and Energy Implications of Crypto-Assets in the U.S. September 8, 2022.

**USDA:** Report—September 2022 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates. September 12, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Independent Service Auditor's Report on National Finance Center's Description of Its Payroll and Personnel Systems and the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of Its Controls for the period October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. September 22, 2022.

**CFTC:** Report to House and Senate Appropriations Committees—Aluminum Futures Markets. September 22, 2022.

**Latino Farmers:** Report—Why the Next Farm Bill Should Focus on Water Quality Outcomes. September 22, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Independent Service Auditor's Report on Financial Management Services' Description of Its Financial Systems and the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of Controls for the period October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. September 23, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—USDA's Compliance with the Geospatial Data Act for FY 2022. September 28, 2022.

**CoBANK:** Report—Renewable Diesel Projected to Turbo Charge Biofuel Growth. September 28, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—ERS's Data Product Review Council Review Process. September 29, 2022.

**FNS:** Interim Final Rule of NAC. September 30, 2022.

**Federal Reserve Bank of NY:** Report—The Financial Stability Implications of Digital Assets. September 30, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress—IR-4 Project Annual Accountability—2021. September 30, 2022.

**Farm Bill Law Enterprise:** Report—Equity in Agricultural Production & Governance. October 3, 2022.

**FSA:** FY 2023 State Strategic Outreach Plans Guidance. October 5, 2022.

**FNS:** Awarding of FY 2022 Healthy Fluid Milk Incentive grant to Auburn University. Undated.

**EPA:** Transmittal letter for draft rule “Pesticides: Addition of Chitosan to the List of Active Ingredients Permitted in Exempted Minimum Risk Pesticide Products.” October 5, 2022.

**APHIS:** Announcement of \$9.4M to control and prevent Chronic Wasting Disease. October 12, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land. October 13, 2022.

**GAO:** Report on major rule promulgated by FNS “SNAP: Requirement for Interstate Data Matching to Prevent Duplicate Issuances.” October 18, 2022.

**USDA:** Information on Section 32 purchases for distribution to nutrition assistance programs. October 27, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on the McGovern Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program. (Section 3107 of 2002 Farm Bill, amended by 2018 Farm Bill.) October 27, 2022.

**NASEM:** Report—Enhancing Coordination Between Land-Grant Universities and Colleges. October 27, 2022.

**USDA:** Announcement of Master Stewardship Agreement Between Forest Service and National Wild Turkey Federation. October 27, 2022.

**WWF:** Report—2022 Plowprint Report. October 28, 2022.

**CFTC:** Report—FY 2022 Consumer Protection Fund Annual Report to Congress. October 31, 2022.

**GAO:** Report—RFS: Actions Needed to Improve Decision-Making in the Small Refinery Exemption Program. November 3, 2022.

**USDA:** Update report on CCC funding for emergency food programs. November 3, 2022.

**ASM:** Farm Bill priorities. November 7, 2022.

**APHIS:** Release of joint strategic plan for Agricultural Quarantine Inspection program. November 8, 2022.

**NASEM:** Report—Evaluating the Process to Develop the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020–2025. November 8, 2022.

**USDA:** World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates November 2022. November 9, 2022.

**USDA:** Announcement of Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative. November 10, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Annual Plan: FY 2023. November 10, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—RD’s Financial Statements for FY 2022/2021. November 14, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—NRCS’s Financial Statements for FY 2022/2021. November 14, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—FCIS and RMA’s Financial Statements for FY 2022/2021. November 14, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—CCC’s Financial Statements for FY 2022/2021. November 14, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—USDA’s Financial Statements for FY 2022/2021. November 16, 2022.

**FNS:** Proposed rule “WIC: Revisions in the WIC Food Packages.” November 17, 2022.

**FBLE:** Report—2023 Farm Bill: FBLE Recommendations Overview. November 21, 2022.

**EPA:** Charter renewal for National Drinking Water Advisory Council. November 21, 2022.

**FCA OIG:** FCA’s Financial Statements FY 2022. November 28, 2022.

**EPA:** Draft Rule—“Pesticides; Agricultural Worker Protection Standard; Reconsideration of the Application Exclusion Zone Amendments.” November 29, 2022.

**FCA OIG:** Report—Semiannual Report to Congress, April 1 to September 30, 2022. November 29, 2022.

**FNS:** Reports—“Characteristics of SNAP Households: FY 2020” and “Early Months of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Characteristics of SNAP Households.” November 29, 2022.

**RMA:** Announcement of new revenue protection plan for oat and rye. November 30, 2022.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on factors that affect export of specialty crops, as required in Section 203 of Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, as amended by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. November 30, 2022.

**USDA:** Report—U.S. International Food Assistance FY 2021, as required in Section 407 of Food for Peace Act, as amended by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. November 30, 2022.

**USDA:** Report—U.S. International Food Assistance FY 2021. (Section 407 of Food for Peace Act, as amended by 2018 Farm Bill.) November 30, 2022.

**RD:** Announcement of accepting grant applications for Distance Learning and Telemedicine program. December 1, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—Semiannual Report to Congress: Second Half April 1, 2022–September 30, 2022. December 1, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—USDA Coronavirus Food Assistant Program Data Story. December 1, 2022.

**USDA:** Publication of final rule in *Federal Register* for Cattle Contracts Library. December 5, 2022.

**FNS:** Release of RFA for second of two rounds of TEFAP Reach and Resiliency Grants. December 5, 2022.

**USDA OIG:** Report—*Cattle Health Program Disease Incident Response*. December 8, 2022.

**BLM:** Correspondence re: Section 4103 of P.L. 116–9, John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. December 8, 2022.

**FNS:** Release of MOU relative to joint application processing for SSI and SNAP. December 8, 2022.

**USDA:** World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates December 2022. December 9, 2022.

**Izaak Walton League of America:** 2023 Farm Bill Agenda. December 13, 2022.

**House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis:** Report—*Solving the Climate Crisis 2022*. December 13, 2022.

**GAO:** Report—*Thrifty Food Plan: Better Planning and Accountability Could Help Ensure Quality of Future Reevaluations*. December 14, 2022.

**USDA:** Announcement of investing \$285M in critical infrastructure to lower energy costs, expand access to clean energy for people across rural America, and combat climate change. December 15, 2022.

**USDA:** Report—Foreign Holdings of U.S. Agricultural Land Through December 31, 2021. December 19, 2022.

**CBO:** Cost estimate for H.R. 267, the 2020 WHIP+ Reauthorization Act. December 22, 2022.

**USDA:** Food for Progress Program for FY 2021, as required by section 1110 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. December 22, 2022.

**USDA:** FSA Report to Congress describing the Agency's program accountability and integrity progress and results. December 27, 2022.

#### C. MEMORIALS

##### April 16, 2021

**ML-8.** The Speaker presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Maine, relative to Resolution S.P. 312, memorializing the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service to include certain nonfood essentials in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

##### June 24, 2021

**ML-41.** Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2001, urging the Congress of the United States to appropriate monies to eradicate Salt Cedars from Arizona's waterway; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

##### June 30, 2021

**ML-45.** The Speaker presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 24, memorializing the United States Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta; to the Committee on Agriculture.

##### August 6, 2021

**ML-72.** The Speaker presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, relative to House Resolution No. 5, urging the U.S. Congress to expand the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program so that it includes farming as an applicable career for loan forgiveness; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**ML-75.** Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 102, urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to list the monarch butterfly as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**September 27, 2021**

**ML-103.** The Speaker presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Oregon, relative to Senate Joint Memorial 3, urging the President and Congress of the United States to provide and fund an expedient and efficient system to fully reimburse state and local government property owners and private property owners for damage to real property that results from the spreading of wildfires originating on federal lands; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**September 29, 2021**

**ML-116.** The Speaker presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas, relative to House Concurrent Resolution 1019, to encourage the United States Congress to review issues related to dairy products and make changes to improve federal milk marketing orders in order to better support dairy farmers; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**March 31, 2022**

**ML-151.** The Speaker presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of Arkansas, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1001, expressing support of requests for federal grant funding for companies creating innovative technologies that benefit Arkansas' agricultural value chain through mitigating bio-security risks; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

**July 22, 2022**

**ML-211.** The Speaker presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 205, urging the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and state departments to address the ongoing fertilizer price increases and shortages that are impacting Michigan farmers; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**July 29, 2022**

**ML-221.** Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 141, urging the Congress to reconcile United States Innovation and Competition Act and American COMPETES Act to expedite funding for semiconductor production and innovation; jointly to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), Agriculture, and Energy and Commerce.

**September 14, 2022**

**ML-234.** Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 150, opposing the designation of additional wilderness areas in Michigan's Upper Peninsula; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**D. PETITIONS****September 23, 2021**

**PT-58.** The Speaker presented a petition of the California Olive Committee, Clovis, California, relative to the 2019–2020 California Olive Committee Annual Report; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**September 28, 2021**

**PT-66.** The Speaker presented a petition of from Illinois State Senator Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, relative to bringing attention to Illinois Senate Resolution 168 which encourages Congress to expand the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to include farming as an applicable career for loan forgiveness; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**September 21, 2022**

**PT-148.** Also, a petition of the New York City Council, relative to Resolution No. 92, calling on the United States Congress to pass and President Joseph Biden to sign the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Veterans' Affairs.

