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AN ACT

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 **(1)** That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-
5 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-
6 tion, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year
7 ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes,
8 namely:

1 TITLE I
2 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
3 PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING
4 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary
7 of Agriculture, and not to exceed \$75,000 for employment
8 under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$2,836,000: *Provided*, That not to
9 exceed \$11,000 of this amount, along with any unobli-
10 gated balances of representation funds in the Foreign Ag-
11 ricultural Service, shall be available for official reception
12 and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for,
13 as determined by the Secretary.

14 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS
15 CHIEF ECONOMIST

16 For necessary expenses of the Chief Economist, in-
17 cluding economic analysis, risk assessment, cost-benefit
18 analysis, and the functions of the World Agricultural Out-
19 look Board, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing
20 Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622g), and including employment
21 pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the
22 Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to
23 exceed \$5,000 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109,
24 \$4,844,000.

1 NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

2 For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Divi-
3 sion, including employment pursuant to the second sen-
4 tence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
5 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$25,000 is for em-
6 ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$11,718,000.

7 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
9 Program Analysis, including employment pursuant to the
10 second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of
11 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000 is
12 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,986,000.

13 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

14 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
15 formation Officer, including employment pursuant to the
16 second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of
17 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000
18 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,773,000.

19 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
21 nancial Officer, including employment pursuant to the sec-
22 ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944
23 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000 is for
24 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,283,000. *Provided,*
25 That the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market
26 cross-servicing activities of the National Finance Center.

1 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
2 ADMINISTRATION

3 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
4 the Assistant Secretary for Administration to carry out
5 the programs funded in this Act, \$613,000.

6 ~~AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL~~
7 PAYMENTS

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
10 ant to Public Law 92-313, including authorities pursuant
11 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-
12 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-
13 culture under 40 U.S.C. 486, for programs and activities
14 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
15 the operation, maintenance, and repair of Agriculture
16 buildings, \$123,385,000. *Provided*, That in the event an
17 agency within the Department should require modification
18 of space needs, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer
19 a share of that agency's appropriation made available by
20 this Act to this appropriation, or may transfer a share
21 of this appropriation to that agency's appropriation, but
22 such transfers shall not exceed 5 percent of the funds
23 made available for space rental and related costs to or
24 from this account. In addition, for construction, repair,
25 improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed

1 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the pro-
2 grams of the Department, where not otherwise provided,
3 \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended; and in
4 addition, for necessary relocation expenses of the Depart-
5 ment's agencies, \$2,700,000, to remain available until ex-
6 pended; making a total appropriation of \$141,085,000.

7 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
10 culture, to comply with the requirement of section 107(g)
11 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Com-
12 pensation, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C.
13 9607(g), and section 6001 of the Resource Conservation
14 and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961,
15 \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
16 *vided*, That appropriations and funds available herein to
17 the Department for Hazardous Waste Management may
18 be transferred to any agency of the Department for its
19 use in meeting all requirements pursuant to the above
20 Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

21 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 For Departmental Administration, \$25,731,000, to
24 provide for necessary expenses for management support
25 services to offices of the Department and for general ad-

1 ministration and disaster management of the Department,
2 repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies
3 and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for
4 the practical and efficient work of the Department, includ-
5 ing employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
6 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of
7 which not to exceed \$10,000 is for employment under 5
8 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
9 reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for
10 travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as re-
11 quired by 5 U.S.C. 551–558.

12 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
13 CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS
14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
16 the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to
17 carry out the programs funded in this Act, including pro-
18 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison
19 within the executive branch, \$3,668,000: *Provided*, That
20 no other funds appropriated to the Department in this Act
21 shall be available to the Department for support of activi-
22 ties of congressional relations: *Provided further*, That not
23 less than \$2,241,000 shall be transferred to agencies fund-
24 ed in this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

1
2 For necessary expenses to carry on services relating
3 to the coordination of programs involving public affairs,
4 for the dissemination of agricultural information, and the
5 coordination of information, work, and programs author-
6 ized by Congress in the Department, \$8,138,000, includ-
7 ing employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
8 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of
9 which not to exceed \$10,000 shall be available for employ-
10 ment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$2,000,000
11 may be used for farmers' bulletins.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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13
14 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector
15 General, including employment pursuant to the second
16 sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
17 U.S.C. 2225), and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as
18 amended, \$63,128,000, including such sums as may be
19 necessary for contracting and other arrangements with
20 public agencies and private persons pursuant to section
21 6(a)(9) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended,
22 including a sum not to exceed \$50,000 for employment
23 under 5 U.S.C. 3109, and including a sum not to exceed
24 \$95,000 for certain confidential operational expenses in-
25 cluding the payment of informants, to be expended under

1 the direction of the Inspector General pursuant to Public
 2 Law 95-452 and section 1337 of Public Law 97-98: *Pro-*
 3 *vided*, That funds transferred to the Office of the Inspee-
 4 tor General through forfeiture proceedings or from the De-
 5 partment of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund or the De-
 6 partment of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund, as a partici-
 7 pating agency, as an equitable share from the forfeiture
 8 of property in investigations in which the Office of the In-
 9 spector General participates, or through the granting of
 10 a Petition for Remission or Mitigation, shall be deposited
 11 to the credit of this account for law enforcement activities
 12 authorized under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as
 13 amended, to remain available until expended.

14 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

15 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
 16 Counsel, \$27,949,000.

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

19 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
 20 the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Eco-
 21 nomics to administer the laws enacted by the Congress
 22 for the Economic Research Service, the National Agricul-
 23 tural Statistics Service, the Agricultural Research Service,
 24 and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Ex-
 25 tension Service, \$540,000.

1 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

2 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
3 Service in conducting economic research and analysis, as
4 authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7
5 U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws, \$71,604,000: *Pro-*
6 *vided*, That this appropriation shall be available for em-
7 ployment pursuant to the second sentence of section
8 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225).

9 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

10 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
11 Statistics Service in conducting statistical reporting and
12 service work, including crop and livestock estimates, sta-
13 tistical coordination and improvements, marketing sur-
14 veys, and the Census of Agriculture notwithstanding 13
15 U.S.C. 142(a) and (b), as authorized by the Agricultural
16 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other
17 laws, \$118,361,000, of which up to \$36,140,000 shall be
18 available until expended for the Census of Agriculture:
19 *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for
20 employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
21 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and
22 not to exceed \$40,000 shall be available for employment
23 under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

1 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

2 For necessary expenses to enable the Agricultural Re-
3 search Service to perform agricultural research and dem-
4 onstration relating to production, utilization, marketing,
5 and distribution (not otherwise provided for); home eco-
6 nomics or nutrition and consumer use including the acqui-
7 sition, preservation, and dissemination of agricultural in-
8 formation; and for acquisition of lands by donation, ex-
9 change, or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,
10 \$725,059,000: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder
11 shall be available for temporary employment pursuant to
12 the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act
13 of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$115,000 shall
14 be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Pro-*
15 *vided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be
16 available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft
17 and the purchase of not to exceed one for replacement
18 only: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder
19 shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for the con-
20 struction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improve-
21 ments, but unless otherwise provided the cost of construct-
22 ing any one building shall not exceed \$250,000, except for
23 headhouses or greenhouses which shall each be limited to
24 \$1,000,000, and except for ten buildings to be constructed
25 or improved at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 each, and

1 the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
2 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
3 value of the building or \$250,000, whichever is greater:
4 *Provided further*, That the limitations on alterations con-
5 tained in this Act shall not apply to modernization or re-
6 placement of existing facilities at Beltsville, Maryland:
7 *Provided further*, That the foregoing limitations shall not
8 apply to replacement of buildings needed to carry out the
9 Act of April 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*,
10 That funds may be received from any State, other political
11 subdivision, organization, or individual for the purpose of
12 establishing or operating any research facility or research
13 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized
14 by law: *Provided further*, That the item under the heading
15 “AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE” in title I of the
16 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Adminis-
17 tration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996
18 (Public Law 104-37; 109 Stat. 304), is amended by strik-
19 ing the penultimate proviso, relating to conveyance of the
20 Pecan Genetics and Improvement Research Laboratory.

21 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
22 be available to carry out research related to the produc-
23 tion, processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco prod-
24 ucts.

1 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

2 For acquisition of land, construction, repair, improve-
3 ment, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equip-
4 ment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural
5 research programs of the Department of Agriculture,
6 where not otherwise provided, \$59,000,000, to remain
7 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That
8 funds may be received from any State, other political sub-
9 division, organization, or individual for the purpose of es-
10 tablishing any research facility of the Agricultural Re-
11 search Service, as authorized by law.

12 COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND
13 EXTENSION SERVICE

14 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

15 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
16 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
17 for other expenses, including \$168,734,000 to carry into
18 effect the provisions of the Hatch Act (7 U.S.C. 361a-
19 361i); \$20,497,000 for grants for cooperative forestry re-
20 search (16 U.S.C. 582a-582a7); \$27,735,000 for pay-
21 ments to the 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee
22 University (7 U.S.C. 3222); \$32,154,000 for special
23 grants for agricultural research (7 U.S.C. 450i(e));
24 \$17,327,000 for special grants for agricultural research
25 on improved pest control (7 U.S.C. 450i(e));

1 \$106,744,000 for competitive research grants (7 U.S.C.
2 450i(b)); \$4,500,000 for the support of animal health and
3 disease programs (7 U.S.C. 3195); \$650,000 for supple-
4 mental and alternative crops and products (7 U.S.C.
5 3319d); \$500,000 for grants for research pursuant to the
6 Critical Agricultural Materials Act of 1984 (7 U.S.C. 178)
7 and section 1472 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977,
8 as amended (7 U.S.C. 3318), to remain available until ex-
9 pended; \$3,000,000 for higher education graduate fellow-
10 ships grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(6)); to remain available
11 until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$4,350,000 for higher
12 education challenge grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(1));
13 \$1,000,000 for a higher education minority scholars pro-
14 gram (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(5)); to remain available until ex-
15 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$2,500,000 for an education
16 grants program for Hispanic-serving Institutions (7
17 U.S.C. 3241); \$4,000,000 for aquaculture grants (7
18 U.S.C. 3322); \$8,000,000 for sustainable agriculture re-
19 search and education (7 U.S.C. 5811); \$9,200,000 for a
20 program of capacity building grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4))
21 to colleges eligible to receive funds under the Act of Au-
22 gust 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321–326 and 328), including
23 Tuskegee University, to remain available until expended
24 (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$1,450,000 for payments to the 1994
25 Institutions pursuant to section 534(a)(1) of Public Law

1 ~~103-382~~; and \$8,882,000 for necessary expenses of Re-
 2 search and Education Activities, of which not to exceed
 3 \$100,000 shall be for employment under ~~5~~ U.S.C. 3109;
 4 in all, ~~\$421,223,000~~.

5 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
 6 be available to carry out research related to the produc-
 7 tion, processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco prod-
 8 ucts.

9 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

10 For establishment of a Native American institutions
 11 endowment fund, as authorized by Public Law ~~103-382~~
 12 (~~7~~ U.S.C. 301 note), \$4,600,000.

13 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

14 Payments to States, the District of Columbia, Puerto
 15 Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Northern
 16 Marianas, and American Samoa: For payments for coop-
 17 erative extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, as
 18 amended, to be distributed under sections 3(b) and 3(e)
 19 of said Act, and under section 208(c) of Public Law ~~93-~~
 20 ~~471~~, for retirement and employees' compensation costs for
 21 extension agents and for costs of penalty mail for coopera-
 22 tive extension agents and State extension directors,
 23 \$268,493,000; payments for extension work at the 1994
 24 Institutions under the Smith-Lever Act (~~7~~ U.S.C.
 25 ~~343(b)(3)~~), \$2,000,000; payments for the nutrition and

1 family education program for low-income areas under sec-
2 tion 3(d) of the Act, \$58,695,000; payments for the pest
3 management program under section 3(d) of the Act,
4 \$10,783,000; payments for the farm safety program under
5 section 3(d) of the Act, \$2,855,000; payments for the pes-
6 ticide impact assessment program under section 3(d) of
7 the Act, \$3,214,000; payments to upgrade 1890 land-
8 grant college research, extension, and teaching facilities
9 as authorized by section 1447 of Public Law 95-113, as
10 amended (7 U.S.C. 3222b), \$7,549,000, to remain avail-
11 able until expended; payments for the rural development
12 centers under section 3(d) of the Act, \$908,000; payments
13 for a groundwater quality program under section 3(d) of
14 the Act, \$9,061,000; payments for youth-at-risk programs
15 under section 3(d) of the Act, \$9,554,000; payments for
16 a food safety program under section 3(d) of the Act,
17 \$2,365,000; payments for carrying out the provisions of
18 the Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978,
19 \$3,192,000; payments for Indian reservation agents under
20 section 3(d) of the Act, \$1,672,000; payments for sustain-
21 able agriculture programs under section 3(d) of the Act,
22 \$3,309,000; payments for cooperative extension work by
23 the colleges receiving the benefits of the second Morrill
24 Act (7 U.S.C. 321-326 and 328) and Tuskegee Univer-
25 sity, \$25,090,000; and for Federal administration and co-

1 ordination including administration of the Smith-Lever
2 Act, as amended, and the Act of September 29, 1977 (7
3 U.S.C. 341-349), as amended, and section 1361(e) of the
4 Act of October 3, 1980 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), and to coordi-
5 nate and provide program leadership for the extension
6 work of the Department and the several States and insular
7 possessions, \$6,370,000; in all, \$415,110,000: *Provided,*
8 That funds hereby appropriated pursuant to section 3(e)
9 of the Act of June 26, 1953, and section 506 of the Act
10 of June 23, 1972, as amended, shall not be paid to any
11 State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, or
12 the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Northern Marianas, and
13 American Samoa prior to availability of an equal sum from
14 non-Federal sources for expenditure during the current
15 fiscal year.

16 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
17 MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

18 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
19 the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory
20 Programs to administer programs under the laws enacted
21 by the Congress for the Animal and Plant Health Inspec-
22 tion Service, the Agricultural Marketing Service, and the
23 Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration,
24 \$618,000.

1 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, including
5 those pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1947, as
6 amended (~~21 U.S.C. 114b–114e~~), necessary to prevent,
7 control, and eradicate pests and plant and animal dis-
8 eases; to carry out inspection, quarantine, and regulatory
9 activities; to discharge the authorities of the Secretary of
10 Agriculture under the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat.
11 1468; ~~7 U.S.C. 426–426b~~); and to protect the environ-
12 ment, as authorized by law, \$424,244,000, of which
13 \$4,443,000 shall be available for the control of outbreaks
14 of insects, plant diseases, animal diseases and for control
15 of pest animals and birds to the extent necessary to meet
16 emergency conditions: *Provided*, That no funds shall be
17 used to formulate or administer a brucellosis eradication
18 program for the current fiscal year that does not require
19 minimum matching by the States of at least 40 percent:
20 *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available
21 for field employment pursuant to the second sentence of
22 section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (~~7 U.S.C.~~
23 ~~2225~~), and not to exceed \$40,000 shall be available for
24 employment under ~~5 U.S.C. 3109~~: *Provided further*, That
25 this appropriation shall be available for the operation and

1 maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed
2 four, of which two shall be for replacement only: *Provided*
3 *further*, That, in addition, in emergencies which threaten
4 any segment of the agricultural production industry of this
5 country, the Secretary may transfer from other appropria-
6 tions or funds available to the agencies or corporations
7 of the Department such sums as he may deem necessary,
8 to be available only in such emergencies for the arrest and
9 eradication of contagious or infectious disease or pests of
10 animals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance
11 with the Act of February 28, 1947, as amended, and sec-
12 tion 102 of the Act of September 21, 1944, as amended,
13 and any unexpended balances of funds transferred for
14 such emergency purposes in the next preceding fiscal year
15 shall be merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided*
16 *further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available
17 pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alter-
18 ation of leased buildings and improvements, but unless
19 otherwise provided the cost of altering any one building
20 during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the
21 current replacement value of the building.

22 In fiscal year 1998 the agency is authorized to collect
23 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
24 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
25 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,

1 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
2 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
3 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
4 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
5 fees shall be credited to this account, to remain available
6 until expended, without further appropriation, for provid-
7 ing such assistance, goods, or services.

8 Of the total amount available under this heading in
9 fiscal year 1998, \$88,000,000 shall be derived from user
10 fees deposited in the Agricultural Quarantine Inspection
11 User Fee Account.

12 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

13 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-
14 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-
15 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as
16 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as
17 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 428a, \$3,200,000, to remain avail-
18 able until expended.

19 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

20 MARKETING SERVICES

21 For necessary expenses to carry on services related
22 to consumer protection, agricultural marketing and dis-
23 tribution, transportation, and regulatory programs, as au-
24 thorized by law, and for administration and coordination
25 of payments to States, including field employment pursu-

1 ant to section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
 2 2225), and not to exceed \$90,000 for employment under
 3 ~~5 U.S.C. 3109, \$45,592,000, including funds for the~~
 4 wholesale market development program for the design and
 5 development of wholesale and farmer market facilities for
 6 the major metropolitan areas of the country: *Provided,*
 7 That this appropriation shall be available pursuant to law
 8 (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings
 9 and improvements, but the cost of altering any one build-
 10 ing during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of
 11 the current replacement value of the building.

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

15 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

16 Not to exceed \$59,521,000 (from fees collected) shall
 17 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-
 18 tive expenses: *Provided,* That if crop size is understated
 19 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may
 20 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification
 21 to the Appropriations Committees.

22 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND
 23 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

24 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

25 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-
 26 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) shall be used only for com-

1 modify program expenses as authorized therein, and other
2 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the
3 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
4 Wildlife Act of August 8, 1956; (2) transfers otherwise
5 provided in this Act; and (3) not more than \$10,690,000
6 for formulation and administration of marketing agree-
7 ments and orders pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing
8 Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, and the Agricultural
9 Act of 1961.

10 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

11 For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus
12 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for
13 marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-
14 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),
15 \$1,200,000.

16 GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS

17 ADMINISTRATION

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
20 of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended,
21 for the administration of the Packers and Stockyards Act,
22 for certifying procedures used to protect purchasers of
23 farm products, and the standardization activities related
24 to grain under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946,
25 as amended, including field employment pursuant to sec-

1 tion 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225),
2 and not to exceed \$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C.
3 3109, \$23,928,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation
4 shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the
5 alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but
6 the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
7 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
8 value of the building.

9 INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

10 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICE

11 EXPENSES

12 Not to exceed \$43,092,000 (from fees collected) shall
13 be obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection
14 and weighing services: *Provided*, That if grain export ac-
15 tivities require additional supervision and oversight, or
16 other uncontrollable factors occur, this limitation may be
17 exceeded by up to 10 percent with notification to the Ap-
18 propriations Committees.

19 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

20 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
21 the Under Secretary for Food Safety to administer the
22 laws enacted by the Congress for the Food Safety and In-
23 spection Service, \$446,000.

1 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

2 For necessary expenses to carry on services author-
3 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended, the
4 Poultry Products Inspection Act, as amended, and the
5 Egg Products Inspection Act, as amended, \$589,263,000,
6 of which \$5,000,000 shall be available for obligation only
7 after a final rule to implement the provisions of subsection
8 (e) of section 5 of the Egg Products Inspection Act (21
9 U.S.C. 1034(e)), as amended, is implemented, and in ad-
10 dition, \$1,000,000 may be credited to this account from
11 fees collected for the cost of laboratory accreditation as
12 authorized by section 1017 of Public Law 102-237: *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for
14 shell egg surveillance under section 5(d) of the Egg Prod-
15 ucts Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1034(d)): *Provided further*,
16 That this appropriation shall be available for field employ-
17 ment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a)
18 of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to
19 exceed \$75,000 shall be available for employment under
20 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That this appropriation
21 shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the
22 alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but
23 the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
24 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
25 value of the building.

1 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM AND
2 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

3 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
4 the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural
5 Services to administer the laws enacted by Congress for
6 the Farm Service Agency, the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
7 ice, the Risk Management Agency, and the Commodity
8 Credit Corporation, \$572,000.

9 FARM SERVICE AGENCY
10 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
11 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-
13 tration and implementation of programs administered by
14 the Farm Service Agency, \$702,203,000: *Provided*, That
15 the Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities,
16 and authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity
17 Credit Corporation to make program payments for all pro-
18 grams administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That
19 other funds made available to the Agency for authorized
20 activities may be advanced to and merged with this ac-
21 count: *Provided further*, That these funds shall be avail-
22 able for employment pursuant to the second sentence of
23 section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
24 2225), and not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be available for
25 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

1 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

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

5 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

7 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity
8 payments to dairy farmers for milk or cows producing
9 such milk and manufacturers of dairy products who have
10 been directed to remove their milk or dairy products from
11 commercial markets because it contained residues of
12 chemicals registered and approved for use by the Federal
13 Government, and in making indemnity payments for milk,
14 or cows producing such milk, at a fair market value to
15 any dairy farmer who is directed to remove his milk from
16 commercial markets because of (1) the presence of prod-
17 ucts of nuclear radiation or fallout if such contamination
18 is not due to the fault of the farmer, or (2) residues of
19 chemicals or toxic substances not included under the first
20 sentence of the Act of August 13, 1968, as amended (7
21 U.S.C. 450j), if such chemicals or toxic substances were
22 not used in a manner contrary to applicable regulations
23 or labeling instructions provided at the time of use and
24 the contamination is not due to the fault of the farmer,
25 \$350,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C.
26 2209b): *Provided*, That none of the funds contained in this

1 Act shall be used to make indemnity payments to any
 2 farmer whose milk was removed from commercial markets
 3 as a result of his willful failure to follow procedures pre-
 4 scribed by the Federal Government: *Provided further,*
 5 That this amount shall be transferred to the Commodity
 6 Credit Corporation: *Provided further,* That the Secretary
 7 is authorized to utilize the services, facilities, and authori-
 8 ties of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the purpose
 9 of making dairy indemnity disbursements.

10 AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM

11 ACCOUNT

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

13 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 14 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by 7 U.S.C.
 15 1928–1929, to be available from funds in the Agricultural
 16 Credit Insurance Fund, as follows: farm ownership loans,
 17 \$430,828,000 of which \$400,000,000 shall be for guaran-
 18 teed loans; operating loans, \$2,341,701,000 of which
 19 \$1,700,000,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed
 20 loans and \$191,701,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed
 21 loans; Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by
 22 25 U.S.C. 488, \$500,000; for emergency insured loans,
 23 \$25,000,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural dis-
 24 asters; for boll weevil eradication program loans as author-
 25 ized by 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$34,653,000; and for credit sales
 26 of acquired property, \$19,432,000.

1 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
2 the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of
3 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: farm
4 ownership loans, \$19,460,000 of which \$15,440,000 shall
5 be for guaranteed loans; operating loans, \$67,255,000 of
6 which \$19,210,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed
7 loans and \$18,480,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed
8 loans; Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by
9 25 U.S.C. 488, \$66,000; for emergency insured loans,
10 \$6,008,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural dis-
11 asters; for boll weevil eradication program loans as author-
12 ized by 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$500,000; and for credit sales of
13 acquired property, \$2,530,000.

14 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
15 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
16 \$218,446,000 of which \$208,446,000 shall be transferred
17 to and merged with the "Farm Service Agency, Salaries
18 and Expenses" account.

19 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

20 For administrative and operating expenses, as au-
21 thorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Re-
22 form Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 6933), \$65,000,000: *Provided,*
23 That not to exceed \$700 shall be available for official re-
24 ception and representation expenses, as authorized by 7
25 U.S.C. 1506(i). In addition, for sales commissions of

1 agents, as authorized by section 516 (7 U.S.C. 1516)
2 \$188,571,000.

3 CORPORATION

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

14 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

15 For payments as authorized by section 516 of the
16 Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, such sums as
17 may be necessary, to remain available until expended (7
18 U.S.C. 2209b).

19 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

20 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

21 For fiscal year 1998, such sums as may be necessary
22 to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for net
23 realized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed
24 (estimated to be \$783,507,000 in the President's fiscal
25 year 1998 Budget Request (H. Doc. 105-3)), but not to

1 exceed \$783,507,000, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of
2 August 17, 1961, as amended (15 U.S.C. 713a-11).

3 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE
4 MANAGEMENT

5 For fiscal year 1998, the Commodity Credit Corpora-
6 tion shall not expend more than \$5,000,000 for expenses
7 to comply with the requirement of section 107(g) of the
8 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
9 and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g), and
10 section 6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery
11 Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961: *Provided*, That ex-
12 penses shall be for operations and maintenance costs only
13 and that other hazardous waste management costs shall
14 be paid for by the USDA Hazardous Waste Management
15 appropriation in this Act.

16 TITLE II
17 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS
18 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR NATURAL
19 RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

20 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
21 the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environ-
22 ment to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for
23 the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conserva-
24 tion Service, \$693,000.

1 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

2 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

3 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
4 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a-590f)
5 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
6 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including
7 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
8 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
9 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
10 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-
11 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
12 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
13 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials
14 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
15 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
16 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 428a); purchase and erection or alter-
17 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
18 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
19 \$610,000,000, to remain available until expended (7
20 U.S.C. 2209b), of which not less than \$5,835,000 is for
21 snow survey and water forecasting and not less than
22 \$8,825,000 is for operation and establishment of the plant
23 materials centers: *Provided*, That appropriations here-
24 under shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for
25 construction and improvement of buildings and public im-

1 improvements at plant materials centers, except that the cost
2 of alterations and improvements to other buildings and
3 other public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Pro-*
4 *vided further*, That when buildings or other structures are
5 erected on non-Federal land, that the right to use such
6 land is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a: *Provided*
7 *further*, That this appropriation shall be available for tech-
8 nical assistance and related expenses to carry out pro-
9 grams authorized by section 202(e) of title II of the Colo-
10 rado River Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974, as amend-
11 ed (43 U.S.C. 1592(e)): *Provided further*, That no part
12 of this appropriation may be expended for soil and water
13 conservation operations under the Act of April 27, 1935
14 (16 U.S.C. 590a-590f) in demonstration projects: *Pro-*
15 *vided further*, That this appropriation shall be available
16 for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
17 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225) and
18 not to exceed \$25,000 shall be available for employment
19 under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That qualified
20 local engineers may be temporarily employed at per diem
21 rates to perform the technical planning work of the Service
22 (16 U.S.C. 590e-2): *Provided further*, That the Secretary
23 is authorized to transfer ownership of land, buildings and
24 related improvements of the plant materials facilities lo-

1 eated at Bow, Washington to the Skagit Conservation Dis-
2 trict.

3 WATERSHED SURVEYS AND PLANNING

4 For necessary expenses to conduct research, inves-
5 tigation, and surveys of watersheds of rivers and other wa-
6 terways, and for small watershed investigations and plan-
7 ning, in accordance with the Watershed Protection and
8 Flood Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954, as
9 amended (16 U.S.C. 1001–1009), \$10,000,000: *Provided,*
10 That this appropriation shall be available for employment
11 pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the
12 Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed
13 \$110,000 shall be available for employment under 5
14 U.S.C. 3109.

15 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

16 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
17 ures, including but not limited to research, engineering op-
18 erations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation,
19 rehabilitation of existing works and changes in use of land,
20 in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood
21 Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954, as amended (16
22 U.S.C. 1001–1005, 1007–1009), the provisions of the Act
23 of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–590f), and in accord-
24 ance with the provisions of laws relating to the activities
25 of the Department, \$101,036,000, to remain available

1 until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b) of which not more than
2 \$50,000,000 shall be available for technical assistance:
3 *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for
4 employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
5 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and
6 not to exceed \$200,000 shall be available for employment
7 under ~~5 U.S.C. 3109~~: *Provided further*, That not to exceed
8 \$1,000,000 of this appropriation is available to carry out
9 the purposes of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Pub-
10 lic Law 93-205), as amended, including cooperative ef-
11 forts as contemplated by that Act to relocate endangered
12 or threatened species to other suitable habitats as may be
13 necessary to expedite project construction.

14 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
15 For necessary expenses in planning and carrying out
16 projects for resource conservation and development and
17 for sound land use pursuant to the provisions of section
18 32(e) of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant
19 Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1010-1011; 76 Stat. 607), the
20 Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a-590f), and the
21 Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3451-
22 3461), \$29,377,000, to remain available until expended (7
23 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
24 available for employment pursuant to the second sentence
25 of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.

1 2225), and not to exceed \$50,000 shall be available for
2 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

3 FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

4 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
5 to carry out the program of forestry incentives, as author-
6 ized in the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978
7 (16 U.S.C. 2101), including technical assistance and relat-
8 ed expenses, \$6,325,000, to remain available until ex-
9 pended, as authorized by that Act.

10 OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

11 For grants and contracts pursuant to section 2501
12 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of
13 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279), \$2,000,000, to remain available
14 until expended.

15 TITLE III

16 RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY

17 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

18 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL

19 DEVELOPMENT

20 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
21 the Under Secretary for Rural Development to administer
22 programs under the laws enacted by the Congress for the
23 Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative
24 Service, and the Rural Utilities Service of the Department
25 of Agriculture, \$588,000.

1 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
2 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
5 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
6 Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to be available from
7 funds in the rural housing insurance fund, as follows:
8 \$3,950,000,000 for loans to section 502 borrowers, as de-
9 termined by the Secretary, of which \$3,000,000,000 shall
10 be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$30,000,000 for
11 section 504 housing repair loans; \$15,000,000 for section
12 514 farm labor housing; \$128,640,000 for section 515
13 rental housing; \$600,000 for section 524 site loans;
14 \$25,000,000 for credit sales of acquired property; and
15 \$587,000 for section 523 self-help housing land develop-
16 ment loans.

17 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
18 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
19 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section
20 502 loans, \$128,500,000, of which \$6,900,000 shall be for
21 unsubsidized guaranteed loans; section 504 housing repair
22 loans, \$10,300,000; section 514 farm labor housing,
23 \$7,388,000; section 515 rental housing, \$68,745,000;
24 credit sales of acquired property, \$3,492,000; and section
25 523 self-help housing land development loans, \$17,000.

1 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
2 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
3 ~~\$354,785,000~~, which shall be transferred to and merged
4 with the appropriation for “Rural Housing Service, Sala-
5 ries and Expenses.”.

6 MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING GUARANTEES

7 For gross obligations for the principal amount of
8 guaranteed loans for the multi-family housing guarantee
9 program as authorized by section 538 of the Housing Act
10 of 1949, as amended, ~~\$19,700,000~~.

11 For the cost of guaranteed loans for the multi-family
12 housing guarantee program as authorized by section 538
13 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, including the
14 cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of the
15 Congressional Budget Act of 1974, ~~\$1,200,000~~.

16 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

17 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
18 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
19 or agreements entered into in lieu of debt forgiveness or
20 payments for eligible households as authorized by section
21 502(e)(5)(D) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended,
22 ~~\$493,870,000~~; and in addition such sums as may be nec-
23 essary, as authorized by section 521(e) of the Act, to liq-
24 uidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry out
25 the rental assistance program under section 521(a)(2) of
26 the Act: *Provided*, That of this amount not more than

1 \$5,900,000 shall be available for debt forgiveness or pay-
2 ments for eligible households as authorized by section
3 502(c)(5)(D) of the Act, and not to exceed \$10,000 per
4 project for advances to nonprofit organizations or public
5 agencies to cover direct costs (other than purchase price)
6 incurred in purchasing projects pursuant to section
7 502(c)(5)(C) of the Act: *Provided further*, That agree-
8 ments entered into or renewed during fiscal year 1998
9 shall be funded for a five-year period, although the life
10 of any such agreement may be extended to fully utilize
11 amounts obligated.

12 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

13 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
14 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
15 1490e), \$26,000,000, to remain available until expended
16 (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

17 RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS

18 For grants pursuant to section 7 of the Cooperative
19 Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-313),
20 \$2,000,000 to fund up to 50 percent of the cost of orga-
21 nizing, training, and equipping rural volunteer fire depart-
22 ments.

23 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

24 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

25 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, agree-
26 ments, and grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 42

1 U.S.C. 1472, 1474, 1479, 1486, and 1490(a), except for
2 sections 381E, 381H, and 381N of the Consolidated Farm
3 and Rural Development Act, \$86,488,000, to remain
4 available until expended, for direct loans and loan guaran-
5 tees for community facilities, community facilities grant
6 program, rural housing for domestic farm labor grants,
7 very low-income housing repair grants, rural housing pres-
8 ervation grants, and compensation for construction defects
9 of the Rural Housing Service: *Provided*, That the cost of
10 direct loans and loan guarantees shall be as defined in
11 section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as
12 amended: *Provided further*, That the amounts appro-
13 priated shall be transferred to loan program and grant ac-
14 counts as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*,
15 That of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed
16 \$1,200,000 shall be available for the cost of direct loans,
17 loan guarantees, and grants to be made available for
18 empowerment zones and enterprise communities as au-
19 thorized by Public Law 103-66: *Provided further*, That
20 if such funds are not obligated for empowerment zones
21 and enterprise communities by June 30, 1998, they re-
22 main available for other authorized purposes under this
23 head.

1 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

2 For necessary expenses of the Rural Housing Service,
3 including administering the programs authorized by the
4 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as
5 amended, title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended,
6 and cooperative agreements, \$58,804,000: *Provided*, That
7 this appropriation shall be available for employment pur-
8 suant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-
9 ganic Act of 1944, and not to exceed \$520,000 may be
10 used for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

11 RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

12 RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For the cost of direct loans, \$16,888,000, as author-
15 ized by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C.
16 9812(a)): *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of
17 modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502
18 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obli-
20 gations for the principal amount of direct loans of
21 \$35,000,000: *Provided further*, That through June 30,
22 1998, of the total amount appropriated, \$3,345,000 shall
23 be available for the cost of direct loans for empowerment
24 zones and enterprise communities, as authorized by title
25 XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993,

1 to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of
2 direct loans, \$7,246,000.

3 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
4 the direct loan programs, \$3,482,000 shall be transferred
5 to and merged with the appropriation for “Rural Busi-
6 ness-Cooperative Service, Salaries and Expenses.”.

7 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM

8 ACCOUNT

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

10 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
11 ized under section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act,
12 as amended, for the purpose of promoting rural economic
13 development and job creation projects, \$25,000,000.

14 For the cost of direct loans, including the cost of
15 modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congres-
16 sional Budget Act of 1974, up to \$5,978,000, to be de-
17 rived by transfer from interest on the cushion of credit
18 payments, as authorized by section 313 of the Rural Elec-
19 trification Act of 1936, as amended, to remain available
20 until expended.

21 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

22 For rural cooperative development grants authorized
23 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and
24 Rural Development Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1932),
25 \$3,000,000, of which up to \$1,300,000 may be available

1 for cooperative agreements for appropriate technology
2 transfer for rural areas program.

3 ~~RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM~~
4 ~~(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)~~

5 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
6 grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1928, and 1932,
7 except for sections 381E, 381H, and 381N of the Consoli-
8 dated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$51,400,000, to
9 remain available until expended, for direct loans and loan
10 guarantees for business and industry assistance and rural
11 business enterprise grants of the Rural Business-Coopera-
12 tive Service: *Provided*, That the cost of direct loans and
13 loan guarantees shall be as defined in section 502 of the
14 Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: *Provided*
15 *further*, That \$500,000 shall be available for grants to
16 qualified nonprofit organizations as authorized under sec-
17 tion 310B(e)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
18 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1932): *Provided further*, That the
19 amounts appropriated shall be transferred to loan pro-
20 gram and grant accounts as determined by the Secretary:
21 *Provided further*, That, of the total amount appropriated,
22 not to exceed \$148,000 shall be available for the cost of
23 direct loans, loan guarantees, and grants to be made avail-
24 able for business and industry loans for empowerment
25 zones and enterprise communities as authorized by Public

1 Law 103-66 and rural development loans for
2 empowerment zones and enterprise communities as au-
3 thorized by title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-
4 ation Act of 1993: *Provided further*, That if such funds
5 are not obligated for empowerment zones and enterprise
6 communities by June 30, 1998, they remain available for
7 other authorized purposes under this head.

8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For necessary expenses of the Rural Business-Coop-
10 erative Service, including administering the programs au-
11 thorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
12 ment Act, as amended; section 1323 of the Food Security
13 Act of 1985; the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926; for
14 activities relating to the marketing aspects of cooperatives;
15 including economic research findings, as authorized by the
16 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946; for activities with in-
17 stitutions concerning the development and operation of ag-
18 ricultural cooperatives; and for cooperative agreements;
19 \$25,680,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
20 available for employment pursuant to the second sentence
21 of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944, and not to
22 exceed \$260,000 may be used for employment under 5
23 U.S.C. 3109.

1 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE
 2 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATION
 3 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT
 4 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

5 Insured loans pursuant to the authority of section
 6 305 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended
 7 (7 U.S.C. 935), shall be made as follows: 5 percent rural
 8 electrification loans, \$125,000,000; 5 percent rural tele-
 9 communications loans, \$75,000,000; cost of money rural
 10 telecommunications loans, \$300,000,000; municipal rate
 11 rural electric loans, \$400,000,000; and loans made pursu-
 12 ant to section 306 of that Act, rural electric,
 13 \$300,000,000 and rural telecommunications,
 14 \$120,000,000, to remain available until expended.

15 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
 16 gressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modi-
 17 fying loans, of direct and guaranteed loans authorized by
 18 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7
 19 U.S.C. 935 and 936), as follows: cost of direct loans,
 20 \$12,461,000; cost of municipal rate loans, \$16,880,000;
 21 cost of money rural telecommunications loans, \$60,000;
 22 cost of loans guaranteed pursuant to section 306,
 23 \$2,760,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
 24 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, bor-
 25 rower interest rates may exceed 7 percent per year.

1 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
2 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
3 \$34,398,000, which shall be transferred to and merged
4 with the appropriation for "Rural Utilities Service, Sala-
5 ries and Expenses."

6 RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

7 The Rural Telephone Bank is hereby authorized to
8 make such expenditures, within the limits of funds avail-
9 able to such corporation in accord with law, and to make
10 such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal
11 year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Govern-
12 ment Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be
13 necessary in carrying out its authorized programs for the
14 current fiscal year. During fiscal year 1998 and within
15 the resources and authority available, gross obligations for
16 the principal amount of direct loans shall be
17 \$175,000,000.

18 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
19 gressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modi-
20 fying loans, of direct loans authorized by the Rural Elec-
21 trification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 935),
22 \$3,710,000.

23 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
24 carry out the loan programs, \$3,000,000, which shall be

1 transferred to and merged with the appropriation for
2 “Rural Utilities Service, Salaries and Expenses.”.

3 DISTANCE LEARNING AND MEDICAL LINK PROGRAM

4 For the cost of direct loans and grants, as authorized
5 by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa et seq., as amended, \$15,030,000, to
6 remain available until expended, to be available for loans
7 and grants for telemedicine and distance learning services
8 in rural areas: *Provided*, That the costs of direct loans
9 shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional
10 Budget Act of 1974.

11 RURAL UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

13 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
14 grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1928, and 1932,
15 except for sections 381E, 381H, and 381N of the Consoli-
16 dated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$577,242,000,
17 to remain available until expended, for direct loans, loan
18 guarantees, and grants for rural water and waste disposal,
19 and solid waste management grants of the Rural Utilities
20 Service: *Provided*, That the cost of direct loans and loan
21 guarantees shall be as defined in section 502 of the Con-
22 gressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That the amounts appropriated shall be transferred
24 to loan program and grant accounts as determined by the
25 Secretary: *Provided further*, That through June 30, 1998,

1 of the total amount appropriated, \$18,700,000 shall be
2 available for the costs of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
3 grants to be made available for empowerment zones and
4 enterprise communities, as authorized by Public Law 103-
5 66: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appro-
6 priated, not to exceed \$18,700,000 shall be for water and
7 waste disposal systems to benefit the Colonias along the
8 United States/Mexico border, including grants pursuant to
9 section 306C of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-
10 opment Act, as amended: *Provided further*, That of the
11 total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$5,200,000 shall
12 be available for contracting with qualified national organi-
13 zations for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-
14 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That
15 an amount not less than that available in fiscal year 1997
16 be set aside and made available for ongoing technical as-
17 sistance under sections 306(a)(14) (7 U.S.C. 1926) and
18 310(B)(b) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
19 ment Act (7 U.S.C. 1932): *Provided further*, That of the
20 total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$8,750,000 shall
21 be for water and waste disposal systems pursuant to sec-
22 tion 757 of Public Law 104-127.

23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

24 For necessary expenses of the Rural Utilities Service,
25 including administering the programs authorized by the
26 Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, and the

1 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as
2 amended, and for cooperative agreements, \$33,000,000:
3 *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for
4 employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
5 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944, and not to exceed
6 \$105,000 may be used for employment under 5 U.S.C.
7 3109.

8 TITLE IV

9 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

10 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,

11 NUTRITION AND CONSUMER SERVICES

12 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
13 the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer
14 Services to administer the laws enacted by the Congress
15 for the Food and Consumer Service, \$454,000.

16 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

18 For necessary expenses to carry out the National
19 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), except section
20 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771
21 et seq.), except sections 17 and 21; \$7,766,966,000, to
22 remain available through September 30, 1999 of which
23 \$2,548,555,000 is hereby appropriated and
24 \$5,218,411,000 shall be derived by transfer from funds
25 available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935

1 (7 U.S.C. 612c): *Provided*, That none of the funds made
2 available under this heading shall be used for studies and
3 evaluations: *Provided further*, That up to \$4,124,000 shall
4 be available for independent verification of school food
5 service claims.

6 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
7 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

8 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
9 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
10 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
11 \$3,924,000,000, to remain available through September
12 30, 1999: *Provided*, That none of the funds made available
13 under this heading shall be used for studies and evalua-
14 tions: *Provided further*, That up to \$12,000,000 may be
15 used to carry out the farmers' market nutrition program
16 from any funds not needed to maintain current caseload
17 levels: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding sections 17
18 (g), (h), and (i) of such Act, the Secretary shall adjust
19 fiscal year 1998 State allocations to reflect food funds
20 available to the State from fiscal year 1997 under section
21 17(i)(3)(A)(ii) and 17(i)(3)(D): *Provided further*, That the
22 Secretary shall allocate funds recovered from fiscal year
23 1997 first to States to maintain stability funding levels,
24 as defined by regulations promulgated under section
25 17(g), and then to give first priority for the allocation of

1 any remaining funds to States whose funding is less than
2 their fair share of funds, as defined by regulations promul-
3 gated under section 17(g): *Provided further*, That none of
4 the funds provided in this account shall be available for
5 the purchase of infant formula except in accordance with
6 the cost containment and competitive bidding require-
7 ments specified in section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act
8 of 1966: *Provided further*, That State agencies required
9 to procure infant formula using a competitive bidding sys-
10 tem may use funds appropriated by this Act to purchase
11 infant formula under a cost containment contract entered
12 into after September 30, 1996 only if the contract was
13 awarded to the bidder offering the lowest net price, as de-
14 fined by section 17(b)(20) of the Child Nutrition Act of
15 1966, unless the State agency demonstrates to the satis-
16 faction of the Secretary that the weighted average retail
17 price for different brands of infant formula in the State
18 does not vary by more than five percent.

19 FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

20 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food Stamp
21 Act (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), \$25,140,479,000, to remain
22 available through September 30, 1998, in accordance with
23 section 18(a) of the Food Stamp Act: *Provided*, That
24 \$100,000,000 of the foregoing amount shall be placed in
25 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times

1 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:
2 *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available
3 under this heading shall be used for studies and evalua-
4 tions: *Provided further*, That funds provided herein shall
5 be expended in accordance with section 16 of the Food
6 Stamp Act: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall
7 be subject to any work registration or workfare require-
8 ments as may be required by law: *Provided further*, That
9 \$1,204,000,000 of the foregoing amount shall be available
10 for nutrition assistance for Puerto Rico as authorized by
11 7 U.S.C. 2028: *Provided further*, That \$100,000,000 of
12 the foregoing amount shall be available to carry out the
13 Emergency Food Assistance Program as authorized by
14 section 27 of the Food Stamp Act.

15 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

16 For necessary expenses to carry out the commodity
17 supplemental food program as authorized by section 4(a)
18 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973
19 (7 U.S.C. 612e note) and provide administrative expenses
20 pursuant to section 204 of the Emergency Food Assist-
21 ance Act of 1983, \$141,000,000, to remain available
22 through September 30, 1999: *Provided*, That none of
23 these funds shall be available to reimburse the Commodity
24 Credit Corporation for commodities donated to the pro-
25 gram.

1 FOOD DONATIONS PROGRAMS FOR SELECTED GROUPS

2 For necessary expenses to carry out section 4(a) of
3 the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7
4 U.S.C. 612e note), and section 311 of the Older Ameri-
5 cans Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3030a),
6 \$141,165,000 (increased by \$5,000,000), to remain avail-
7 able through September 30, 1999.

8 FOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

9 For necessary administrative expenses of the domes-
10 tie food programs funded under this Act, \$104,128,000,
11 of which \$5,000,000 shall be available only for simplifying
12 procedures, reducing overhead costs, tightening regula-
13 tions, improving food stamp coupon handling, and assist-
14 ance in the prevention, identification, and prosecution of
15 fraud and other violations of law: *Provided*, That this ap-
16 propriation shall be available for employment pursuant to
17 the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act
18 of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$150,000 shall
19 be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

1 TITLE V
2 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED
3 PROGRAMS
4 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SALES
5 MANAGER
6 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

7 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
8 Service, including carrying out title VI of the Agricultural
9 Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1761-1768), market
10 development activities abroad, and for enabling the Sec-
11 retary to coordinate and integrate activities of the Depart-
12 ment in connection with foreign agricultural work, includ-
13 ing not to exceed \$128,000 for representation allowances
14 and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved
15 August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$135,561,000, of which
16 \$3,231,000 may be transferred from the Export Loan
17 Program account in this Act, and \$1,035,000 may be
18 transferred from the Public Law 480 program account in
19 this Act: *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances
20 of funds, or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures
21 made on behalf of Federal agencies, public and private or-
22 ganizations and institutions under agreements executed
23 pursuant to the agricultural food production assistance
24 programs (7 U.S.C. 1736) and the foreign assistance pro-

1 grams of the International Development Cooperation Ad-
2 ministration (~~22 U.S.C. 2392~~).

3 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
4 be available to promote the sale or export of tobacco or
5 tobacco products.

6 PUBLIC LAW 480 PROGRAM AND GRANT ACCOUNTS

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-
9 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-
10 cluding interest thereon, under the Agricultural Trade De-
11 velopment and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7
12 U.S.C. 1691, 1701-1715, 1721-1726, 1727-1727f, and
13 1731-1736g), as follows: (1) \$225,798,000 for Public
14 Law 480 title I credit, including Food for Progress pro-
15 grams; (2) \$12,250,000 is hereby appropriated for ocean
16 freight differential costs for the shipment of agricultural
17 commodities pursuant to title I of said Act and the Food
18 for Progress Act of 1985, as amended; (3) \$837,000,000
19 is hereby appropriated for commodities supplied in connec-
20 tion with dispositions abroad pursuant to title II of said
21 Act; and (4) \$30,000,000 is hereby appropriated for com-
22 modities supplied in connection with dispositions abroad
23 pursuant to title III of said Act: *Provided*, That not to
24 exceed 15 percent of the funds made available to carry
25 out any title of said Act may be used to carry out any

1 other title of said Act: *Provided further*, That such sums
2 shall remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

3 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
4 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct credit agreements
5 as authorized by the Agricultural Trade Development and
6 Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, and the Food for
7 Progress Act of 1985, as amended, including the cost of
8 modifying credit agreements under said Act,
9 \$175,738,000.

10 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
11 the Public Law 480 title I credit program, and the Food
12 for Progress Act of 1985, as amended, to the extent funds
13 appropriated for Public Law 480 are utilized, \$1,780,000.

14 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT LOANS

15 PROGRAM ACCOUNT

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-
18 modity Credit Corporation's export guarantee program,
19 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$3,820,000; to cover common
20 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-
21 modity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity
22 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of which not
23 to exceed \$3,231,000 may be transferred to and merged
24 with the appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the
25 Foreign Agricultural Service, and of which not to exceed

1 \$589,000 may be transferred to and merged with the ap-
2 propriation for the salaries and expenses of the Farm
3 Service Agency.

4 EXPORT CREDIT

5 The Commodity Credit Corporation shall make avail-
6 able not less than \$5,500,000,000 in credit guarantees
7 under its export credit guarantee program extended to fi-
8 nance the export sales of United States agricultural com-
9 modities and the products thereof, as authorized by sec-
10 tion 202(a) and (b) of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978
11 (7 U.S.C. 5641).

12 EMERGING-MARKETS EXPORT CREDIT

13 The Commodity Credit Corporation shall make avail-
14 able not less than \$200,000,000 in credit guarantees
15 under its export guarantee program for credit expended
16 to finance the export sales of United States agricultural
17 commodities and the products thereof to emerging mar-
18 kets, as authorized by section 1542 of Public Law 101-
19 624 (7 U.S.C. 5622 note).

1 TITLE VI
2 RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG
3 ADMINISTRATION
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
5 SERVICES
6 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger
10 motor vehicles; for rental of special purpose space in the
11 District of Columbia or elsewhere; and for miscellaneous
12 and emergency expenses of enforcement activities, author-
13 ized and approved by the Secretary and to be accounted
14 for solely on the Secretary's certificate, not to exceed
15 \$25,000; \$857,971,000 (reduced by \$5,470,000): *Pro-*
16 *vided*, That none of these funds shall be used to develop,
17 establish, or operate any program of user fees authorized
18 by 31 U.S.C. 9701.

19 In addition, fees pursuant to section 354 of the Pub-
20 lic Health Service Act may be credited to this account,
21 to remain available until expended.

22 In addition, fees pursuant to section 801 of the Fed-
23 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act may be credited to
24 this account, to remain available until expended.

1 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

2 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-
3 sion, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facili-
4 ties of or used by the Food and Drug Administration,
5 where not otherwise provided, \$21,350,000, to remain
6 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

7 RENTAL PAYMENTS (FDA)

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
10 ant to Public Law 92-313 for programs and activities of
11 the Food and Drug Administration which are included in
12 this Act, \$46,294,000: *Provided*, That in the event the
13 Food and Drug Administration should require modifica-
14 tion of space needs, a share of the salaries and expenses
15 appropriation may be transferred to this appropriation, or
16 a share of this appropriation may be transferred to the
17 salaries and expenses appropriation, but such transfers
18 shall not exceed 5 percent of the funds made available for
19 rental payments (FDA) to or from this account.

20 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

21 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE

22 PAYMENTS TO THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM FINANCIAL
23 ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

24 For necessary payments to the Farm Credit System
25 Financial Assistance Corporation by the Secretary of the

1 Treasury, as authorized by section 6.28(e) of the Farm
 2 Credit Act of 1971, as amended, for reimbursement of in-
 3 terest expenses incurred by the Financial Assistance Cor-
 4 poration on obligations issued through 1994, as author-
 5 ized, \$7,728,000.

6 **INDEPENDENT AGENCIES**

7 **COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

8 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
 9 of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U.S.C.
 10 1 et seq.), including the purchase and hire of passenger
 11 motor vehicles; the rental of space (to include multiple
 12 year leases) in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and
 13 not to exceed \$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C.
 14 3109; \$57,101,000, including not to exceed \$1,000 for of-
 15 ficial reception and representation expenses: *Provided,*
 16 That the Commission is authorized to charge reasonable
 17 fees to attendees of Commission sponsored educational
 18 events and symposia to cover the Commission's costs of
 19 providing those events and symposia, and notwithstanding
 20 31 U.S.C. 3302, said fees shall be credited to this account,
 21 to be available without further appropriation.

22 **FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**

23 **LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

24 Not to exceed \$34,423,000 (from assessments col-
 25 lected from farm credit institutions and from the Federal

1 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
2 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
3 as authorized under ~~12 U.S.C. 2249~~. *Provided*, That this
4 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-
5 ceiverships.

6 TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

7 SEC. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law,
8 appropriations and authorizations made for the Depart-
9 ment of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1998 under this
10 Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those
11 specifically provided for, of not to exceed 394 passenger
12 motor vehicles, of which 391 shall be for replacement only,
13 and for the hire of such vehicles.

14 SEC. 702. Funds in this Act available to the Depart-
15 ment of Agriculture shall be available for uniforms or al-
16 lowances therefor as authorized by law (~~5 U.S.C. 5901–~~
17 ~~5902~~).

18 SEC. 703. Not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropria-
19 tions of the Department of Agriculture in this Act for re-
20 search and service work authorized by the Acts of August
21 14, 1946, and July 28, 1954 (~~7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1629~~),
22 and by chapter ~~63~~ of title ~~31~~, United States Code, shall
23 be available for contracting in accordance with said Acts
24 and chapter.

1 SEC. 704. The cumulative total of transfers to the
2 Working Capital Fund for the purpose of accumulating
3 growth capital for data services and National Finance
4 Center operations shall not exceed \$2,000,000: *Provided,*
5 That no funds in this Act appropriated to an agency of
6 the Department shall be transferred to the Working Cap-
7 ital Fund without the approval of the agency adminis-
8 trator.

9 SEC. 705. New obligational authority provided for the
10 following appropriation items in this Act shall remain
11 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Animal and
12 Plant Health Inspection Service, the contingency fund to
13 meet emergency conditions, fruit fly program, and inte-
14 grated systems acquisition project; Farm Service Agency,
15 salaries and expenses funds made available to county com-
16 mittees; and Foreign Agricultural Service, middle-income
17 country training program.

18 New obligational authority for the boll weevil pro-
19 gram; up to 10 percent of the screwworm program of the
20 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Food Safety
21 and Inspection Service, field automation and information
22 management project; funds appropriated for rental pay-
23 ments; funds for the Native American Institutions Endow-
24 ment Fund in the Cooperative State Research, Education,
25 and Extension Service; and funds for the competitive re-

1 search grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), shall remain available
2 until expended.

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

6 SEC. 707. Not to exceed \$50,000 of the appropria-
7 tions available to the Department of Agriculture in this
8 Act shall be available to provide appropriate orientation
9 and language training pursuant to Public Law 94-449.

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

22 SEC. 709. Notwithstanding any other provision of
23 this Act, commodities acquired by the Department in con-
24 nection with Commodity Credit Corporation and section
25 32 price support operations may be used, as authorized

1 by law (15 U.S.C. 714e and 7 U.S.C. 612e), to provide
2 commodities to individuals in cases of hardship as deter-
3 mined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

4 SEC. 710. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
5 able to reimburse the General Services Administration for
6 payment of space rental and related costs in excess of the
7 amounts specified in this Act; nor shall this or any other
8 provision of law require a reduction in the level of rental
9 space or services below that of fiscal year 1997 or prohibit
10 an expansion of rental space or services with the use of
11 funds otherwise appropriated in this Act. Further, no
12 agency of the Department of Agriculture, from funds oth-
13 erwise available, shall reimburse the General Services Ad-
14 ministration for payment of space rental and related costs
15 provided to such agency at a percentage rate which is
16 greater than is available in the case of funds appropriated
17 in this Act.

18 SEC. 711. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
19 able to restrict the authority of the Commodity Credit
20 Corporation to lease space for its own use or to lease space
21 on behalf of other agencies of the Department of Agri-
22 culture when such space will be jointly occupied.

23 SEC. 712. With the exception of grants awarded
24 under the Small Business Innovation Development Act of
25 1982, Public Law 97-219, as amended (15 U.S.C. 638),

1 none of the funds in this Act shall be available to pay
2 indirect costs on research grants awarded competitively by
3 the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension
4 Service that exceed 14 percent of total Federal funds pro-
5 vided under each award.

6 SEC. 713. Notwithstanding any other provisions of
7 this Act, all loan levels provided of this Act shall be consid-
8 ered estimates, not limitations.

9 SEC. 714. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-
10 culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made
11 available in fiscal year 1998 shall remain available until
12 expended to cover obligations made in fiscal year 1998 for
13 the following accounts: the rural development loan fund
14 program account; the Rural Telephone Bank program ac-
15 count; the rural electrification and telecommunications
16 loans program account; and the rural economic develop-
17 ment loans program account.

18 SEC. 715. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
19 year 1998 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall
20 be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.

21 SEC. 716. (a) COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICAN
22 ACT.—None of the funds made available in this Act may
23 be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees that in
24 expending the funds the entity will comply with sections

1 2 through 4 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 10a-
2 10e; popularly known as the “Buy American Act”).

3 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS; REQUIREMENT REGARD-
4 ING NOTICE.—

5 (1) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT
6 AND PRODUCTS.—In the case of any equipment or
7 product that may be authorized to be purchased
8 with financial assistance provided using funds made
9 available in this Act, it is the sense of the Congress
10 that entities receiving the assistance should, in ex-
11 pending the assistance, purchase only American-
12 made equipment and products.

13 (2) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE.—
14 In providing financial assistance using funds made
15 available in this Act, the head of each Federal agen-
16 cy shall provide to each recipient of the assistance
17 a notice describing the statement made in paragraph
18 (1) by the Congress.

19 (c) PROHIBITION OF CONTRACTS WITH PERSONS
20 FALSELY LABELING PRODUCTS AS MADE IN AMERICA.—

21 If it has been finally determined by a court or Federal
22 agency that any person intentionally affixed a label bear-
23 ing a “Made in America” inscription, or any inscription
24 with the same meaning, to any product sold in or shipped
25 to the United States that is not made in the United

1 States, the person shall be ineligible to receive any con-
2 tract or subcontract made with funds made available in
3 this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and ineli-
4 gibility procedures described in sections 9.400 through
5 9.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

6 SEC. 717. Notwithstanding the Federal Grant and
7 Cooperative Agreement Act, marketing services of the Ag-
8 ricultural Marketing Service and the Animal and Plant
9 Health Inspection Service may use cooperative agreements
10 to reflect a relationship between the Agricultural Market-
11 ing Service or the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
12 Service and a State or Cooperator to carry out agricultural
13 marketing programs or to carry out programs to protect
14 the Nation's animal and plant resources.

15 SEC. 718. None of the funds in this Act may be used
16 to retire more than 5 percent of the Class A stock of the
17 Rural Telephone Bank or to maintain any account or sub-
18 account within the accounting records of the Rural Tele-
19 phone Bank the creation of which has not specifically been
20 authorized by statute: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
21 other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or
22 otherwise made available in this Act may be used to trans-
23 fer to the Treasury or to the Federal Financing Bank any
24 unobligated balance of the Rural Telephone Bank tele-
25 phone liquidating account which is in excess of current

1 requirements and such balance shall receive interest as set
2 forth for financial accounts in section 505(e) of the Fed-
3 eral Credit Reform Act of 1990.

4 SEC. 719. None of the funds made available in this
5 Act may be used to provide assistance to, or to pay the
6 salaries of personnel who carry out a market promotion/
7 market access program pursuant to section 203 of the Ag-
8 ricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5623) that pro-
9 vides assistance to the United States Mink Export Devel-
10 opment Council or any mink industry trade association.

11 SEC. 720. Of the funds made available by this Act,
12 not more than \$1,000,000 shall be used to cover necessary
13 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,
14 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department
15 of Agriculture except for panels used to comply with nego-
16 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-
17 tively awarded grants.

18 SEC. 721. None of the funds appropriated or other-
19 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
20 salaries and expenses of personnel who carry out an export
21 enhancement program if the aggregate amount of funds
22 and/or commodities under such program exceeds
23 \$205,000,000.

24 SEC. 722. No employee of the Department of Agri-
25 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or

1 office funded by this Act to any other agency or office
2 of the Department for more than 30 days unless the indi-
3 vidual's employing agency or office is fully reimbursed by
4 the receiving agency or office for the salary and expenses
5 of the employee for the period of assignment.

6 SEC. 723. None of the funds appropriated or other-
7 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture
8 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available to
9 any non-Department of Agriculture employee questions or
10 responses to questions that are a result of information re-
11 quested for the appropriations hearing process.

12 SEC. 724. None of the funds appropriated or other-
13 wise made available in this Act may be expended or obli-
14 gated to fund the activities of the Western Director and
15 Special Assistant to the Secretary within the Office of the
16 Secretary of Agriculture or any similar position.

17 SEC. 725. None of the funds made available to the
18 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-
19 quire new information technology systems or significant
20 upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-
21 mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-
22 tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-
23 tion Technology Investment Review Board.

24 SEC. 726. For an additional amount for the purposes
25 provided for under the heading "DEPARTMENTAL ADMIN-

1 ISTRATION” in title I of this Act, \$1,500,000, and the
2 amount provided under “NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STA-
3 TISTICS SERVICE” is hereby reduced by \$1,500,000.

4 SEC. 727. None of the funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available by this Act may be made available
6 to provide assistance to the Democratic People’s Republic
7 of Korea, except for assistance that is provided directly
8 to needy people by the United Nations World Food Pro-
9 gram or private voluntary organizations registered with
10 the United States Agency for International Development,
11 and not by the Government of the Democratic People’s
12 Republic of Korea.

13 SEC. 728. None of the funds made available in title
14 III of this Act may be used to provide any assistance
15 (other than the servicing of loans made on or before Sep-
16 tember 30, 1997) under any program under title V of the
17 Housing Act of 1949 relating to any housing or project
18 located, or to be located, in the City of Galt, California.

19 This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-
20 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
21 Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998”.

22 *That the following sums are appropriated, out of any*
23 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-*
24 *riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-*

1 *tion, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year end-*
2 *ing September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; namely:*

3 *TITLE I*

4 *AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS*

5 *PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING*

6 *OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

8 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary*
9 *of Agriculture, and not to exceed \$75,000 for employment*
10 *under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$2,836,000: Provided, That not to ex-*
11 *ceed \$11,000 of this amount, along with any unobligated*
12 *balances of representation funds in the Foreign Agricultural*
13 *Service, shall be available for official reception and rep-*
14 *resentation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as deter-*
15 *mined by the Secretary: Provided further, That none of the*
16 *funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act*
17 *may be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel*
18 *of the Department of Agriculture to carry out section*
19 *793(c)(1)(C) of Public Law 104–127: Provided further,*
20 *That none of the funds made available by this Act may*
21 *be used to enforce section 793(d) of Public Law 104–127.*

22 *EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS*

23 *CHIEF ECONOMIST*

24 *For necessary expenses of the Chief Economist, includ-*
25 *ing economic analysis, risk assessment, cost-benefit analy-*

1 *sis, and the functions of the World Agricultural Outlook*
2 *Board, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of*
3 *1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622g), and including employment pursu-*
4 *ant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic*
5 *Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000*
6 *is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,252,000.*

7 *NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION*

8 *For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Divi-*
9 *sion, including employment pursuant to the second sentence*
10 *of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.*
11 *2225), of which not to exceed \$25,000 is for employment*
12 *under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$12,360,000.*

13 *OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS*

14 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and Pro-*
15 *gram Analysis, including employment pursuant to the sec-*
16 *ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944*
17 *(7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000 is for em-*
18 *ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,986,000.*

19 *OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS*

20 *UTILIZATION*

21 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Small and Dis-*
22 *advantaged Business Utilization, including employment*
23 *pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-*
24 *ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed*
25 *\$5,000 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$783,000.*

1 *OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER*

2 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Infor-*
3 *mation Officer, including employment pursuant to the sec-*
4 *ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944*
5 *(7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000 is for em-*
6 *ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,773,000.*

7 *CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER*

8 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Finan-*
9 *cial Officer, including employment pursuant to the second*
10 *sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7*
11 *U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000 is for employ-*
12 *ment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,283,000: Provided, That the*
13 *Chief Financial Officer shall actively market cross-servicing*
14 *activities of the National Finance Center.*

15 *OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR*

16 *ADMINISTRATION*

17 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
18 *Assistant Secretary for Administration to carry out the*
19 *programs funded in this Act, \$613,000.*

20 *AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL*

21 *PAYMENTS*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

23 *For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-*
24 *ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant*
25 *to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Administrator*

1 *of General Services to the Department of Agriculture under*
2 *40 U.S.C. 486, for programs and activities of the Depart-*
3 *ment which are included in this Act, and for the operation,*
4 *maintenance, modification, and repair of buildings and fa-*
5 *cilities as necessary to carry out the programs of the De-*
6 *partment, where not otherwise provided, \$123,385,000: Pro-*
7 *vided, That in the event an agency within the Department*
8 *should require modification of space needs, the Secretary*
9 *of Agriculture may transfer a share of that agency's appro-*
10 *priation made available by this Act to this appropriation,*
11 *or may transfer a share of this appropriation to that agen-*
12 *cy's appropriation, but such transfers shall not exceed 5*
13 *percent of the funds made available for space rental and*
14 *related costs to or from this account. In addition, for con-*
15 *struction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and*
16 *purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to*
17 *carry out the programs of the Department, where not other-*
18 *wise provided, \$5,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
19 *pended; and in addition, for necessary relocation expenses*
20 *of the Department's agencies, \$2,700,000, to remain avail-*
21 *able until expended; making a total appropriation of*
22 *\$131,085,000.*

1 *HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT*
2 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

3 *For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-*
4 *culture, to comply with the requirement of section 107(g)*
5 *of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensa-*
6 *tion, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g),*
7 *and section 6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recov-*
8 *ery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961, \$15,700,000, to re-*
9 *main available until expended: Provided, That appropria-*
10 *tions and funds available herein to the Department for Haz-*
11 *ardous Waste Management may be transferred to any agen-*
12 *cy of the Department for its use in meeting all requirements*
13 *pursuant to the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal*
14 *lands.*

15 *DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION*
16 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

17 *For Departmental Administration, \$26,948,000, to*
18 *provide for necessary expenses for management support*
19 *services to offices of the Department and for general admin-*
20 *istration and disaster management of the Department, re-*
21 *pairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies and*
22 *expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the*
23 *practical and efficient work of the Department, including*
24 *employment pursuant to the second sentence of section*
25 *706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which*

1 *not to exceed \$10,000 is for employment under 5 U.S.C.*
2 *3109: Provided, That this appropriation shall be reim-*
3 *bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for travel*
4 *expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required by*
5 *5 U.S.C. 551–558: Provided further, That of the total*
6 *amount appropriated, not less than \$13,774,000 shall be*
7 *made available for civil rights enforcement, of which up to*
8 *\$3,000,000 shall be provided to establish an investigative*
9 *unit within the Office of Civil Rights.*

10 *OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR*

11 *CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS*

12 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

13 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
14 *Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to carry out*
15 *the programs funded in this Act, including programs in-*
16 *volving intergovernmental affairs and liaison within the ex-*
17 *ecutive branch, \$3,668,000: Provided, That no other funds*
18 *appropriated to the Department in this Act shall be avail-*
19 *able to the Department for support of activities of congres-*
20 *sional relations: Provided further, That not less than*
21 *\$2,241,000 shall be transferred to agencies funded in this*
22 *Act to maintain personnel at the agency level.*

23 *OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS*

24 *For necessary expenses to carry on services relating to*
25 *the coordination of programs involving public affairs, for*

1 *the dissemination of agricultural information, and the co-*
2 *ordination of information, work, and programs authorized*
3 *by Congress in the Department, \$8,138,000, including em-*
4 *ployment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a)*
5 *of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not*
6 *to exceed \$10,000 shall be available for employment under*
7 *5 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$2,000,000 may be used*
8 *for farmers' bulletins.*

9 *OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

11 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector*
12 *General, including employment pursuant to the second sen-*
13 *tence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.*
14 *2225), and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended,*
15 *\$63,728,000, including such sums as may be necessary for*
16 *contracting and other arrangements with public agencies*
17 *and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-*
18 *spector General Act of 1978, as amended, including a sum*
19 *not to exceed \$50,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109;*
20 *and including a sum not to exceed \$125,000, for certain*
21 *confidential operational expenses including the payment of*
22 *informants, to be expended under the direction of the In-*
23 *spector General pursuant to Public Law 95-452 and section*
24 *1337 of Public Law 97-98: Provided, That funds trans-*
25 *ferred to the Office of the Inspector General through forfeit-*

1 *ure proceedings or from the Department of Justice Assets*
2 *Forfeiture Fund or the Department of the Treasury Forfeit-*
3 *ure Fund, as a participating agency, as an equitable share*
4 *from the forfeiture of property in investigations in which*
5 *the Office of the Inspector General participates, or through*
6 *the granting of a Petition for Remission or Mitigation,*
7 *shall be deposited to the credit of this account for law en-*
8 *forcement activities authorized under the Inspector General*
9 *Act of 1978, as amended, to remain available until ex-*
10 *pended.*

11 *OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL*

12 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the General*
13 *Counsel, \$29,098,000.*

14 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,*
15 *EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS*

16 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
17 *Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics*
18 *to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for the Eco-*
19 *nomics Research Service, the National Agricultural Statis-*
20 *tics Service, the Agricultural Research Service, and the Co-*
21 *operative State Research, Education, and Extension Serv-*
22 *ice, \$540,000.*

23 *ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE*

24 *For necessary expenses of the Economic Research Serv-*
25 *ice in conducting economic research and analysis, as au-*

1 *thorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7*
2 *U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws, \$53,109,000: Provided,*
3 *That this appropriation shall be available for employment*
4 *pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-*
5 *ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225).*

6 *NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE*

7 *For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural*
8 *Statistics Service in conducting statistical reporting and*
9 *service work, including crop and livestock estimates, statis-*
10 *tical coordination and improvements, marketing surveys,*
11 *and the Census of Agriculture notwithstanding 13 U.S.C.*
12 *142(a–b), as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act*
13 *of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws,*
14 *\$118,048,000, of which up to \$36,327,000 shall be available*
15 *until expended for the Census of Agriculture: Provided,*
16 *That this appropriation shall be available for employment*
17 *pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-*
18 *ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed*
19 *\$40,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.*
20 *3109.*

21 *AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

23 *For necessary expenses to enable the Agricultural Re-*
24 *search Service to perform agricultural research and dem-*
25 *onstration relating to production, utilization, marketing,*

1 *and distribution (not otherwise provided for); home econom-*
2 *ics or nutrition and consumer use including the acquisition,*
3 *preservation, and dissemination of agricultural informa-*
4 *tion; and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,*
5 *or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,*
6 *\$738,000,000: Provided, That appropriations hereunder*
7 *shall be available for temporary employment pursuant to*
8 *the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of*
9 *1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$115,000 shall be*
10 *available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: Provided*
11 *further, That appropriations hereunder shall be available*
12 *for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the pur-*
13 *chase of not to exceed one for replacement only: Provided*
14 *further, That appropriations hereunder shall be available*
15 *pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration,*
16 *and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless other-*
17 *wise provided the cost of constructing any one building*
18 *shall not exceed \$250,000, except for headhouses or green-*
19 *houses which shall each be limited to \$1,000,000, and except*
20 *for ten buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost*
21 *not to exceed \$500,000 each, and the cost of altering any*
22 *one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 per-*
23 *cent of the current replacement value of the building or*
24 *\$250,000, whichever is greater: Provided further, That the*
25 *limitations on alterations contained in this Act shall not*

1 *apply to modernization or replacement of existing facilities*
2 *at Beltsville, Maryland: Provided further, That the fore-*
3 *going limitations shall not apply to replacement of build-*
4 *ings needed to carry out the Act of April 24, 1948 (21*
5 *U.S.C. 113a): Provided further, That funds may be received*
6 *from any State, other political subdivision, organization,*
7 *or individual for the purpose of establishing or operating*
8 *any research facility or research project of the Agricultural*
9 *Research Service, as authorized by law.*

10 *None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall be*
11 *available to carry out research related to the production,*
12 *processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco products.*

13 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

14 *For acquisition of land, construction, repair, improve-*
15 *ment, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equip-*
16 *ment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural*
17 *research programs of the Department of Agriculture, where*
18 *not otherwise provided, \$69,100,000, to remain available*
19 *until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Provided, That funds may*
20 *be received from any State, other political subdivision, or-*
21 *ganization, or individual for the purpose of establishing*
22 *any research facility of the Agricultural Research Service,*
23 *as authorized by law.*

1 \$1,000,000 for a higher education minority scholars pro-
2 gram (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(5)), to remain available until ex-
3 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$1,500,000 for an education
4 grants program for Hispanic-serving Institutions (7 U.S.C.
5 3241); \$4,000,000 for aquaculture grants (7 U.S.C. 3322);
6 \$8,000,000 for sustainable agriculture research and edu-
7 cation (7 U.S.C. 5811); \$9,200,000 for a program of capac-
8 ity building grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4)) to colleges eligible
9 to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C.
10 321–326 and 328), including Tuskegee University, to re-
11 main available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$1,450,000
12 for payments to the 1994 Institutions pursuant to section
13 534(a)(1) of Public Law 103–382; and \$11,141,000 for nec-
14 essary expenses of Research and Education Activities, of
15 which not to exceed \$100,000 shall be for employment under
16 5 U.S.C. 3109; in all, \$427,526,000.

17 *None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall be*
18 *available to carry out research related to the production,*
19 *processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco products.*

20 *NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND*

21 *For establishment of a Native American institutions*
22 *endowment fund, as authorized by Public Law 103–382 (7*
23 *U.S.C. 301 note), \$4,600,000.*

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

1
2 *Payments to States, the District of Columbia, Puerto*
3 *Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Northern Mar-*
4 *ianas, and American Samoa: For payments for cooperative*
5 *extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, as amended, to*
6 *be distributed under sections 3(b) and 3(c) of said Act, and*
7 *under section 208(c) of Public Law 93-471, for retirement*
8 *and employees' compensation costs for extension agents and*
9 *for costs of penalty mail for cooperative extension agents*
10 *and State extension directors, \$268,493,000; \$2,000,000 for*
11 *extension work at the 1994 Institutions under the Smith-*
12 *Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)); payments for the nutrition*
13 *and family education program for low-income areas under*
14 *section 3(d) of the Act, \$58,695,000; payments for the pest*
15 *management program under section 3(d) of the Act,*
16 *\$10,783,000; payments for the farm safety program under*
17 *section 3(d) of the Act, \$2,855,000; payments for the pes-*
18 *ticide impact assessment program under section 3(d) of the*
19 *Act, \$3,214,000; payments to upgrade 1890 land-grant col-*
20 *lege research, extension, and teaching facilities as author-*
21 *ized by section 1447 of Public Law 95-113, as amended*
22 *(7 U.S.C. 3222b), \$7,549,000, to remain available until ex-*
23 *pended; payments for the rural development centers under*
24 *section 3(d) of the Act, \$908,000; payments for a ground-*
25 *water quality program under section 3(d) of the Act,*

1 \$9,061,000; payments for the agricultural telecommuni-
2 cations program, as authorized by Public Law 101-624 (7
3 U.S.C. 5926), \$1,167,000; payments for youth-at-risk pro-
4 grams under section 3(d) of the Act, \$9,554,000; payments
5 for a food safety program under section 3(d) of the Act,
6 \$2,365,000; payments for carrying out the provisions of the
7 Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978, \$3,192,000;
8 payments for Indian reservation agents under section 3(d)
9 of the Act, \$1,672,000; payments for sustainable agriculture
10 programs under section 3(d) of the Act, \$3,309,000; pay-
11 ments for rural health and safety education as authorized
12 by section 2390 of Public Law 101-624 (7 U.S.C. 2661
13 note, 2662), \$2,628,000; payments for cooperative extension
14 work by the colleges receiving the benefits of the second Mor-
15 rill Act (7 U.S.C. 321-326, 328) and Tuskegee University,
16 \$25,090,000; and for Federal administration and coordina-
17 tion including administration of the Smith-Lever Act, as
18 amended, and the Act of September 29, 1977 (7 U.S.C. 341-
19 349), as amended, and section 1361(c) of the Act of October
20 3, 1980 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), and to coordinate and provide
21 program leadership for the extension work of the Depart-
22 ment and the several States and insular possessions,
23 \$10,787,000; in all, \$423,322,000: Provided, That funds
24 hereby appropriated pursuant to section 3(c) of the Act of
25 June 26, 1953, and section 506 of the Act of June 23, 1972,

1 *as amended, shall not be paid to any State, the District*
2 *of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin Islands, Mi-*
3 *cronesia, Northern Marianas, and American Samoa prior*
4 *to availability of an equal sum from non-Federal sources*
5 *for expenditure during the current fiscal year.*

6 *OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MARKETING*
7 *AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS*

8 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
9 *Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Pro-*
10 *grams to administer programs under the laws enacted by*
11 *the Congress for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection*
12 *Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, and the Grain In-*
13 *spection, Packers and Stockyards Administration,*
14 *\$618,000.*

15 *ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE*
16 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*
17 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

18 *For expenses, not otherwise provided for, including*
19 *those pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1947, as amended*
20 *(21 U.S.C. 114b–c), necessary to prevent, control, and*
21 *eradicate pests and plant and animal diseases; to carry out*
22 *inspection, quarantine, and regulatory activities; to dis-*
23 *charge the authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under*
24 *the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468; 7 U.S.C. 426–*
25 *426b); and to protect the environment, as authorized by*

1 law, \$437,183,000, of which \$4,500,000 shall be available
2 for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases, animal
3 diseases and for control of pest animals and birds to the
4 extent necessary to meet emergency conditions: Provided,
5 That no funds shall be used to formulate or administer a
6 brucellosis eradication program for the current fiscal year
7 that does not require minimum matching by the States of
8 at least 40 percent: Provided further, That this appropria-
9 tion shall be available for field employment pursuant to the
10 second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944
11 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$40,000 shall be avail-
12 able for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: Provided further,
13 That this appropriation shall be available for the operation
14 and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to ex-
15 ceed four, of which two shall be for replacement only: Pro-
16 vided further, That, in addition, in emergencies which
17 threaten any segment of the agricultural production indus-
18 try of this country, the Secretary may transfer from other
19 appropriations or funds available to the agencies or cor-
20 porations of the Department such sums as he may deem
21 necessary, to be available only in such emergencies for the
22 arrest and eradication of contagious or infectious disease
23 or pests of animals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses
24 in accordance with the Act of February 28, 1947, as amend-
25 ed, and section 102 of the Act of September 21, 1944, as

1 *amended, and any unexpended balances of funds trans-*
2 *ferred for such emergency purposes in the next preceding*
3 *fiscal year shall be merged with such transferred amounts:*
4 *Provided further, That appropriations hereunder shall be*
5 *available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair*
6 *and alteration of leased buildings and improvements, but*
7 *unless otherwise provided the cost of altering any one build-*
8 *ing during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of*
9 *the current replacement value of the building.*

10 *In fiscal year 1998 the agency is authorized to collect*
11 *fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assistance,*
12 *goods, or services requested by States, other political sub-*
13 *divisions, domestic and international organizations, foreign*
14 *governments, or individuals, provided that such fees are*
15 *structured such that any entity's liability for such fees is*
16 *reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods, or serv-*
17 *ices provided to the entity by the agency, and such fees shall*
18 *be credited to this account, to remain available until ex-*
19 *pended, without further appropriation, for providing such*
20 *assistance, goods, or services.*

21 *Of the total amount available under this heading in*
22 *fiscal year 1998, \$100,000,000 shall be derived from user*
23 *fees deposited in the Agricultural Quarantine Inspection*
24 *User Fee Account.*

1 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

2 *For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-*
3 *nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-*
4 *teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as*
5 *authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as*
6 *authorized by 7 U.S.C. 428a, \$4,200,000, to remain avail-*
7 *able until expended.*

8 *AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE*9 *MARKETING SERVICES*

10 *For necessary expenses to carry on services related to*
11 *consumer protection, agricultural marketing and distribu-*
12 *tion, transportation, and regulatory programs, as author-*
13 *ized by law, and for administration and coordination of*
14 *payments to States; including field employment pursuant*
15 *to section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.*
16 *2225), and not to exceed \$90,000 for employment under 5*
17 *U.S.C. 3109, \$49,627,000, including funds for the wholesale*
18 *market development program for the design and develop-*
19 *ment of wholesale and farmer market facilities for the major*
20 *metropolitan areas of the country: Provided, That this ap-*
21 *propriation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C.*
22 *2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings and im-*
23 *provements, but the cost of altering any one building during*
24 *the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current*
25 *replacement value of the building.*

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

4 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

5 *Not to exceed \$59,521,000 (from fees collected) shall be*
6 *obligated during the current fiscal year for administrative*
7 *expenses: Provided, That if crop size is understated and/*
8 *or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may exceed*
9 *this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the*
10 *Appropriations Committees.*

11 *FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND*

12 *SUPPLY (SECTION 32)*

13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

14 *Funds available under section 32 of the Act of August*
15 *24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) shall be used only for commodity*
16 *program expenses as authorized therein, and other related*
17 *operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the Depart-*
18 *ment of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and Wildlife*
19 *Act of August 8, 1956; (2) transfers otherwise provided in*
20 *this Act; and (3) not more than \$10,690,000 for formulation*
21 *and administration of marketing agreements and orders*
22 *pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of*
23 *1937, as amended, and the Agricultural Act of 1961.*

24 *PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS*

25 *For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus*
26 *and departments of markets, and similar agencies for mar-*

1 *keting activities under section 204(b) of the Agricultural*
2 *Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)), \$1,200,000.*

3 *GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS*

4 *ADMINISTRATION*

5 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

6 *For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of*
7 *the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended, for*
8 *the administration of the Packers and Stockyards Act, for*
9 *certifying procedures used to protect purchasers of farm*
10 *products, and the standardization activities related to grain*
11 *under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended,*
12 *including field employment pursuant to section 706(a) of*
13 *the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed*
14 *\$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$23,583,000:*
15 *Provided, That this appropriation shall be available pursu-*
16 *ant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair*
17 *of buildings and improvements, but the cost of altering any*
18 *one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 per-*
19 *cent of the current replacement value of the building.*

20 *INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES*

21 *LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICE*

22 *EXPENSES*

23 *Not to exceed \$43,092,000 (from fees collected) shall be*
24 *obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection and*
25 *weighing services: Provided, That if grain export activities*

1 *require additional supervision and oversight, or other un-*
2 *controllable factors occur, this limitation may be exceeded*
3 *by up to 10 percent with notification to the Appropriations*
4 *Committees.*

5 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY*

6 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
7 *Under Secretary for Food Safety to administer the laws en-*
8 *acted by the Congress for the Food Safety and Inspection*
9 *Service, \$446,000.*

10 *FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE*

11 *For necessary expenses to carry on services authorized*
12 *by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended, the Poul-*
13 *try Products Inspection Act, as amended, and the Egg*
14 *Products Inspection Act, as amended, \$590,614,000, and in*
15 *addition, \$1,000,000 may be credited to this account from*
16 *fees collected for the cost of laboratory accreditation as au-*
17 *thorized by section 1017 of Public Law 102–237: Provided,*
18 *That this appropriation shall not be available for shell egg*
19 *surveillance under section 5(d) of the Egg Products Inspec-*
20 *tion Act (21 U.S.C. 1034(d)): Provided further, That this*
21 *appropriation shall be available for field employment pur-*
22 *suant to section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.*
23 *2225), and not to exceed \$75,000 shall be available for em-*
24 *ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: Provided further, That this*
25 *appropriation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C.*
26 *2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings and im-*

1 *provements, but the cost of altering any one building during*
2 *the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current*
3 *replacement value of the building.*

4 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM AND*

5 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES*

6 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
7 *Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Serv-*
8 *ices to administer the laws enacted by Congress for the*
9 *Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, the Of-*
10 *fice of Risk Management, and the Commodity Credit Cor-*
11 *poration, \$572,000.*

12 *FARM SERVICE AGENCY*

13 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

14 *For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-*
15 *tration and implementation of programs administered by*
16 *the Farm Service Agency, \$700,659,000: Provided, That the*
17 *Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities, and*
18 *authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity Credit*
19 *Corporation to make program payments for all programs*
20 *administered by the Agency: Provided further, That other*
21 *funds made available to the Agency for authorized activities*
22 *may be advanced to and merged with this account: Provided*
23 *further, That these funds shall be available for employment*
24 *pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-*
25 *ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed*

1 \$1,000,000 shall be available for employment under 5
2 U.S.C. 3109.

3 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

4 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-
5 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–5106),
6 \$2,000,000.

7 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM
8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity
10 payments to dairy farmers for milk or cows producing such
11 milk and manufacturers of dairy products who have been
12 directed to remove their milk or dairy products from com-
13 mercial markets because it contained residues of chemicals
14 registered and approved for use by the Federal Government,
15 and in making indemnity payments for milk, or cows pro-
16 ducing such milk, at a fair market value to any dairy farm-
17 er who is directed to remove his milk from commercial mar-
18 kets because of (1) the presence of products of nuclear radi-
19 ation or fallout if such contamination is not due to the fault
20 of the farmer, or (2) residues of chemicals or toxic sub-
21 stances not included under the first sentence of the Act of
22 August 13, 1968, as amended (7 U.S.C. 450j), if such
23 chemicals or toxic substances were not used in a manner
24 contrary to applicable regulations or labeling instructions
25 provided at the time of use and the contamination is not
26 due to the fault of the farmer, \$550,000, to remain available

1 *until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Provided, That none of*
2 *the funds contained in this Act shall be used to make indem-*
3 *nity payments to any farmer whose milk was removed from*
4 *commercial markets as a result of his willful failure to fol-*
5 *low procedures prescribed by the Federal Government: Pro-*
6 *vided further, That this amount shall be transferred to the*
7 *Commodity Credit Corporation: Provided further, That the*
8 *Secretary is authorized to utilize the services, facilities, and*
9 *authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the*
10 *purpose of making dairy indemnity disbursements.*

11 *AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM*

12 *ACCOUNT*

13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

14 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
15 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1928-*
16 *1929, to be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit*
17 *Insurance Fund, as follows: farm ownership loans,*
18 *\$460,000,000 of which \$400,000,000 shall be for guaranteed*
19 *loans; operating loans, \$2,395,000,000, of which*
20 *\$1,700,000,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans*
21 *and \$200,000,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed loans;*
22 *Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by 25*
23 *U.S.C. 488, \$1,000,000; for emergency insured loans,*
24 *\$25,000,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural disas-*
25 *ters; for boll weevil eradication program loans as authorized*

1 by 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$34,653,000; and for credit sales of ac-
2 quired property, \$25,000,000.

3 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
4 the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the
5 Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: farm owner-
6 ship loans, \$21,380,000, of which \$15,440,000 shall be for
7 guaranteed loans; operating loans, \$71,394,500, of which
8 \$19,890,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans and
9 \$19,280,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed loans; In-
10 dian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by 25
11 U.S.C. 488, \$132,000; for emergency insured loans,
12 \$6,008,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural disas-
13 ters; for boll weevil eradication program loans as authorized
14 by 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$249,500; and for credit sales of acquired
15 property, \$3,255,000.

16 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
17 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
18 \$219,861,000, of which \$209,861,000 shall be transferred to
19 and merged with the “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and
20 Expenses” account.

21 *RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY*

22 *ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES*

23 For administrative and operating expenses, as author-
24 ized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform
25 Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 6933), \$64,000,000: *Provided, That*

1 *not to exceed \$700 shall be available for official reception*
2 *and representation expenses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C.*
3 *1506(i): Provided further, That, of the amount made avail-*
4 *able under this sentence, \$4,000,000 shall be available for*
5 *obligation only after the Administrator of the Risk Manage-*
6 *ment Agency issues and begins to implement the plan to*
7 *reduce administrative and operating costs of approved in-*
8 *surance providers required under section 508(k)(7) of the*
9 *Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(k)(7)). In addi-*
10 *tion, for sales commissions of agents, as authorized by sec-*
11 *tion 516 (7 U.S.C. 1516), \$202,571,000.*

12 **CORPORATIONS**

13 *The following corporations and agencies are hereby au-*
14 *thorized to make expenditures, within the limits of funds*
15 *and borrowing authority available to each such corporation*
16 *or agency and in accord with law, and to make contracts*
17 *and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations*
18 *as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation*
19 *Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying*
20 *out the programs set forth in the budget for the current fis-*
21 *cal year for such corporation or agency, except as herein-*
22 *after provided.*

23 **FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND**

24 *For payments, as authorized subsections (a)(2), (b)(2),*
25 *and (c) of section 516 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act,*

1 *as amended, such sums as may be necessary to remain*
2 *available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).*

3 *COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND*

4 *REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES*

5 *For fiscal year 1998, such sums as may be necessary*
6 *to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for net re-*
7 *alized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed (esti-*
8 *mated to be \$783,507,000 in the President's fiscal year 1998*
9 *Budget Request (H. Doc. 105-3)), but not to exceed*
10 *\$783,507,000, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August*
11 *17, 1961, as amended (15 U.S.C. 713a-11).*

12 *OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE*

13 *MANAGEMENT*

14 *For fiscal year 1998, the Commodity Credit Corpora-*
15 *tion shall not expend more than \$5,000,000 for expenses to*
16 *comply with the requirement of section 107(g) of the Com-*
17 *prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and*
18 *Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g), and section*
19 *6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as*
20 *amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961: Provided, That expenses shall be*
21 *for operations and maintenance costs only and that other*
22 *hazardous waste management costs shall be paid for by the*
23 *USDA Hazardous Waste Management appropriation in*
24 *this Act.*

1 *plant materials centers; classification and mapping of soil;*
2 *dissemination of information; acquisition of lands, water,*
3 *and interests therein, for use in the plant materials pro-*
4 *gram by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal cost*
5 *not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August 3, 1956*
6 *(7 U.S.C. 428a); purchase and erection or alteration or im-*
7 *provement of permanent and temporary buildings; and op-*
8 *eration and maintenance of aircraft, \$729,880,000, to re-*
9 *main available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b), of which*
10 *not less than \$5,835,000 is for snow survey and water fore-*
11 *casting and not less than \$8,825,000 is for operation and*
12 *establishment of the plant materials centers: Provided, That*
13 *appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7*
14 *U.S.C. 2250 for construction and improvement of buildings*
15 *and public improvements at plant materials centers, except*
16 *that the cost of alterations and improvements to other build-*
17 *ings and other public improvements shall not exceed*
18 *\$250,000: Provided further, That when buildings or other*
19 *structures are erected on non-Federal land, that the right*
20 *to use such land is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a:*
21 *Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available*
22 *for technical assistance and related expenses to carry out*
23 *programs authorized by section 202(c) of title II of the Colo-*
24 *rado River Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974, as amended*
25 *(43 U.S.C. 1592(c)): Provided further, That no part of this*

1 *appropriation may be expended for soil and water con-*
2 *servations operations under the Act of April 27, 1935 (16*
3 *U.S.C. 590a–590f) in demonstration projects: Provided fur-*
4 *ther, That this appropriation shall be available for employ-*
5 *ment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of*
6 *the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225) and not to exceed*
7 *\$25,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.*
8 *3109: Provided further, That qualified local engineers may*
9 *be temporarily employed at per diem rates to perform the*
10 *technical planning work of the Service (16 U.S.C. 590e–*
11 *2): Provided further, That not less than \$80,138,000 shall*
12 *be available to provide technical assistance for water re-*
13 *sources assistance (Public Law–534 and Public Law–566).*

14 *WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS*

15 *For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-*
16 *ures, including but not limited to research, engineering op-*
17 *erations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation,*
18 *rehabilitation of existing works and changes in use of land,*
19 *in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood*
20 *Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954, as amended (16*
21 *U.S.C. 1001–1005, 1007–1009), the provisions of the Act*
22 *of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), and in accordance*
23 *with the provisions of laws relating to the activities of the*
24 *Department, \$40,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
25 *pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b) (of which up to \$15,000,000 may*

1 *be available for the watersheds authorized under the Flood*
2 *Control Act approved June 22, 1936 (33 U.S.C. 701, 16*
3 *U.S.C. 1006a), as amended and supplemented: Provided,*
4 *That not to exceed \$1,000,000 of this appropriation is*
5 *available to carry out the purposes of the Endangered Spe-*
6 *cies Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-205), as amended, includ-*
7 *ing cooperative efforts as contemplated by that Act to relo-*
8 *cate endangered or threatened species to other suitable habi-*
9 *tats as may be necessary to expedite project construction.*

10 *RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT*

11 *For necessary expenses in planning and carrying out*
12 *projects for resource conservation and development and for*
13 *sound land use pursuant to the provisions of section 32(e)*
14 *of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as*
15 *amended (7 U.S.C. 1010-1011; 76 Stat. 607) and, the pro-*
16 *visions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a-f),*
17 *and the provisions of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981*
18 *(16 U.S.C. 3451-3461), \$44,700,000, to remain available*
19 *until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209): Provided, That this appro-*
20 *priation shall be available for employment pursuant to the*
21 *second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944*
22 *(7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$50,000 shall be avail-*
23 *able for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

1 *FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM*

2 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, to*
3 *carry out the program of forestry incentives, as authorized*
4 *in the Cooperative Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101),*
5 *as amended by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and*
6 *Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–127), including tech-*
7 *nical assistance and related expenses, \$6,325,000, to remain*
8 *available until expended, as authorized by the Act.*

9 *OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS*

10 *For grants and contracts pursuant to section 2501 of*
11 *the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990*
12 *(7 U.S.C. 2279), \$4,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
13 *pended.*

14 *TITLE III*15 *RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY*16 *DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS*17 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL*18 *DEVELOPMENT*

19 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
20 *Under Secretary for Rural Development to administer pro-*
21 *grams under the laws enacted by the Congress for the Rural*
22 *Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and*
23 *the Rural Utilities Service of the Department of Agri-*
24 *culture, \$588,000.*

1 *RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM*2 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

3 *For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and*
4 *grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1926a, 1926c, and*
5 *1932, except for section 381G of the Consolidated Farm and*
6 *Rural Development Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2009f),*
7 *\$644,259,000, to remain available until expended, of which*
8 *\$27,562,000 shall be for rural community programs de-*
9 *scribed in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated Farm and*
10 *Rural Development Act, as amended; of which \$568,304,000*
11 *shall be for the rural utilities programs described in section*
12 *381E(d)(2) of such Act; and of which \$48,393,000 shall be*
13 *for the rural business and cooperative development pro-*
14 *grams described in section 381E(d)(3) of such Act: Pro-*
15 *vided, That section 381E(d)(3)(B) of such Act is amended*
16 *by inserting after the phrase, “business and industry”, the*
17 *words, “direct and”:* *Provided further, That of the amount*
18 *appropriated for rural utilities programs, not to exceed*
19 *\$24,500,000 shall be for water and waste disposal systems*
20 *to benefit the Colonias along the United States/Mexico bor-*
21 *der, including grants pursuant to section 306C of such Act;*
22 *not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall be for water systems for*
23 *rural and native villages in Alaska pursuant to section*
24 *306D of such Act; not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall be for*
25 *technical assistance grants for rural waste systems pursu-*
26 *ant to section 306(a)(14) of such Act; and not to exceed*

1 \$5,650,000 shall be for contracting with qualified national
2 organizations for a circuit rider program to provide tech-
3 nical assistance for rural water systems: Provided further,
4 That of the total amounts appropriated, not to exceed
5 \$32,163,600 shall be available through June 30, 1998, for
6 empowerment zones and enterprise communities, as author-
7 ized by Public Law 103-66, of which \$1,614,600 shall be
8 for rural community programs described in section
9 381E(d)(1) of such Act; of which \$21,952,000 shall be for
10 the rural utilities programs described in section 381E(d)(2)
11 of such Act; of which \$8,597,000 shall be for the rural busi-
12 ness and cooperative development programs described in
13 section 381E(d)(3) of such Act: Provided further, That any
14 obligated and unobligated balances available for prior years
15 for the “Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grants,” “Rural
16 Water and Waste Disposal Loans Program Account,”
17 “Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants,” “Solid
18 Waste Management Grants,” the community facility grant
19 program in the “Rural Housing Assistance Program” Ac-
20 count, “Community Facility Loans Program Account,”
21 “Rural Business Enterprise Grants,” “Rural Business and
22 Industry Loans Program Account,” and “Local Technical
23 Assistance and Planning Grants” shall be transferred to
24 and merged with this account.

1 *RURAL HOUSING SERVICE*
2 *RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT*
3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

4 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
5 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the*
6 *Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to be available from*
7 *funds in the rural housing insurance fund, as follows:*
8 *\$3,300,000,000 for loans to section 502 borrowers, as deter-*
9 *mined by the Secretary, of which \$2,300,000,000 shall be*
10 *for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$30,000,000 for section*
11 *504 housing repair loans; \$19,700,000 for section 538 guar-*
12 *anteed multi-family housing loans; \$15,001,000 for section*
13 *514 farm labor housing; \$128,640,000 for section 515 rental*
14 *housing; \$600,000 for section 524 site loans; \$25,004,000*
15 *for credit sales of acquired property; and \$587,000 for sec-*
16 *tion 523 self-help housing land development loans.*

17 *For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including*
18 *the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of*
19 *the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section*
20 *502 loans, \$133,390,000, of which \$5,290,000 shall be for*
21 *unsubsidized guaranteed loans; section 504 housing repair*
22 *loans, \$10,308,000; section 538 multi-family housing guar-*
23 *anteed loans, \$1,200,000; section 514 farm labor housing,*
24 *\$7,388,000; section 515 rental housing, \$68,745,000; credit*

1 sales of acquired property, \$3,493,000; and section 523 self-
2 help housing land development loans, \$20,000.

3 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
4 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
5 \$354,785,000, which shall be transferred to and merged
6 with the appropriation for “Rural Housing Service, Sala-
7 ries and Expenses”.

8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

9 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
10 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
11 or agreements entered into in lieu of debt forgiveness or
12 payments for eligible households as authorized by section
13 502(c)(5)(D) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended,
14 \$541,397,000; and in addition such sums as may be nec-
15 essary, as authorized by section 521 of the Act, to liquidate
16 debt incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry out the rent-
17 al assistance program under section 521(a)(2) of the Act:
18 Provided, That of this amount not more than \$5,900,000
19 shall be available for debt forgiveness or payments for eligi-
20 ble households as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the
21 Act, and not to exceed \$10,000 per project for advances to
22 nonprofit organizations or public agencies to cover direct
23 costs (other than purchase price) incurred in purchasing
24 projects pursuant to section 502(c)(5)(C) of the Act: Pro-
25 vided further, That agreements entered into or renewed dur-

1 *ing fiscal year 1998 shall be funded for a five-year period,*
2 *although the life of any such agreement may be extended*
3 *to fully utilize amounts obligated.*

4 *MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS*

5 *For grants and contracts pursuant to section*
6 *523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490c),*
7 *\$26,000,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C.*
8 *2209b).*

9 *RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS*

10 *For grants pursuant to section 7 of the Cooperative*
11 *Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-313),*
12 *\$1,285,000 to fund up to 50 percent of the cost of organiz-*
13 *ing, training, and equipping rural volunteer fire depart-*
14 *ments.*

15 *RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS*

16 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

17 *For grants and contracts for housing for domestic farm*
18 *labor, very low-income housing repair, supervisory and*
19 *technical assistance, compensation for construction defects,*
20 *and rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing*
21 *Service as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, 1479(c), 1486,*
22 *1490c, 1490e, and 1490m, \$45,720,000, to remain available*
23 *until expended: Provided, That any obligated and unobli-*
24 *gated balances available from prior years in “Rural Hous-*
25 *ing for Domestic Farm Labor,” “Supervisory and Tech-*
26 *nical Assistance Grants,” “Very Low-Income Housing Re-*

1 *pair Grants,” “Compensation for Construction Defects,”*
 2 *and “Rural Housing Preservation Grants” shall be trans-*
 3 *ferred to and merged with this account: Provided further,*
 4 *That of the total amount appropriated, \$1,200,000 shall be*
 5 *for empowerment zones and enterprise communities, as au-*
 6 *thorized by Public Law 103–66: Provided further, That if*
 7 *such funds are not obligated for empowerment zones and*
 8 *enterprise communities by June 30, 1998, they shall remain*
 9 *available for other authorized purposes under this head.*

10

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

11

For necessary expenses of the Rural Housing Service,
 12 *including administering the programs authorized by the*
 13 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amend-*
 14 *ed, title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, and*
 15 *cooperative agreements, \$58,804,000: Provided, That this*
 16 *appropriation shall be available for employment pursuant*
 17 *to the second sentence of 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944,*
 18 *and not to exceed \$520,000 may be used for employment*
 19 *under 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

20

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

21

RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

22

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23

For the cost of direct loans, \$19,200,000, as authorized
 24 *by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C. 9812(a)):*
 25 *Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying*

1 *such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-*
2 *sional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these*
3 *funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the*
4 *principal amount of direct loans of \$40,000,000: Provided*
5 *further, That through June 30, 1998, of the total amount*
6 *appropriated \$3,618,750 shall be available for the cost of*
7 *direct loans, for empowerment zones and enterprise commu-*
8 *nities, as authorized by title XIII of the Omnibus Budget*
9 *Reconciliation Act of 1993, to subsidize gross obligations*
10 *for the principal amount of direct loans, \$7,500,000.*

11 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
12 *the direct loan programs, \$3,482,000 shall be transferred*
13 *to and merged with the appropriation for “Salaries and*
14 *Expenses”.*

15 *RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM*

16 *ACCOUNT*

17 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

18 *For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized*
19 *under section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act, as*
20 *amended, for the purpose of promoting rural economic de-*
21 *velopment and job creation projects, \$12,865,000.*

22 *For the cost of direct loans, including the cost of modi-*
23 *fying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congressional*
24 *Budget Act of 1974, \$3,076,000.*

1 *ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND*
2 *COMMERCIALIZATION REVOLVING FUND*

3 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Alternative Ag-*
4 *ricultural Research and Commercialization Act of 1990 (7*
5 *U.S.C. 5901–5908), \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the al-*
6 *ternative agricultural research and commercialization cor-*
7 *poration revolving fund.*

8 *RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS*

9 *For rural cooperative development grants authorized*
10 *under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural*
11 *Development Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$3,000,000,*
12 *of which up to \$1,500,000 may be available for cooperative*
13 *agreements for appropriate technology transfer for rural*
14 *areas program.*

15 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

16 *For necessary expenses of the Rural Business-Coopera-*
17 *tive Service, including administering the programs author-*
18 *ized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,*
19 *as amended; section 1323 of the Food Security Act of 1985;*
20 *the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926; for activities relat-*
21 *ing to the marketing aspects of cooperatives, including eco-*
22 *nomics research findings, as authorized by the Agricultural*
23 *Marketing Act of 1946; for activities with institutions con-*
24 *cerning the development and operation of agricultural co-*
25 *operatives; and cooperative agreements; \$25,680,000: Pro-*

1 *vided, That this appropriation shall be available for em-*
2 *ployment pursuant to the second sentence of 706(a) of the*
3 *Organic Act of 1944, and not to exceed \$260,000 may be*
4 *used for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

5 *RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE*

6 *RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS*

7 *LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

8 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

9 *Insured loans pursuant to the authority of section 305*
10 *of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7*
11 *U.S.C. 935), shall be made as follows: 5 percent rural elec-*
12 *trification loans, \$125,000,000; 5 percent rural tele-*
13 *communications loans, \$52,756,000; cost of money rural*
14 *telecommunications loans, \$300,000,000; municipal rate*
15 *rural electric loans, \$500,000,000; and loans made pursu-*
16 *ant to section 306 of that Act, rural electric, \$300,000,000,*
17 *and rural telecommunications, \$120,000,000, to remain*
18 *available until expended.*

19 *For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congres-*
20 *sional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modifying*
21 *loans, of direct and guaranteed loans authorized by the*
22 *Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C.*
23 *935 and 936), as follows: cost of direct loans, \$11,393,000;*
24 *cost of municipal rate loans, \$21,100,000; cost of money*
25 *rural telecommunications loans, \$60,000; cost of loans guar-*

1 anteed pursuant to section 306, \$2,760,000: *Provided, That*
2 *notwithstanding section 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrifica-*
3 *tion Act of 1936, borrower interest rates may exceed 7 per-*
4 *cent per year.*

5 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
6 *carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,*
7 *\$29,982,000, which shall be transferred to and merged with*
8 *the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses."*

9 *RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

10 *The Rural Telephone Bank is hereby authorized to*
11 *make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available*
12 *to such corporation in accord with law, and to make such*
13 *contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year*
14 *limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government*
15 *Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary*
16 *in carrying out its authorized programs for the current fis-*
17 *cal year. During fiscal year 1998 and within the resources*
18 *and authority available, gross obligations for the principal*
19 *amount of direct loans shall be \$175,000,000.*

20 *For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congres-*
21 *sional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modifying*
22 *loans, of direct loans authorized by the Rural Electrifica-*
23 *tion Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 935), \$3,710,000.*

24 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
25 *carry out the loan programs, \$3,000,000.*

1 *DISTANCE LEARNING AND MEDICAL LINK PROGRAM*

2 *For the cost of direct loans and grants, as authorized*
3 *by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa et seq., as amended, \$12,030,000, to*
4 *remain available until expended, to be available for loans*
5 *and grants for telemedicine and distance learning services*
6 *in rural areas: Provided, That the costs of direct loans shall*
7 *be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget*
8 *Act of 1974.*

9 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

10 *For necessary expenses of the Rural Utilities Service,*
11 *including administering the programs authorized by the*
12 *Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, and the*
13 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amend-*
14 *ed, and cooperative agreements, \$33,000,000: Provided,*
15 *That this appropriation shall be available for employment*
16 *pursuant to the second sentence of 706(a) of the Organic*
17 *Act of 1944, and not to exceed \$105,000 may be used for*
18 *employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

19 *TITLE IV*20 *DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS*21 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,*22 *NUTRITION AND CONSUMER SERVICES*

23 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
24 *Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Serv-*
25 *ices to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for the*
26 *Food and Consumer Service, \$454,000.*

1 *CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS*2 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

3 *For necessary expenses to carry out the National*
4 *School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), except section*
5 *21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772*
6 *et seq.), except sections 17 and 21; \$7,769,066,000, to re-*
7 *main available through September 30, 1999, of which*
8 *\$2,617,675,000 is hereby appropriated and \$5,151,391,000*
9 *shall be derived by transfer from funds available under sec-*
10 *tion 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c): Pro-*
11 *vided, That \$4,124,000 shall be available for independent*
12 *verification of school food service claims.*

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

15 *For necessary expenses to carry out the special supple-*
16 *mental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of*
17 *the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),*
18 *\$3,927,600,000, to remain available through September 30,*
19 *1999, of which up to \$12,000,000 may be used to carry out*
20 *the farmers' market nutrition program from any funds not*
21 *needed to maintain current caseload levels: Provided, That*
22 *notwithstanding sections 17 (g), (h), and (i) of such Act,*
23 *the Secretary shall adjust fiscal year 1998 State allocations*
24 *to reflect food funds available to the State from fiscal year*
25 *1997 under section 17(i)(3)(A)(ii) and 17(i)(3)(D): Pro-*

1 *vided further, That the Secretary shall allocate funds recov-*
2 *ered from fiscal year 1997 first to States to maintain stabil-*
3 *ity funding levels, as defined by regulations promulgated*
4 *under section 17(g), and then to give first priority for the*
5 *allocation of any remaining funds to States whose funding*
6 *is less than their fair share of funds, as defined by regula-*
7 *tions promulgated under section 17(g): Provided further,*
8 *That none of the funds in this Act shall be available to pay*
9 *administrative expenses of WIC clinics except those that*
10 *have an announced policy of prohibiting smoking within*
11 *the space used to carry out the program: Provided further,*
12 *That none of the funds provided in this account shall be*
13 *available for the purchase of infant formula except in ac-*
14 *cordance with the cost containment and competitive bidding*
15 *requirements specified in section 17 of the Child Nutrition*
16 *Act of 1966: Provided further, That State agencies required*
17 *to procure infant formula using a competitive bidding sys-*
18 *tem may use funds appropriated by this Act to purchase*
19 *infant formula under a cost containment contract entered*
20 *into after September 30, 1996 only if the contract was*
21 *awarded to the bidder offering the lowest net price, as de-*
22 *finied by section 17(b)(20) of the Child Nutrition Act of*
23 *1966, unless the State agency demonstrates to the satisfac-*
24 *tion of the Secretary that the weighted average retail price*

1 *for different brands of infant formula in the State does not*
2 *vary by more than five percent.*

3 *FOOD STAMP PROGRAM*

4 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Food Stamp*
5 *Act (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), \$26,051,479,000, of which*
6 *\$1,000,000,000 shall be placed in reserve for use only in*
7 *such amounts and at such times as may become necessary*
8 *to carry out program operations: Provided, That funds pro-*
9 *vided herein shall be expended in accordance with section*
10 *16 of the Food Stamp Act: Provided, That this appropria-*
11 *tion shall be subject to any work registration or workfare*
12 *requirements as may be required by law.*

13 *COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

14 *For necessary expenses to carry out the commodity*
15 *supplemental food program as authorized by section 4(a)*
16 *of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7*
17 *U.S.C. 612c (note)), and the Emergency Food Assistance*
18 *Act of 1983, as amended, \$148,600,000, to remain available*
19 *through September 30, 1999: Provided, That none of these*
20 *funds shall be available to reimburse the Commodity Credit*
21 *Corporation for commodities donated to the program.*

22 *FOOD DONATIONS PROGRAMS FOR SELECTED GROUPS*

23 *For necessary expenses to carry out section 4(a) of the*
24 *Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C.*
25 *612c (note)), and section 311 of the Older Americans Act*

1 of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3030a), \$141,165,000, to
2 remain available through September 30, 1999.

3 *FOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION*

4 *For necessary administrative expenses of the domestic*
5 *food programs funded under this Act, \$107,719,000, of*
6 *which \$5,000,000 shall be available only for simplifying*
7 *procedures, reducing overhead costs, tightening regulations,*
8 *improving food stamp coupon handling, and assistance in*
9 *the prevention, identification, and prosecution of fraud and*
10 *other violations of law: Provided, That this appropriation*
11 *shall be available for employment pursuant to the second*
12 *sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7*
13 *U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$150,000 shall be available*
14 *for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

15 *TITLE V*

16 *FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS*

17 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SALES*

18 *MANAGER*

19 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

20 *For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural*
21 *Service, including carrying out title VI of the Agricultural*
22 *Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1761–1768), market de-*
23 *velopment activities abroad, and for enabling the Secretary*
24 *to coordinate and integrate activities of the Department in*
25 *connection with foreign agricultural work, including not to*

1 exceed \$128,000 for representation allowances and for ex-
2 penses pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved August
3 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$136,664,000, of which \$3,231,000
4 may be transferred from the Export Loan Program account
5 in this Act, and \$1,066,000 may be transferred from the
6 Public Law 480 program account in this Act: Provided,
7 That up to \$3,000,000 shall be available in fiscal year 1999
8 for overseas inflation, subject to documentation by USDA
9 of actual overseas inflation and deflation: Provided further,
10 That the Service may utilize advances of funds, or reim-
11 burse this appropriation for expenditures made on behalf
12 of Federal agencies, public and private organizations and
13 institutions under agreements executed pursuant to the ag-
14 ricultural food production assistance programs (7 U.S.C.
15 1736) and the foreign assistance programs of the Inter-
16 national Development Cooperation Administration (22
17 U.S.C. 2392).

18 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall be
19 available to promote the sale or export of tobacco or tobacco
20 products.

21 PUBLIC LAW 480 PROGRAM AND GRANT ACCOUNTS

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not other-
24 wise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, includ-
25 ing interest thereon, under the Agricultural Trade Develop-
26 ment and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C.

1 1691, 1701–1715, 1721–1726, 1727–1727f, 1731–1736g), as
2 follows: (1) \$226,900,000 for Public Law 480 title I credit,
3 including Food for Progress programs; (2) \$20,630,000 is
4 hereby appropriated for ocean freight differential costs for
5 the shipment of agricultural commodities pursuant to title
6 I of said Act and the Food for Progress Act of 1985, as
7 amended; (3) \$837,000,000 is hereby appropriated for com-
8 modities supplied in connection with dispositions abroad
9 pursuant to title II of said Act; and (4) \$30,000,000 is here-
10 by appropriated for commodities supplied in connection
11 with dispositions abroad pursuant to title III of said Act:
12 Provided, That not to exceed 15 percent of the funds made
13 available to carry out any title of said Act may be used
14 to carry out any other title of said Act: Provided further,
15 That such sums shall remain available until expended (7
16 U.S.C. 2209b): Provided further, That, of the amount of
17 funds made available under title II of said Act, the United
18 States Agency for International Development should use at
19 least the same amount of funds to carry out the orphan
20 feeding program in Haiti during fiscal year 1998 as was
21 used by the Agency to carry out the program during fiscal
22 year 1997.

23 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congres-
24 sional Budget Act of 1974, of direct credit agreements as
25 authorized by the Agricultural Trade Development and As-

1 *sistance Act of 1954, as amended, and the Food for Progress*
 2 *Act of 1985, as amended, including the cost of modifying*
 3 *credit agreements under said Act, \$176,596,000.*

4 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
 5 *the Public Law 480 title I credit program, and the Food*
 6 *for Progress Act of 1985, as amended, to the extent funds*
 7 *appropriated for Public Law 480 are utilized, \$1,881,000.*

8 *COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT LOANS*

9 *PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

11 *For administrative expenses to carry out the Commod-*
 12 *ity Credit Corporation's export guarantee program, GSM*
 13 *102 and GSM 103, \$3,820,000; to cover common overhead*
 14 *expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Commodity Cred-*
 15 *it Corporation Charter Act and in conformity with the Fed-*
 16 *eral Credit Reform Act of 1990, of which not to exceed*
 17 *\$3,231,000 may be transferred to and merged with the ap-*
 18 *propriation for the salaries and expenses of the Foreign Ag-*
 19 *ricultural Service, and of which not to exceed \$589,000 may*
 20 *be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for*
 21 *the salaries and expenses of the Farm Service Agency.*

22 *EXPORT CREDIT*

23 *The Commodity Credit Corporation shall make avail-*
 24 *able not less than \$5,500,000,000 in credit guarantees under*
 25 *its export credit guarantee program extended to finance the*
 26 *export sales of United States agricultural commodities and*

1 *the products thereof, as authorized by section 202 (a) and*
2 *(b) of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5641).*

3 *EMERGING MARKETS EXPORT CREDIT*

4 *The Commodity Credit Corporation shall make avail-*
5 *able not less than \$200,000,000 in credit guarantees under*
6 *its export guarantee program for credit expended to finance*
7 *the export sales of United States agricultural commodities*
8 *and the products thereof to emerging markets, as authorized*
9 *by section 1542 of Public Law 101–624 (7 U.S.C. 5622*
10 *note).*

11 *TITLE VI*

12 *RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG*

13 *ADMINISTRATION*

14 *DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN*

15 *SERVICES*

16 *FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION*

17 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

18 *For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Adminis-*
19 *tration, including hire and purchase of passenger motor ve-*
20 *hicles; for rental of special purpose space in the District*
21 *of Columbia or elsewhere; and for miscellaneous and emer-*
22 *gency expenses of enforcement activities, authorized and ap-*
23 *proved by the Secretary and to be accounted for solely on*
24 *the Secretary's certificate, not to exceed \$25,000;*
25 *\$935,175,000, of which not to exceed \$91,204,000 in fees*
26 *pursuant to section 736 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-*

1 *metic Act may be credited to this appropriation and re-*
2 *main available until expended: Provided, That fees derived*
3 *from applications received during fiscal year 1998 shall be*
4 *subject to the fiscal year 1998 limitation: Provided further,*
5 *That none of these funds shall be used to develop, establish,*
6 *or operate any program of user fees authorized by 31 U.S.C.*
7 *9701.*

8 *In addition, fees pursuant to section 354 of the Public*
9 *Health Service Act may be credited to this account, to re-*
10 *main available until expended.*

11 *In addition, fees pursuant to section 801 of the Federal*
12 *Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act may be credited to this ac-*
13 *count, to remain available until expended.*

14 *In addition, the total amount made available under*
15 *this heading shall be increased so as to make available a*
16 *total of \$34,000,000 for the Food and Drug Administration*
17 *children's tobacco initiative: Provided, That—*

18 *(1) the amount that may be expended for equip-*
19 *ment or services related to automated data processing,*
20 *information technologies, or related items (including*
21 *telecommunications equipment and computer hard-*
22 *ware and software) under section 4(g) of the Com-*
23 *modity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C.*
24 *714b(g)) may not exceed \$36,914,000 for fiscal year*
25 *1998; and*

1 (2) *to the extent that funding becomes available*
2 *for the Food and Drug Administration children’s to-*
3 *bacco initiative as a result of the national tobacco set-*
4 *tlement—*

5 (A) *any amounts made available under this*
6 *Act, allocated for the Food and Drug Adminis-*
7 *tration children’s tobacco initiative, and not ex-*
8 *pended on the date that such funding becomes*
9 *available shall be rescinded; and*

10 (B) *the amount specified in paragraph (1)*
11 *shall be increased by the total of the amounts re-*
12 *scinded under subparagraph (A):*

13 *Provided further, That in carrying out their responsibilities*
14 *under the Food and Drug Administration children’s tobacco*
15 *initiative, States are encouraged to coordinate their enforce-*
16 *ment efforts with enforcement of laws that prohibit under-*
17 *age drinking.*

18 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

19 *For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-*
20 *sion, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facili-*
21 *ties of or used by the Food and Drug Administration, where*
22 *not otherwise provided, \$22,900,000, to remain available*
23 *until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).*

1 *RENTAL PAYMENTS (FDA)*2 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

3 *For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-*
4 *ant to Public Law 92-313 for programs and activities of*
5 *the Food and Drug Administration which are included in*
6 *this Act, \$46,294,000: Provided, That in the event the Food*
7 *and Drug Administration should require modification of*
8 *space needs, a share of the salaries and expenses appropria-*
9 *tion may be transferred to this appropriation, or a share*
10 *of this appropriation may be transferred to the salaries and*
11 *expenses appropriation, but such transfers shall not exceed*
12 *5 percent of the funds made available for rental payments*
13 *(FDA) to or from this account.*

14 *DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY*15 *FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE*16 *PAYMENTS TO THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM FINANCIAL*17 *ASSISTANCE CORPORATION*

18 *For necessary payments to the Farm Credit System*
19 *Financial Assistance Corporation by the Secretary of the*
20 *Treasury, as authorized by section 6.28(c) of the Farm*
21 *Credit Act of 1971, as amended, for reimbursement of inter-*
22 *est expenses incurred by the Financial Assistance Corpora-*
23 *tion on obligations issued through 1994, as authorized,*
24 *\$7,728,000.*

1 *INDEPENDENT AGENCIES*
2 *COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION*

3 *For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of*
4 *the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1 et*
5 *seq.), including the purchase and hire of passenger motor*
6 *vehicles; the rental of space (to include multiple year leases)*
7 *in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and not to exceed*
8 *\$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109; \$60,101,000*
9 *including not to exceed \$1,000 for official reception and*
10 *representation expenses: Provided, That the Commission is*
11 *authorized to charge reasonable fees to attendees of Commis-*
12 *sion sponsored educational events and symposia to cover*
13 *the Commission's costs of providing those events and*
14 *symposia, and notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, said fees*
15 *shall be credited to this account, to be available without fur-*
16 *ther appropriation.*

17 *FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION*
18 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

19 *Not to exceed \$34,423,000 (from assessments collected*
20 *from farm credit institutions and from the Federal Agricul-*
21 *tural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated during the*
22 *current fiscal year for administrative expenses as author-*
23 *ized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: Provided, That this limitation*
24 *shall not apply to expenses associated with receiverships.*

1 *TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS*

2 *SEC. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law,*
3 *appropriations and authorizations made for the Depart-*
4 *ment of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1998 under this Act*
5 *shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those spe-*
6 *cifically provided for, of not to exceed 394 passenger motor*
7 *vehicles, of which 391 shall be for replacement only, and*
8 *for the hire of such vehicles.*

9 *SEC. 702. Funds in this Act available to the Depart-*
10 *ment of Agriculture shall be available for uniforms or allow-*
11 *ances therefor as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–5902).*

12 *SEC. 703. Not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropri-*
13 *ations of the Department of Agriculture in this Act for re-*
14 *search and service work authorized by the Acts of August*
15 *14, 1946, and July 28, 1954 (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1629),*
16 *and by chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, shall*
17 *be available for contracting in accordance with said Acts*
18 *and chapter.*

19 *SEC. 704. The cumulative total of transfers to the*
20 *Working Capital Fund for the purpose of accumulating*
21 *growth capital for data services and National Finance Cen-*
22 *ter operations shall not exceed \$2,000,000: Provided, That*
23 *no funds in this Act appropriated to an agency of the De-*
24 *partment shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund*
25 *without the approval of the agency administrator.*

1 *SEC. 705. New obligational authority provided for the*
2 *following appropriation items in this Act shall remain*
3 *available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Animal and*
4 *Plant Health Inspection Service, the contingency fund to*
5 *meet emergency conditions, fruit fly program, and inte-*
6 *grated systems acquisition project; Farm Service Agency,*
7 *salaries and expenses funds made available to county com-*
8 *mittees; and Foreign Agricultural Service, middle-income*
9 *country training program.*

10 *New obligational authority for the boll weevil program;*
11 *up to 10 percent of the screwworm program of the Animal*
12 *and Plant Health Inspection Service; funds appropriated*
13 *for rental payments; funds for the Native American institu-*
14 *tions endowment fund in the Cooperative State Research,*
15 *Education, and Extension Service, and funds for the com-*
16 *petitive research grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), shall remain*
17 *available until expended.*

18 *SEC. 706. No part of any appropriation contained in*
19 *this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the*
20 *current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.*

21 *SEC. 707. Not to exceed \$50,000 of the appropriations*
22 *available to the Department of Agriculture in this Act shall*
23 *be available to provide appropriate orientation and lan-*
24 *guage training pursuant to Public Law 94-449.*

1 *SEC. 708. No funds appropriated by this Act may be*
2 *used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative*
3 *agreements or similar arrangements between the United*
4 *States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-*
5 *tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the*
6 *agreement when the purpose of such cooperative arrange-*
7 *ments is to carry out programs of mutual interest between*
8 *the two parties. This does not preclude appropriate pay-*
9 *ment of indirect costs on grants and contracts with such*
10 *institutions when such indirect costs are computed on a*
11 *similar basis for all agencies for which appropriations are*
12 *provided in this Act.*

13 *SEC. 709. Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
14 *Act, commodities acquired by the Department in connection*
15 *with Commodity Credit Corporation and section 32 price*
16 *support operations may be used, as authorized by law (15*
17 *U.S.C. 714c and 7 U.S.C. 612c), to provide commodities*
18 *to individuals in cases of hardship as determined by the*
19 *Secretary of Agriculture.*

20 *SEC. 710. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-*
21 *able to reimburse the General Services Administration for*
22 *payment of space rental and related costs in excess of the*
23 *amounts specified in this Act; nor shall this or any other*
24 *provision of law require a reduction in the level of rental*
25 *space or services below that of fiscal year 1997 or prohibit*

1 *an expansion of rental space or services with the use of*
2 *funds otherwise appropriated in this Act. Further, no agen-*
3 *cy of the Department of Agriculture, from funds otherwise*
4 *available, shall reimburse the General Services Administra-*
5 *tion for payment of space rental and related costs provided*
6 *to such agency at a percentage rate which is greater than*
7 *is available in the case of funds appropriated in this Act.*

8 *SEC. 711. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-*
9 *able to restrict the authority of the Commodity Credit Cor-*
10 *poration to lease space for its own use or to lease space*
11 *on behalf of other agencies of the Department of Agriculture*
12 *when such space will be jointly occupied.*

13 *SEC. 712. With the exception of grants awarded under*
14 *the Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982,*
15 *Public Law 97-219, as amended (15 U.S.C. 638), none of*
16 *the funds in this Act shall be available to pay indirect costs*
17 *on research grants awarded competitively by the Coopera-*
18 *tive State Research, Education, and Extension Service that*
19 *exceed 14 percent of total Federal funds provided under each*
20 *award.*

21 *SEC. 713. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this*
22 *Act, all loan levels provided of this Act shall be considered*
23 *estimates, not limitations.*

24 *SEC. 714. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-*
25 *culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made*

1 *available in fiscal year 1998 shall remain available until*
2 *expended to cover obligations made in fiscal year 1998 for*
3 *the following accounts: the rural development loan fund*
4 *program account; the Rural Telephone Bank program ac-*
5 *count; the rural electrification and telecommunications*
6 *loans program account; and the rural economic develop-*
7 *ment loans program account.*

8 *SEC. 715. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal*
9 *year 1998 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall*
10 *be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.*

11 *SEC. 716. Notwithstanding the Federal Grant and Co-*
12 *operative Agreement Act, marketing services of the Agricul-*
13 *tural Marketing Service and the Animal and Plant Health*
14 *Inspection Service may use cooperative agreements to reflect*
15 *a relationship between Agricultural Marketing Service or*
16 *the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and a*
17 *State or Cooperator to carry out agricultural marketing*
18 *programs or to carry out programs to protect the Nation's*
19 *animal and plant resources.*

20 *SEC. 717. None of the funds in this Act may be used*
21 *to retire more than 5 per centum of the Class A stock of*
22 *the Rural Telephone Bank or to maintain any account or*
23 *subaccount within the accounting records of the Rural Tele-*
24 *phone Bank the creation of which has not specifically been*
25 *authorized by statute: Provided, That notwithstanding any*

1 *other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or*
2 *otherwise made available in this Act may be used to trans-*
3 *fer to the Treasury or to the Federal Financing Bank any*
4 *unobligated balance of the Rural Telephone Bank telephone*
5 *liquidating account which is in excess of current require-*
6 *ments and such balance shall receive interest as set forth*
7 *for financial accounts in section 505(c) of the Federal Cred-*
8 *it Reform Act of 1990.*

9 *SEC. 718. None of the funds made available in this*
10 *Act may be used to provide assistance to, or to pay the sala-*
11 *ries of personnel who carry out a market promotion/market*
12 *access program pursuant to section 203 of the Agricultural*
13 *Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5623) that provides assistance*
14 *to the United States Mink Export Development Council or*
15 *any mink industry trade association.*

16 *SEC. 719. Of the funds made available by this Act, not*
17 *more than \$1,000,000 shall be used to cover necessary ex-*
18 *penses of activities related to all advisory committees, pan-*
19 *els, commissions, and task forces of the Department of Agri-*
20 *culture, except for panels used to comply with negotiated*
21 *rule makings and panels used to evaluate competitively*
22 *awarded grants.*

23 *SEC. 720. None of the funds appropriated in this Act*
24 *may be used to carry out the provisions of section 918 of*

1 *Public Law 104–127, the Federal Agriculture Improvement*
2 *and Reform Act.*

3 *SEC. 721. No employee of the Department of Agri-*
4 *culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or office*
5 *funded by this Act to any other agency or office of the De-*
6 *partment for more than 30 days unless the individual’s em-*
7 *ploying agency or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving*
8 *agency or office for the salary and expenses of the employee*
9 *for the period of assignment.*

10 *SEC. 722. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
11 *made available by this Act shall be used to pay the salaries*
12 *and expenses of personnel who carry out an export enhance-*
13 *ment program if the aggregate amount of funds and/or com-*
14 *modities under such program exceeds \$150,000,000.*

15 *SEC. 723. None of the funds made available to the De-*
16 *partment of Agriculture by this Act may be used to acquire*
17 *new information technology systems or significant up-*
18 *grades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information*
19 *Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Offi-*
20 *cer and the concurrence of the Executive Information Tech-*
21 *nology Investment Review Board.*

22 *SEC. 724. Section 3(c) of the Federal Noxious Weed*
23 *Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 2802 (c)) is amended by inserting*
24 *before the period at the end the following: “, and includes*
25 *kudzu (Pueraria lobata Dc)”.*

1 *SEC. 725. Notwithstanding section 520 of the Housing*
2 *Act of 1949, (42 U.S.C. 1490) the Martin Luther King area*
3 *of Pawley's Island, South Carolina, located in Georgetown*
4 *County, shall be eligible for loans and grants under section*
5 *504 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended.*

6 *SEC. 726. None of the funds made available to the Food*
7 *and Drug Administration by this Act shall be used to close*
8 *or relocate the Food and Drug Administration Division of*
9 *Drug Analysis in St. Louis, Missouri, or to proceed with*
10 *a plan to close or consolidate the Food and Drug Adminis-*
11 *tration's Baltimore, Maryland, laboratory.*

12 *SEC. 727. The Secretary of Agriculture, before making*
13 *any reduction in the employee level required to carry out*
14 *a program or activity under the jurisdiction of the Under*
15 *Secretary for Rural Development, shall submit to the Com-*
16 *mittee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives*
17 *and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate a plan*
18 *(including the justification and cost savings) for reducing*
19 *the employee level below the level described in the budget*
20 *submitted by the President for fiscal year 1998.*

21 *SEC. 728. Effective on October 1, 1998, section 136(a)*
22 *of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C.*
23 *7236(a)) is amended—*

24 *(1) in paragraph (1)—*

1 (A) by striking “Subject to paragraph (4),
2 during” and inserting “During”; and

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “130”
4 and inserting “134”;

5 (2) by striking paragraph (4); and

6 (3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
7 graph (4).

8 SEC. 729. STUDY OF NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY
9 COMPACT. (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) CHILD, SENIOR, AND LOW-INCOME NUTRITION
11 PROGRAMS.—The term “child, senior, and low-income
12 nutrition programs” includes—

13 (A) the food stamp program established
14 under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
15 2011 et seq.);

16 (B) the school lunch program established
17 under the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
18 1751 et seq.);

19 (C) the summer food service program for
20 children established under section 13 of that Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 1761);

22 (D) the child and adult care food program
23 established under section 17 of that Act (42
24 U.S.C. 1766);

1 (E) the special milk program established
2 under section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of
3 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772);

4 (F) the school breakfast program established
5 under section 4 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1773);

6 (G) the special supplemental nutrition pro-
7 gram for women, infants, and children author-
8 ized under section 17 of that Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1786); and

10 (H) the nutrition programs and projects
11 carried out under part C of title III of the Older
12 Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030e et seq.).

13 (2) COMPACT.—The term “Compact” means the
14 Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.

15 (3) NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT.—
16 The term “Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact”
17 means the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact re-
18 ferred to in section 147 of the Agricultural Market
19 Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7256).

20 (4) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means the
21 Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

22 (b) EVALUATION.—Not later than December 31, 1997,
23 the Director shall conduct, complete, and transmit to Con-
24 gress a comprehensive economic evaluation of the direct and

1 *indirect effects of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact*
2 *and other factors which affect the price of fluid milk.*

3 (c) *COMPONENTS.—In conducting the evaluation, the*
4 *Director shall consider, among other factors, the effects of*
5 *implementation of the rules and regulations of the Northeast*
6 *Interstate Dairy Compact Commission, such as rules and*
7 *regulations relating to over-order Class I pricing and pool-*
8 *ing provisions. This evaluation shall consider such effects*
9 *prior to implementation of the Compact and that would*
10 *have occurred in the absence of the implementation of the*
11 *Compact. The evaluation shall include an analysis of the*
12 *impacts on—*

13 (1) *child, senior, and low-income nutrition pro-*
14 *grams including impacts on schools and institutions*
15 *participating in the programs, on program recipients,*
16 *and other factors;*

17 (2) *the wholesale and retail cost of fluid milk;*

18 (3) *the level of milk production, the number of*
19 *cows, the number of dairy farms, and milk utilization*
20 *in the Compact region, including—*

21 (A) *changes in the level of milk production,*
22 *the number of cows, and the number of dairy*
23 *farms in the Compact region relative to trends*
24 *in the level of milk production and trends in the*

1 *number of cows and dairy farms prior to imple-*
2 *mentation of the Compact;*

3 *(B) changes in the disposition of bulk and*
4 *packaged milk for Class I, II, or III use pro-*
5 *duced in the Compact region to areas outside the*
6 *region relative to the milk disposition to areas*
7 *outside the region;*

8 *(C) changes in—*

9 *(i) the share of milk production for*
10 *Class I use of the total milk production in*
11 *the Compact region; and*

12 *(ii) the share of milk production for*
13 *Class II and Class III use of the total milk*
14 *production in the Compact region;*

15 *(4) dairy farmers and dairy product manufac-*
16 *turers in States and regions outside the Compact re-*
17 *gion with respect to the impact of changes in milk*
18 *production, and the impact of any changes in disposi-*
19 *tion of milk originating in the Compact region, on*
20 *national milk supply levels and farm level milk prices*
21 *nationally; and*

22 *(5) the cost of carrying out the milk price sup-*
23 *port program established under section 141 of the Ag-*
24 *ricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7251).*

1 (d) *ADDITIONAL STATES AND COMPACTS.*—The Sec-
2 retary shall evaluate and incorporate into the evaluation
3 required under subsection (b) an evaluation of the economic
4 impact of adding additional States to the Compact for the
5 purpose of increasing prices paid to milk producers.

6 *SEC. 730. From proceeds earned from the sale of grain*
7 *in the disaster reserve established in the Agricultural Act*
8 *of 1970, the Secretary may use up to an additional*
9 *\$23,000,000 to implement a livestock indemnity program*
10 *as established in Public Law 105–18.*

11 *SEC. 731. PLANTING OF WILD RICE ON CONTRACT*
12 *ACREAGE.*—None of the funds appropriated in this Act may
13 be used to administer the provision of contract payments
14 to a producer under the Agricultural Market Transition Act
15 (7 U.S.C. 7201 et seq.) for contract acreage on which wild
16 rice is planted unless the contract payment is reduced by
17 an acre for each contract acre planted to wild rice.

18 *SEC. 732. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF AGRI-*
19 *CULTURAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. (a) IN GENERAL.*—
20 Except as provided in subsection (b), none of the funds
21 made available by this Act or any other Act for any fiscal
22 year may be used to carry out section 203(h) of the Agricul-
23 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(h)) unless the
24 Secretary of Agriculture inspects and certifies agricultural
25 processing equipment, and imposes a fee for the inspection

1 *and certification, in a manner that is similar to the inspec-*
2 *tion and certification of agricultural products under that*
3 *section, as determined by the Secretary.*

4 (b) *RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—Subsection (a)*
5 *shall not affect the authority of the Secretary to carry out*
6 *the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or*
7 *the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.).*

8 *SEC. 733. RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS. (a) HOUSING*
9 *IN UNDERSERVED AREAS PROGRAM.—The first sentence of*
10 *section 509(f)(4)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.*
11 *1479(f)(4)(A)) is amended by striking “fiscal year 1997”*
12 *and inserting “fiscal year 1998”.*

13 (b) *HOUSING AND RELATED FACILITIES FOR ELDERLY*
14 *PERSONS AND FAMILIES AND OTHER LOW-INCOME PER-*
15 *SONS AND FAMILIES.—*

16 (1) *AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS.—Section*
17 *515(b)(4) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.*
18 *1485(b)(4)) is amended by striking “September 30,*
19 *1997” and inserting “September 30, 1998”.*

20 (2) *SET-ASIDE FOR NONPROFIT ENTITIES.—The*
21 *first sentence of section 515(w)(1) of the Housing Act*
22 *of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(w)(1)) is amended by strik-*
23 *ing “fiscal year 1997” and inserting “fiscal year*
24 *1998”.*

1 (3) *LOAN TERM.*—Section 515 of the Housing
2 *Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485) is amended—*

3 (A) *in subsection (a)(2), by striking “up to*
4 *fifty” and inserting “up to 30”; and*

5 (B) *in subsection (b)—*

6 (i) *by striking paragraph (2) and in-*
7 *serting the following:*

8 “(2) *such a loan may be made for a period of*
9 *up to 30 years from the making of the loan, but the*
10 *Secretary may provide for periodic payments based*
11 *on an amortization schedule of 50 years with a final*
12 *payment of the balance due at the end of the term of*
13 *the loan;”;*

14 (ii) *in paragraph (5), by striking*
15 *“and” at the end;*

16 (iii) *in paragraph (6), by striking the*
17 *period at the end and inserting “; and”;*
18 *and*

19 (iv) *by adding at the end the following:*

20 “(7) *the Secretary may make a new loan to the*
21 *current borrower to finance the final payment of the*
22 *original loan for an additional period not to exceed*
23 *twenty years, if—*

24 “(A) *the Secretary determines—*

1 “(i) it is more cost-efficient and serves
2 the tenant base more effectively to maintain
3 the current property than to build a new
4 property in the same location; or

5 “(ii) the property has been maintained
6 to such an extent that it warrants retention
7 in the current portfolio because it can be ex-
8 pected to continue providing decent, safe,
9 and affordable rental units for the balance
10 of the loan; and

11 “(B) the Secretary determines—

12 “(i) current market studies show that a
13 need for low-income rural rental housing
14 still exists for that area; and

15 “(ii) any other criteria established by
16 the Secretary has been met.”.

17 (c) *LOAN GUARANTEES FOR MULTIFAMILY RENTAL*
18 *HOUSING IN RURAL AREAS.*—Section 538 of the Housing
19 Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490p–2) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (q), by striking paragraph (2)
21 and inserting the following:

22 “(2) *ANNUAL LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF LOAN*
23 *GUARANTEE.*—In each fiscal year, the Secretary may
24 enter into commitments to guarantee loans under this
25 section only to the extent that the costs of the guaran-

