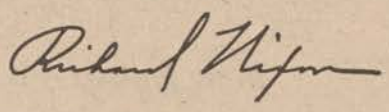
tries shall make similar arrangements for the display of the flag at half-staff over their Embassies, Legations, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations.

I hereby order that suitable honors be rendered by units of the Armed Forces under orders of the Secretary of Defense on the day of the funeral.

I do further appoint December 28, 1972 to be a National Day of Mourning throughout the United States. I recommend that the people assemble on that day in their respective places of worship, there to pay homage to the memory of President Truman and to seek God's continued blessing on our land and on this His servant. I invite the people of the world who share our grief to join us in this solemn observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



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EXECUTIVE ORDER 11693

Providing for the Closing of Government Departments and Agencies on December 28, 1972

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. All executive departments, independent establishments, and other governmental agencies, including their field services, shall be closed on Thursday, December 28, 1972, as a mark of respect for Harry S Truman, the thirty-third President of the United States. That day shall be considered as falling within the scope of 5 U.S.C. 6103(b), and of all statutes so far as they relate to the compensation and leave of employees of the United States.

SEC. 2. Section 1 of this order shall not apply to those offices and installations, or parts thereof, in the Department of State, the Department of Defense, or other departments, independent establishments, and governmental agencies which the heads thereof determine should remain open for reasons of national security or defense or other public reasons.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 26, 1972.

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Rules and Regulations

Title 7—AGRICULTURE

Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary of Agriculture

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PART 9—AWARDS OF FELLOWSHIPS TO APPLICANTS FROM OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS

This part prescribes delegations of authority from the Secretary of Agriculture to general officers, and delegations of authority from general officers to Department agency heads.

Previous delegations of authority, designations, and assignment of functions to agency heads not delegated authority in this part are confirmed and shall continue in effect until delegations of authority to such agency heads are prescribed and codified in this part.

The previous Part 2 of this subtitle entitled "Awards of fellowships to applicants from other American Republics" is hereby redesignated as Part 9, with appropriate changes in section numbers.

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AUTHORITY: The provisions of this Part 2 issued under 5 U.S.C. 301 and Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953.

Subpart A—General

§ 2.1 Establishment of the Department.

The Department of Agriculture was created by the Act of May 15, 1862, and by the Act of February 9, 1889, it was made an executive department in the Federal Government under the supervision and control of the Secretary of Agriculture. 7 U.S.C. 2201, 2202, 2204.

§ 2.2 Authority of the Secretary to prescribe regulations.

The general authority of the Secretary to prescribe regulations governing the work of the Department is based on 5 U.S.C. 301 which provides in part, that:

> The head of an executive department * * * may prescribe regulations for the government of his department, the conduct of its employees, the distribution and performance of its business, and the custody, use and preservation of its records, papers, and property * * *.

§ 2.3 Authority of the Secretary to delegate authority.

The general authority of the Secretary to make delegations of his authority is based on section 4(a) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953 which provides:

> The Secretary of Agriculture may from time to time make such provisions as he shall deem appropriate authorizing the performance by any other officer, or by an agency or employee, of the Department of Agriculture of any function of the Secretary, including any function transferred to the Secretary by the provisions of this reorganization plan.

§ 2.4 General officers.

The work of the Department is under the supervision and control of the Secretary, who is assisted by the following general officers: The Under Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services, the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation, the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, the Assistant Secretary for Administration, the Director of Agricultural Economics, the Director of Science and Education, the General Counsel, the Inspector General, and the Judicial Officer.

§ 2.5 Order in which Assistant Secretaries shall serve as Acting Secretary.

Pursuant to Executive Order 10481, dated August 15, 1953 (18 F.R. 4944), the Assistant Secretaries in the order named shall perform the duties of the Officer of the Secretary in case of the absence, sickness, resignation, or death of both the Secretary of Agriculture and the Under Secretary:

Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services.
Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation.
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs.

Subpart B—General Delegations of Authority by the Secretary of Agriculture

§ 2.7 Authority to supervise and direct.

Unless specifically reserved, or otherwise delegated, the delegations of authority to each general officer of the Department and each agency head includes the authority to direct and supervise the employees engaged in the conduct of activities under his jurisdiction, and the authority to take any action, execute any document, authorize any expenditure, promulgate any rule, regulation, order, or instruction required by or authorized by law and deemed by the general officer or agency head to be necessary and proper to the discharge of his responsibilities. This authority will be exercised subject to applicable administrative rules and regulations. Unless otherwise provided, a general officer or agency head may, subject to his continuing responsibility for the proper discharge of delegations made to him, delegate and provide for the redelegation of his authority to appropriate officers and employees.

§ 2.8 Additional delegations.

The authority granted to a general officer may be exercised in the discharge of any additional functions which the Secretary may assign.

§ 2.9 Limitations.

The delegations made in this part shall not be construed to confer upon any general officer or agency head the authority of the Secretary to prescribe regulations which by law require approval of the President.

§ 2.10 New principles and periodic reviews.

In the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary, the application of new principles of major importance or a departure from principles established by the Secretary should be brought to the attention of the Secretary. General officers are responsible for assuring that periodic reviews are conducted of the activities of the agencies assigned to their direction and superivsion, as required by 5 U.S.C. 305.

§ 2.11 Secretary and general officers not precluded from exercising delegated powers.

No delegation of authority by the Secretary or a general officer contained in this part or elsewhere shall preclude the Secretary or general officer from exercising any of the authority so delegated.

§ 2.12 Status of prior delegations.

Nothing in this part shall affect the bylaws of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, or the Rural Telephone Bank. All delegations previously made which are inconsistent with delegations made in this part are superseded; however, any regulation, order, authorization, expenditure, or other instrument, heretofore issued or made pursuant to any delegation of authority shall continue in full force and effect unless and until withdrawn or superseded pursuant to authority granted in this part.

Subpart C—Delegations of Authority to the Under Secretary, Assistant Secretaries and Directors

§ 2.15 Delegations of authority to the Under Secretary.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Under Secretary:

(a) *General.* Perform all of the duties and exercise all of the powers and functions which are now or which may hereafter be, vested in the Secretary of Agriculture. This delegation is subject to the limitation in § 2.9.

(b) *Related to planning, evaluation, and budgeting.* Coordinate all program planning, evaluation, and budgeting in the Department.

(c) *Related to intergovernmental affairs.* (1) Coordinate all programs involving intergovernmental affairs. (2) Coordinate the department emergency preparedness program including the disaster emergency response program.

(3) Direct activities of the USDA representatives to the 10 Federal Regional Councils and designate the Department's representative for Federal Executive Board matters.

(d) *Related to congressional relations.* (1) Coordinate all congressional relations matters in the Department.

§ 2.16 Reservations of authority.

The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(a) [Reserved]

(b) *Related to planning, evaluation, and budgeting.* Final approval of the Department's program and financial plans.

§ 2.17 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services:

(a) *Related to agricultural marketing.* (1) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), including payments to State Departments of Agriculture in connection with cooperative marketing service projects under section 204(b) (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)), and transportation activities under section 203(j) (7 U.S.C. 1622(j)), but excepting matters otherwise assigned.

(2) Administer transportation activities under Section 201 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1291).

(3) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the following legislation:

(i) U.S. Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51–65).

(ii) Cotton futures provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 4854, 4862–4865, 4876, and 7263).

(iii) Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 471–476), except as otherwise assigned.

(iv) U.S. Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71–87h).

(v) Naval Stores Act (7 U.S.C. 91–99).

(vi) Tobacco Inspection Act (7 U.S.C. 511–511q).

(vii) Wool Standard Act (7 U.S.C. 415b–415d).

(viii) Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601, 602, 608a–608e, 610, 612, 614, 624, 671–674).

(ix) Cotton Research and Promotion (7 U.S.C. 2101–2119).

(x) Export Apple and Pear Act (7 U.S.C. 581–590).

(xi) Export Grape and Plum Act (7 U.S.C. 591–599).

(xii) Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1551–1611).

(xiii) Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (7 U.S.C. 499a–499s).

(xiv) Produce Agency Act (7 U.S.C. 491–497).

(xv) Tobacco Seed and Plant Exportation Act (7 U.S.C. 516–517).

(xvi) U.S. Warehouse Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 241–273).

(xvii) Tobacco Statistics Act (7 U.S.C. 501–508).

(xviii) Section 32 of the Act of August 23, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), as supplemented by the Act of June 28, 1937 (15 U.S.C. 713c) and related legislation except functions which are otherwise assigned relating to the domestic distribution and donation of agricultural commodities and products thereof following the procurement thereof.

(xix) Procurement of agricultural commodities and other foods under section 6 of the National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1755).

(xx) In carrying out the procurement functions in (xviii) and (xix) above, the Agricultural Marketing Service shall, to the extent practicable, use the commodity procurement, handling, payment, and related services of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

(xxi) Process or Renovated Butter Act (26 U.S.C. 4817–4818).

(xxii) Section 401(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 415e).

(xxiii) Agricultural Fair Practices Act (7 U.S.C. 2301–2306).

(xxiv) Wheat Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 1292 note).

(xxv) Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2321–2331), 2351–2357, 2371–2372, 2401–2404, 2421–2427, 2441–2443, 2461–2463, 2481–2486, 2501–2504, 2531–2532, 2541–2545, 2561–2569, 2581–2583).

(xxvi) Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031–1056).

(xxvii) Potato Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2611–2627).

(xxviii) Act of May 23, 1908, regarding inspection of dairy products for export (21 U.S.C. 693).

(4) Administer the warehouse examination function for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, except functions of inventory management.

(b) *Related to animal and plant health inspection.* Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture under the following Acts:

(1) The Mexican Pink Bollworm Act (7 U.S.C. 145).

(2) Section 102, Organic Act of 1944, as amended, and the Act of April 3, 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 147a, 148–148e) relating to control and eradication of plant pests and diseases.

(3) The Mexican Border Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 149).

(4) The Golden Nematode Act (7 U.S.C. 150–150g).

(5) The Federal Plant Pest Act (7 U.S.C. 150aa–150jj).

(6) The Plant Quarantine Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 151–165, 167).

(7) The Terminal Inspection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 166).

(8) The Honeybee Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 281–282).

(9) The Halogeton Glomeratus Act (7 U.S.C. 1651–1656).

(10) Tariff Act of June 17, 1930, as amended, sec. 306 (19 U.S.C. 1206).

(11) Act of August 30, 1890, as amended (21 U.S.C. 102–105).

(12) Act of May 29, 1884, as amended, Act of February 2, 1903, as amended, and Act of March 3, 1905, as amended, and supplemental legislation (21 U.S.C. 111–114a, 114a–1, 115–130).

(13) Act of February 28, 1947, as amended (21 U.S.C. 114b–114c, 114d–1, and Public Law 92–152).

(14) Act of June 16, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 114e–114f).

(15) Act of September 6, 1961 (21 U.S.C. 114g–114h).

(16) Act of July 2, 1962 (21 U.S.C. 134–134h).

(17) Act of May 6, 1970 (21 U.S.C. 135–135b).

(18) Poultry Products Inspection Act, as amended (21 U.S.C. 451–470).

(19) Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended, and related legislation (21 U.S.C. 601–692, 694, 695).

(20) Humane Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901–1906).

(21) (Laboratory) Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2131–2155).

(22) Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1821–1831).

(23) 28 Hour Law, as amended (45 U.S.C. 71–74).

(24) Export Animal Accommodation Act, as amended (46 U.S.C. 466a–466b).

(25) Purebred Animal Duty Free Entry Provisions of Tariff Act of June 17, 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1202, Part 1, Item 100.01).

(26) Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151–158).

(27) Anti-Hog-Cholera Serum and Hog-Cholera Virus Act (7 U.S.C. 851–855).

(28) The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, sections 203, 205, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1622, 1624), with respect to voluntary inspection and certification of edible meat and other products; certified products for dogs, cats, and other carnivora; and animal byproducts (9 CFR Parts 156, 350, 355).

(29) Talmadge Aiken Act (7 U.S.C. 450) with respect to cooperation with States in control and eradication of plant and animal diseases and pests and administration of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Poultry Products Inspection Act.

(c) *Related to commodity exchange regulation.* (1) Administer the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

(d) *Related to food and nutrition.* (1) Administer the following legislation:

(i) The Food Stamp Act of 1964, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2011–2025).

(ii) National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1751–1763), except procurement of agricultural commodities and other foods under section 6 thereof.

(iii) Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1771–1785).

(2) Administer those functions relating to the distribution and donation of agricultural commodities and products thereof under the following legislation:

(i) Clause (3) of section 416, Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431), except the estimate and announcement of the types and varieties of food commodities, and the quantities thereof, to become available for distribution thereunder.

(ii) Section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1446a–1).

(iii) Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended (7 U.S.C. 612c), as supplemented by the Act of June 28, 1937 (15 U.S.C. 713c), and related legislation.

(iv) Section 9 of the Act of September 6, 1958 (7 U.S.C. 1431b).

(v) Section 210 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1859), except with respect to donations to Federal penal and correctional institutions.

(vi) Section 402 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1922).

(vii) Section 707 of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3045f).

(viii) Sections 203 and 238 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4413, 4457).

(3) Administer those functions relating to the distribution of food coupons under section 238 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4457).

(4) In connection with the functions assigned in subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this paragraph, relating to the distribution and donation of agricultural commodities and products thereof and food coupons to eligible recipients, authority to determine the requirements for such agricultural commodities and products thereof and food coupons to be so distributed.

(5) Receive donation of food commodities under clause (3) of section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, and section 709 of the Food and Agricultural Act of 1965, as amended.

(e) *Related to packers and stockyards.* (1) Administer the Packers and Stockyards Act, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181–229).

(2) Enforce provisions of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1601–1655, 1681–1681t) with respect to any activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented.

§ 2.18 Reservations of authority.

The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(a) *Relating to agricultural marketing.* (1) Promulgation, with the Secretary of the Treasury of joint regulations under section 402(b) of the Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1592(b)).

(b) *Related to animal and plant health inspection.* (1) Determination that an emergency or extraordinary emergency exists because of the outbreak of any dangerous, communicable disease of livestock or poultry anywhere in the United States and that such outbreak threatens the livestock or poultry of the United States (21 U.S.C 114a, 134a(b)).

(2) Determination as to the measure and character of cooperation with Canada, Mexico, Central American countries, Panama, and Colombia related to operations and measures to eradicate, suppress, or control or to prevent or retard any communicable disease of animals, the designation of members of advisory committees, and the appointment of commissioners on any joint commission with these governments set up under such programs (21 U.S.C. 114b, as amended by Public Law 92–152).

(3) Approval of requests for apportionment of reserves for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases, and animal diseases to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions (31 U.S.C. 665).

(d) *Related to food and nutrition.* (1) Authority to appoint members of the National Advisory Council on Child Nutrition as directed in the National School Lunch Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1763).

§ 2.19 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation:

(a)–(b) [Reserved]

(c) *Related to forest service.* (1) Provide national leadership in forestry. (As used here and elsewhere in this section the term "forestry" encompasses the tangible physical resources such as forests, forest-related rangeland, grassland, brushland, woodland, alpine areas, minerals, water areas, wildlife habitat, and less tangible forest-related values

such as outdoor recreation, scenery, air and water quality, economic strength, and social well-being.)

(2) Protect, manage, and administer the national forests, national forest purchase units, national grasslands, and other lands and interests in lands administered by the Forest Service, which collectively are hereby designated as the National Forest System, including the acquisition and disposition of lands and interests in lands as may be required in these programs.

(3) Conduct research programs to provide fundamental knowledge and technology for improved policy decisions and improved professional management of forest and range ecosystems; increased efficiency in timber production; forest soils and watersheds; range, wildlife, and fish habitat management; forest recreation; environmental forestry; forest fire; forest insects; forest diseases; forest products utilization; forest engineering; forest resource surveys; forest products marketing; and forest economics.

(4) Administer the programs of cooperation in the protection, planning, development, conservation, multiple-purpose management, and utilization of forest and related resources.

(5) Administer forest insect, disease, and other pest control and eradication programs.

(6) Administer programs under section 23 of the Federal Highway Act (23 U.S.C. 101(a), 202(b), 204(a)–(c), 205 (a)–(c), 317).

(7) Exercise the custodianship of lands and interests in lands under lease or contract of sale to States and local agencies pursuant to title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010–1012).

(8) Administer under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service, the forestry aspects of subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this paragraph on the National Forest System and rangelands within national forest boundaries and adjacent rangelands which are administered under formal agreement, and other forest lands.

(i) Cooperative river basin surveys and investigations program (16 U.S.C. 1006).

(ii) Eleven authorized watershed improvement programs and emergency flood preventon measures program under the Flood Control Act (33 U.S.C. 701b–1).

(iii) Small watershed protection program under the Pilot Watershed Protection and Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Acts (67 Stat. 214 and 16 U.S.C. 1001–1011).

(9) Provide assistance to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in connection with the rural environmental assistance program, the naval stores conservation program, and the cropland conversion program, as authorized by sections 7–17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590g–590q).

(10) Coordinate mapping work of the Department, including: (i) Clearing mapping projects to prevent duplication; (ii) keeping a record of mapping done by Department agencies; (iii) preparing and submitting required departmental reports; (iv) serving as liaison on mapping with the Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, and other departments and establishments; (v) promoting interchange of technical information, including techniques which may reduce costs or improve quality; and (vi) maintenance of the mapping records formerly maintained by the Office of Plant and Operations.

(11) Enter into research agreements (grants, contracts, agreements, and cooperative aid) under the provisions of 7 U.S.C. 450i; 42 U.S.C. 1891–1893; and 16 U.S.C. 581; 7 U.S.C. 427i(a); and 7 U.S.C. 1624, for the support of applied and/or basic scientific research in forestry activities.

(12) Provide assistance to the Farmers Home Administration in connection with grants and loans under authority of the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961, 7 U.S.C. 1912; and consultation with the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 461(e).

(13) Exercise responsibility, under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service in connection with the forestry aspects of the resource conservation and development program authorized by title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(e)).

(14) Administer the radio frequency licensing work of the Department, including: (i) Representation of the Department on the Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee and its Frequency Assignment Subcommittee, in the office of the Director of Telecommunications Management; (ii) establishing policies, standards, and prodcedures for allotting and assigning frequencies within the Department and for obtaining effective utilization of them; (iii) providing licensing action necessary to assign radio frequencies for use by the agencies of the Department and maintenance of the records necessary in connection therewith; and (iv) providing inspection of the Department's radio operations to insure compliance with national and international regulations and policies for radio frequency use.

(15) Administer the Youth Conservation Corps Act (42 U.S.C. Precede 2711 Note) for the Department of Agriculture.

(16) Establish and operate the Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers on national forest lands as authorized by title II, sections 106 and 107, of the economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2716–2717), in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated May 11, 1967, between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Labor; and administration of other cooperative manpower training and work experience programs where the Forest Service serves as host or prime sponsor with other departments of Federal, State, or local governments.

(17) Administer the Volunteers in the National Forests Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 558a–558d, 558a note).

(d) *Related to rural electrification and telephone service.* (1) Administer the "Rural Electrification Act of 1936," as amended (7 U.S.C. 901–950(b)).

(e) *Related to soil conservation activities.* (1) Provide national leadership in the conservation, development, and productive use of the Nation's soil, water, and related resources. Such leadership encompasses soil, water, plant, and wildlife conservation; small watershed protection and flood prevention; and resource conservation and development. Integrated in these programs are erosion control, sediment reduction, pollution abatement, land use planning, multiple use, improvement of water quality, and several surveying and monitoring activities related to environmental improvement. All are designed to assure (i) quality in the natural resource base for sustained use; (ii) quality in the environment to provide attractive, convenient, and satisfying places to live, work, and play; and (iii) quality in the standard of living based on community improvement and adequate income.

(2) Evaluate and coordinate land use policy.

(3) Administer the basic program of soil and water conservation under Public Law 46, 74th Congress, as amended, and related laws (16 U.S.C. 590a–f, 590i–1, 590q, 590q–1; 42 U.S.C. 3271–3274; 7 U.S.C. 2201), including:

(i) Technical assistance to land users in carrying out locally adapted soil and water conservation programs primarily through the conservation districts in the 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, but also to communities, watershed groups, Federal and State agencies, and other cooperators including such assistance as:

(a) Comprehensive planning assistance in nonmetropolitan districts.

(b) Assistance in the field of income-producing recreation on rural non-Federal lands.

(c) Forestry assistance, as a part of total technical assistance, to private land owners and land users when such services are an integral part of land management and such services are not available from a State agency; and forestry services in connection with windbreaks and shelter belts to prevent wind and water erosion of lands.

(d) Assistance in developing programs relating to natural beauty.

(e) Assistance to other Department agencies in connection with the administration of their programs, as follows:

(1) Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in the development and technical servicing of certain programs, such as the rural environmental assistance program, water bank program, Appalachian regional development program, and other such similar conservation programs.

(2) Farmers Home Administration in connection with their loan programs.

(ii) Soil surveys, including:

(a) Providing leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey which includes conducting and publishing of soil surveys.

(b) Conducting soil surveys for resource planning and development.

(c) Performing the cartographic services essential to carrying out the delegated authorities, including furnishing photographs, mosaics, and maps.

(iii) Conducting and coordinating snow surveys and making water supply forecasts pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1940 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(iv) Operating plan materials centers for the assembly and testing of plant species in conservation programs, including the use, administration, and disposition of lands under the administration of the Forest Service.

(ii) The emergency flood control work under section 216 of Public Law 516, 81st Congress, 33 U.S.C. 701b–1.

(iii) The cooperative river basin surveys and investigations program under section 6 of Public Law 566, 83d Congress, 16 U.S.C. 1006, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service. Representation of the Water Resources Council and river basin commissions created by Public Law 89080, 42 U.S.C. 1962, and on river basin interagency committees.

(iv) The pilot watershed projects under Public Law 46, 74th Congress, 16 U.S.C. 590a–f, and Public Law 156, 83d Congress, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service.

(v) The watershed protection and flood prevention program under Public Law 566, 83d Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1001–1009, except for responsibilities assigned to the Farmers Home Administration and the Forest Service.

(vi) The joint investigatons and surveys wth the Department of the Army under Public Law 87–639, 16 U.S.C. 100.

(5) Administer the Great Plains conservation program under Public Law 1021, 84th Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 590p(b).

(6) Administer the resource conservation and development program under Public Laws 46, 74th Congress, and 703, 87th Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 590a and 7 U.S.C. 1010–1011, except for responsibilities assigned to the Farmers Home Administration.

§ 2.20 Reservations of authority.

The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(a)–(b) [Reserved]

(c) *Related to forest service.* (1) Wildfire protection assistance.

(d) [Reserved]

(e) *Related to soil conservation activities.* (1) Designation of new project areas in which the resource conservation and development program assistance will be provided.

(2) Responsibility for entering into long-term contracts for carrying out conservation and environmental measures in watershed areas.

(3) Responsibility for carrying out a land inventory and monitoring program.

§ 2.21 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs:

(a) *Related to agricultural stabilization and conservation.* (1) Administer the acreage allotment and farm marketing quota programs under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.).

(2) Coordinate and prevent duplication of aerial photographic work of the Department, including: (i) Clearing of photographic projects; (ii) assigning symbols for new aerial photography, maintaining symbol records, and furnishing symbol books; (iii) recording departmental aerial photography flown and coordinating the issuance of aerial photography status maps of latest coverage; (iv) promoting interchange of technical information and techniques to develop lower costs and better quality; (v) representing the Department on the Interagency Committee on Sales Prices of Aerial Photographic and Satellite Imagery Reproductions and serving as liaison with other governmental agencies on aerial photography and related activities including classification of departmental aerial photography but excluding mapping; and (vi) providing a chairman for the Photography Sales Committee of the Department.

(3) Administer the rural environmental assistance program and diversion programs (except Great Plains program and naval stores conservation program) under sections 7 to 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g et seq.).

(4) Administer the land stabilization, conservation, and erosion program authorized by section 203 of the Appalachian Regional Developmental Act of 1965, as amended (40 U.S.C. App. 203), with assistance from the Soil Conservation Service.

(5) Administer the beekeeper indemnity payment program under section 804 of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 135b note).

(6) Administer the conservation reserve program under the Soil Bank Act of 1956, as amended (7.U.S.C. 1081 note).

(7) Administer the cropland adjustment program under title VI of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1938).

(8) Administer the cropland conversion program under section 16(e) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590(e)).

(9) Administer the dairy indemnity payment program under Public Law 90–484, as amended (7 U.S.C. 450j–l).

(10) Administer responsibilities and functions under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1959, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2251 et seq.).

(11) Conduct refinancing operations pursuant to section 304 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2094).

(12) Administer the emergency conservation program under Public Law 85–58, as amended (71 Stat. 177).

(13) Provide management support activities for the Export Marketing Service with respect to both program and administrative matters, including fiscal, accounting, budget, personnel, and administrative service functions, the preparation and issuance of information releases on agricultural exports, and the processing and disposition for the Export Marketing Service of all claims arising under Department functions for which the Export Marketing Service has responsibility, and in participation with other agencies of the U.S. Government, to develop and formulate amendments to credit agreements under title I, Public Law 480, and the export credit sales program involving the rescheduling of amounts due from foreign countries under such agreements.

(14) Administer the feed grain set-aside program under section 105 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1441 note).

(15) Administer the haybank program pursuant to section 805 of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 1339d).

(16) Serve as focal point in the Department for consultation on the leasing of federally owned farm lands to insure consistency with the Government's farm programs to reduce production of price-supported crops in surplus supply and determine and proclaim agricultural commodities in surplus supply, pursuant to Presidential memorandum of May 21, 1956.

(17) Administer assigned activities under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act (50 U.S.C. 98–98h).

(18) Administer the Sugar Act of 1948, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1100 et seq.).

(19) Administer the International Sugar Agreement (7 U.S.C. 1161).

(20) Supervise and direct Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service State and county offices, and designate functions to be performed by Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service State and county committees.

(21) Administer the upland cotton program set-aside program under section 103 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1444).

(22) Administer the water bank program under Public Law 91–599 (16 U.S.C. 1301–1311).

(23) Administer the wheat certificate and set-aside programs under Subtitles B and D, title III, Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1339 and 1379a et seq.), other than as specified in § 2.22(b).

(24) Administer the distress and disaster relief programs under section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1427) and the Disaster Relief Act of 1970, Public Law 91–606 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4401).

(25) Administer the emergency livestock feed assistance program under section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 and Public Law 86–299, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1427 and 1427 note).

(26) Determine the quantities of agricultural commodities subject to price support available for export programs, and estimate and announce the types, quantities, and varieties of food com-

modities to become available for distribution under clause (3) of section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431).

(27) Administer programs to stabilize, support, and protect farm income and prices and to assist in the maintenance of balanced and adequate supplies of agricultural commodities, including programs to sell or otherwise dispose of and aid in the disposition of such commodities, except those specified in §§ 2.17(d), 2.21(b), and 2.21(d).

(28) Administer procurement, processing, handling, distribution, disposition, transportation, payment, and related services on surplus removal and supply operations, under sections 5 (b), (c), and (d) of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c (b), (c), and (d)), section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431), section 210 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1446a–1), except as specified in §§ 2.17(d), and 2.21(b).

(29) Administer commodity procurement and supply, transportation (other than from point of export except for movement to trust territories or possessions), handling, payment, and related services in connection with programs under title II of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1721–1725), hereinafter referred to as "Public Law 480"; and payment and related services for the Export Marketing Service with respect to export subsidy and barter operations, operations under title I of Public Law 480 (7 U.S.C. 1701–1710), and the export credit sales program.

(30) Administer functions relating to agreements under section 708 of the National Wool Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1787).

(31) Administer other functions on behalf of CCC as assigned in accordance with CCC bylaws.

(b) *Related to export marketing.* (1) Formulate and administer programs under section 5(f) of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714(f)) and section 4, Public Law 89–808 (7 U.S.C. 1707a) to finance commercial export credit sales of agricultural commodities by U.S. exporters.

(2) Formulate and administer barter programs, under which agricultural commodities are exported, under section 5(f) of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c(f)).

(3) Negotiate and implement agreements between CCC and private trade entities to finance the sales and exportation of agricultural commodities for dollars on long-term credit under title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1707), hereinafter referred to as "Public Law 480."

(4) Perform functions of the Department in connection with the development and implementation of basic country agreements under title I of Public Law 480 to finance the sales and exportation of agricultural commodities on long-term credit or for foreign currencies.

(5) Participate in program development, evaluation, and review, including related liaison with the Agency for International Development, private relief agencies, and intergovernmental organization, and activities involving operational responsibilities with respect to making agricultural commodities available for distribution in foreign countries under title II, Public Law 480 (7 U.S.C. 1721–1725).

(6) Coordinate within the Department activities arising under Public Law 480 (except as assigned to the Director of Agricultural Economics in § 2.27(a)) and to represent the Department in its relationships in such matters with the Department of State, the Interagency Staff Committee on Public Law 480, and other departments, agencies and committees of the Government.

(7) Arrange for transportation in connection with moving commodities from point of export under Public Law 480 and under section 5 of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c) except for movement to trust territories or possessions.

(8) Formulate policy for export pricing and price review, in connection with export sales of CCC-owned commodities, except for tobacco, peanuts, tung oil, and gum naval stores and for export sales under Public Law 480.

(9) Formulate and administer programs for sales for export of CCC-owned agricultural commodities, except for tobacco, peanuts, tung oil, and gum naval stores.

(10) Allocate among the various export programs, agricultural commodities determined under § 2.21(a) to be available for export.

(11) Formulate and administer export payment programs (other than those under section 32, Public Law 320, 74th Congress (7 U.S.C. 612c)), and other programs as assigned to encourage or cause the export of U.S. agricultural commodities.

(12) Administer domestic operations to implement the Wheat Trade Convention of the International Wheat Agreement.

(13) Formulate and direct the program relating to acquisition of wheat export marketing certificates by exporters under Subtitle D, title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1379a et seq.).

(14) Develop foreign markets for agricultural commodities under section 5(f) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c)(f)), except as otherwise specifically assigned to the Foreign Agricultural Service.

(15) Perform those functions under section 203(j) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(j)) with respect to improvement of transportation service, facilities, and rates for the export of agricultural commodities and farm supplies which involve action before the Federal Maritime Commission, the Maritime Administration, or other similar transportation regulatory body, or which involve working directly with individual ocean carriers or groups of such carriers.

(c) *Related to Federal crop insurance.* Management of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is vested in a Board of Directors subject to the general supervision of the Secretary. The general powers and authorities of the Corporation are stated in the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1501–1520. The Manager of the Corporation is its chief executive officer, with such power and authority as may be conferred upon him by the Board. Since general supervision of the Corporation is vested in the Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs:

(1) Exercise general supervision of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

(d) *Related to foreign agriculture.* (1) Coordinate the carrying out by Department agencies of their functions involving foreign agricultural policies and programs of the Department and their operations and activities in foreign areas (other than those functions arising under the Agricultural Trade Development Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1701–1710, 1721–1725, 1731–1736), which are not related to foreign agriculture and those functions relating to international development, technical assistance, and training assiged to the Director of Agricultural Economics). Act as liaison agency on these matters and functions relating to foreign agriculture between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of State, the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, the Trade Expansion Act Advisory Committee, and other departments, agencies, and committees of the U.S. Government, foreign governments, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Common Market, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other international organizations, and the contracting parties to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade.

(2) Administer departmental programs concerned with development of foreign markets for agricultural products of the United States except functions relating to export marketing, operations under section 32, Public Law 320, 74th Congress (7 U.S.C. 612c) delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services, and utilization research delegated to the Director of Science and Education. Legal authority for these programs is contained in section 104(b)(1) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1704(b)(1)), and section 601 of the Agricultural Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1761).

(3) Conduct studies of worldwide production, trade, marketing, prices, consumption, and other factors affecting exports and imports of U.S. agricultural commodities and to obtain information on methods used by other countries to move farm commodities in world trade on a competitive basis for use in the development of programs of this Department, provision of information to domestic pro-

ducers, agricultural trade, the public and other interests, and the promotion of normal commercial markets abroad. This delegation excludes basic and long-range analyses of world conditions and developments affecting supply, demand, and trade in farm products and general economic analyses of the international financial and monetary aspects of agricultural affairs as assigned to the Director of Agricultural Economics.

(4) Conduct functions of the Department relating to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), and other legislation affecting international agricultural trade including those programs designed to reduce foreign tariffs and other trade barriers.

(5) Maintain a worldwide agricultural attaché intelligence and reporting system, including provision of foreign agricultural representation abroad to protect and promote U.S. agricultural interests, and to acquire information on demand, competition, marketing and distribution of United States agricultural products abroad pursuant to Title VI of the Agricultural Act of 1954, as amended, Public Law 83–690 (7 U.S.C. 1761–1766).

(6) Conduct Department activities to carry out the provisions of the International Coffee Agreement Act of 1968 (19 U.S.C. 1356f–j).

(7) Administer functions of the Department relating to import controls, including, among others, functions under section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustmet Act (of 1933), as amended (7 U.S.C. 624), section 2 of Public Law 88–482 (19 U.S.C. 1202 note), and section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), but not including those functions reserved to the Secretary under § 2.22(d), those relating to the Sugar Act of 1948, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1100 et seq.), as specified in § 2.21(a) and those relating to section 8e of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (of 1933), as amended (7 U.S.C. 608e–1), as assigned to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services.

(8) Represent the Department on the Interdepartmental Committee for Export Control and to conduct departmental activities to carry out the provisions of the Export Administration Act of 1969, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2401–2413), except as reserved to the Secretary under § 2.22(d).

(9) Conduct international negotiations and contacts in connection with the International Wheat Agreement and authority for the administration of the Food Aid Convention of the IWA within the Department.

(10) Plan and provide overall direction to the programs and activities undertaken to carry out the foreign market promotion portions of the Wheat Research and Promotion Act (Public Law 91–430); the Cotton Research and Promotion Act (Public Law 89–502); and the Potato Research and Promotion Act (Public Law 91–670). This authority includes determining the programs and activities to be undertaken and assuring that they are coordinated with the overall departmental programs to develop foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products.

§ 2.22 Reservations of authority.

The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(a) *Related to agricultural stabilization and conservation.* (1) Appointment of State ASC committeemen.

(2) Recommendations to the President regarding the designation of areas of major disaster under the Disaster Relief Act of 1970, Public Law 91–606 (42 U.S.C. 4401), and regarding the designation of acute distress areas because of unemployment or other economic causes, pursuant to section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, the designation of boundaries within areas under Public Law 91–606 or acute distress areas under section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended; the execution of cooperative agreements with State Governors and heads of other Federal agencies with respect to the program designations of emergency areas under the statutes to which reference is made in § 2.21(a), (26) and (27).

(3) Final approval of regulations relating to the selection and exercise of the functions of committees promulgated under section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)).

(4) Under section 708 of the National Wool Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1787), entering into agreements with, or approving agreements entered into between marketing cooperatives, trade associations, or others engaged or whose members are engaged in the handling of wool, mohair, sheep, or goats or the products thereof.

(5) Responsibility for entering into long-term contracts with agricultural producers for cost-sharing for rural environmental development.

(b) *Related to export marketing.* (1) Determining the agricultural commodities and the quantities thereof available for disposition under titles I and II of Public Law 480 (7 U.S.C. 1731).

(c) *Related to Federal crop insurance.* (1) Appointing the Board of Directors, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

(2) Appointing of the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

(d) *Related to foreign agriculture.* (1) Approving export controls with respect to any agricultural commodity, including fats and oils or animal hides or skins as provided for in section 4(e) of the Export Administration Act of 1969, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2403).

(2) Advising the President that imports are having the effect on programs or operations of this Department required as a prerequisite for the imposition of import controls under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended (7 U.S.C. 624a) and to recommend that the President cause an investigation to be made by the Tariff Commission of the facts so that a determination could be made whether import restrictions should be imposed under that Act.

(3) Determining and publishing the estimates required by the Meat Import Act, Public Law 88–482, which serve as a basis for the imposition of import restrictions on certain meats by the President.

§ 2.25 Delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Administration:

(a) *Related to administrative law judges.* (1) Assign, after appropriate consultation with other general officers, to the Office of Administrative Law Judges proceedings not subject to sections 556 and 557 of title 5, United States Code, involving the holdings of hearings and performance of related duties pursuant to the applicable rules of practice, when the Assistant Secretary for Administration determines that because of the nature of the proceeding it would be desirable for the proceeding to be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge and that such duties and responsibilities would not be inconsistent with those of an Administrative Law Judge.

(2) Provide administrative supervision of the Office of Administrative Law Judges.

(b) *Related to budget and finance.* (1) Exercise general responsibility and authority for all matters related to the administration of the Department's financial affairs including:

(i) Budgetary administration, including all phases of acquisition, distribution, and control of funds.

(ii) Financial administration, including accounting and related activities.

(iii) Budgetary and financial reporting.

(iv) Legislative reporting and related activities.

(v) The Department's central payroll, personnel and related services, central voucher payment service, and central accounting system.

(2) Formulate and promulgate Departmental financial policies, procedures, and regulations.

(3) Provide staff assistance to the Secretary, general officers, and other Department and agency officials.

(4) Review budgetary, financial, legislative, and fiscal management aspects of agency operations and proposals.

(5) Represent the Department in contacts with the Office of Management and Budget, the General Accounting Office, the Treasury, congressional Committees on Appropriations, and any other organizations or agencies on matters related to his responsibilities.

(6) Designate the Department's Director of Finance and the Department's Budget Officer to carry out the Department's responsibilities under the Budget and Accounting Act of the 1921 and other applicable statutes.

(c) *Related to information systems.* (1) Administer the Department's management improvement program including the provision of assistance to agencies through management studies; review the

management and operating policies and processes, search for more economical approaches to the conduct of business and provide such other assistance as will aid in improving the management effectiveness, organization and operation of the Department's programs.

(2) Administer the Department's records, forms, reports, and directives management programs (authority to maintain, review, update, and amend departmental delegations of authority is included in this delegation).

(3) Administer the Department's management review program. This authority includes the development and promulgation of departmental directives regulating the management review function.

(4) Develop, design, install, and revise systems, processes, work methods and techniques, and undertake other system engineering efforts to improve the management and operational effectiveness of the USDA.

(5) Manage and operate the total USDA data processing program through all stages of the data processing management cycle: Advance planning, feasibility, design, equipment selection and acquisition readiness effort, systems installation, systems impact appraisal, time sharing and service center arrangements, systems monitoring and evaluation. These authorities will be transferred from the various agencies involved (authority to specify functions, resources and timing is included in this delegation).

(6) Exercise full departmentwide contracting and procurement authority for automatic data processing and data transmission equipment, software, services, maintenance, and related supplies. This authority includes the development and promulgation of departmental directives regulating the management of contracting and procurement functions related to the above.

(7) Plan, develop, install, and manage USDA information systems, and assist in the maintenance of such systems to satisfy agency needs.

(8) Develop an integrated computer network for use by Department agencies and offices; manage telecommunications in areas related to automatic data processing and coordinate with GSA in these areas.

(d) *Related to management services.* The Assistant Secretary for Administration, under agreements with the general officers or agency heads concerned, shall have full authority to provide management support services to the Under Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries, the Director of Agricultural Economics, the Director of Science and Education, and to the following Agencies:

(1) Rural Development Service,
(2) Commodity Exchange Authority,
(3) Packers and Stockyards Administration,
(4) Farmers Cooperative Service,
(5) Economic Research Service,
(6) Statistical Reporting Service,
(7) Cooperative State Research Service,
(8) National Agricultural Library,
(9) Office of Planning and Evaluation,
(10) Office of Equal Opportunity,
(11) Office of Budget and Finance,
(12) Office of Administrative Law Judges,
(13) Office of Information,
(14) Office of Information Systems,
(15) Office of Management Services,
(16) Office of Personnel,
(17) Office of Plant and Operations,
(18) Office of the General Counsel,
(19) Office of the Inspector General,
(20) The Judical Officer.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration shall also provide management support services to the Secretary of Agriculture. As used herein, the term management support services shall include:

(i) Budget, accounting, and related financial management services, with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to discharge the budget, accounting and related financial management functions for working capital fund, and general appropriated and trust funds.

(ii) Personnel, organization, and related services, with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to perform personnel management functions including employment, classification, organization, employee security, and related matters.

(iii) Procurement, property management, space management, communications, messenger, paperwork management, and related administrative services, with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to perform administrative services functions of procurement and contracting, personal property management, real property management, paperwork management, records management, and related matters.

(iv) Information services, with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to develop, issue, and distribute information materials.

(e) *Related to personnel.* (1) Formulate and issue Department policy, standards, rules, and regulations relating to personnel.

(2) Provide personnel management procedural guidance and operational instructions.

(3) Design and establish automated data personnel systems.

(4) Inspect and evaluate personnel management operations and issue instructions or take direct action to insure conformity with appropriate laws, Executive orders, Civil Service Commission rules and regulations, and other appropriate rules and regulations.

(5) Exercise final authority in all personnel matters, including individual cases, that involve the jurisdiction of more than one General Officer.

(6) Receive, review, and recommend action on all requests for the Secretary's approval in personnel matters.

(7) Make final decisions on complaints, adverse actions, and grievance appeals, except in those cases where the Assistant Secretary for Administration has participated, when it is determined that such complaint, adverse action, or grievance appeals are not being decided in a timely manner.

(8) Represent the Department in personnel matters in all contacts outside the Department.

(9) Exercise specific authorities in the following operational matters:

(i) Authorize cash awards above $2,500.

(ii) Waive repayment of training expenses where employee fails to fulfill service agreement.

(iii) Establish or change standards and plans for awards to private citizens.

(iv) Execute, change, extend, or renew:

(*a*) Labor-management agreements.

(*b*) Association of Management Officials or Supervisor's Agreements.

(v) Represent any part of the Department in all contacts and proceedings with the National Offices of Labor Organizations.

(vi) Change a position (with no material change in duties) from GS to a pay system other than a wage system, or vice versa.

(vii) Grant restoration rights, and release employees with administrative reemployment rights.

(viii) Change working hours for groups of 50 or more employees in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

(ix) Authorize any mass dismissals of employees in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

(x) Approve "normal line of promotion" cases in the excepted service where not in accordance with time-in-grade criteria.

(xi) Make final decisions on formal grievance, adverse action and performance rating appeals in all cases where the Deciding Official:

(*a*) Was involved directly in the grievance, adverse action, or performance rating appeal, or

(*b*) Made the informal decision, or

(*c*) Determines that the Examiner's findings or Committee's recommendations is unacceptable.

(xii) Make the final decision on all classification appeals from agency appellate decisions.

(xiii) Authorize organization changes which occur in:

(*a*) Department Service:

(*1*) Service or office

(*2*) Division (or comparable component)

(*3*) Branch (or comparable component)

(*b*) Field Service:

(*1*) First Organization Level

(*2*) Next lower Organization Level—required only for those types of field installations where the establishment, change in location, or abolition of same, requires approval in accordance with 1 AR 673.

(xiv) Authorize all employment actions (except nondisciplinary separations and LWOP) and classification actions for the following positions:

(*a*) GS–16—18 and equivalent, and

(*b*) Region-, area-, State-, and country-wide administration.

(xv) Authorize employment actions (promotions, transfers, reassignments,

accessions, or extensions) for newly established GS–14—15 and equivalent positions.

(xvi) Authorize all employment actions (except LWOP) for the following positions:

(*a*) Schedule C, and

(*b*) Administrative law judge.

(xvii) Authorize employment actions (accessions or extensions) for the following:

(*a*) Experts and consultants.

(*b*) Employees whose records are flagged.

(*c*) Contact services.

(xviii) Authorize employment actions (accessions or extensions and transfers) for the following:

(*a*) Persons with criminal or immoral records.

(*b*) Persons separated for misconduct, delinquency, or resignation, to avoid such action.

(*c*) Veterans with dishonorable or other than dishonorable discharge.

(xix) Authorize all classification actions at GS–15 and equivalent.

(xx) Authorize adverse actions for positions in GS–14—15 and equivalent.

(xxi) Approve assignments to White House details.

(xxii) Authorize adverse actions based in whole or in part on an allegation of violation of Subchapter III, Chapter 73, 5 U.S.C. for employees in the excepted service.

(xxiii) Authorize long-term training in programs which require Department-wide competition.

(xxiv) Issue all Coordinated Federal Wage System (CFWS) Department-wide Wage Schedules, and Lithographic Wage Schedules in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

(10) As used herein, the term personnel includes:

(i) Organizational analysis and planning.

(ii) Position classification.

(iii) Employment.

(iv) Pay administration.

(v) Automation of personnel data and systems design.

(vi) Hours of duty.

(vii) Performance evaluation and standards.

(viii) Promotions.

(ix) Employee development.

(x) Incentive programs.

(xi) Leave.

(xii) Program evaluation.

(xiii) Social security.

(xiv) Life insurance.

(xv) Health benefits.

(xvi) Unemployment compensation.

(xvii) Employee safety.

(xviii) Employee health programs.

(xix) Labor management relations.

(xx) Intramanagement consultation.

(xxi) Discipline.

(xxii) Equal employment opportunity.

(xxiii) Complaints and grievances.

(xxiv) Appeals.

(f) *Related to plant and operations.* (1) Promulgate departmental policies, standards, techniques, and procedures, and represent the Department in the following areas:

(i) Contracting for and the procurement of administrative and operating supplies, services, and construction, except for automatic data processing or transmission.

(ii) Socioeconomic programs related to contracting, including Small Business Assistance, Labor Surplus Area Assistance, Disadvantaged Business Assistance, and Labor Standards.

(iii) Utilization of the resources of State and local governments and of the private sector in domestic program operations.

(iv) Selection, standardization, and simplification, of progress delivery processes utilizing grants, contracts, and/or agreements.

(v) Acquisition, leasing, utilization, value analysis, construction, maintenance, and disposition of real and personal property including control of space assignments and use.

(vi) Acquisition, storage, distribution, and disposition of forms and supplies.

(vii) Telecommunications, except for data transmission for automatic data processing systems.

(viii) Mail management.

(ix) Motor Vehicle Fleet and other vehicular transportation.

(x) Transportation of things.

(xi) Security of physical facilities, self-protection and warden systems.

(xii) Prevention, control, and abatement of air and water pollution at Federal facilities (Executive Order 11507).

(xiii) Implementation of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91–646).

(2) Operate or provide for the operation of centralized departmental services to provide printing, copy reproduction, offset composition, supply, telephone, telegraph, mail, automated mailing lists, excess property pool, space allocation, central Secretary's records, departmental administrative regulation and secretarial issuance, and related management support.

(3) Exercise following special authorities.

(i) Designate Department Debarring Officers to perform the functions of 41 CFR Subpart 1–1.6 and 41 CFR 4–1.6.601–1(a).

(ii) Designate and recommend the Department official for appointment by the President to the Committee for Purchase of Products and Services of the Blind and other Severely Handicapped pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 46–48c.

(iii) Promulgate Department schedule of fees and charges for reproductions, furnishing of copies and making searches for official records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

(iv) Conduct liaison with the Office of the Federal Register including the making of required certification pursuant to 1 CFR Part 4.

(v) Maintain custody and permit appropriate use of the official seal of the Department.

(vi) Promulgate policy for use of the official flags of the Secretary and the Department.

(vii) Coordinate collection of historical materials for Presidential Libraries.

(viii) Oversee the safeguarding of unclassified materials designated "For Official Use Only."

(ix) Establish standards for and coordinate the issuance of employee identification credentials within the Department.

(4) Exercise authority to:

(i) Make determinations and findings authorizing the use of negotiation in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 252(c) (11), (12), and (13) with respect to purchases and contracts:

(*a*) For experimental, developmental, or research work, or for the manufacture, or furnishing of property for experimentation, development, research, or test.

(*b*) For property or services when the character, ingredients, or components thereof are such that the contract should not be publicly disclosed.

(*c*) For technical equipment when it is determined that the procurement thereof without advertising is necessary in special situations or in particular localities in order to assure standardization of equipment and interchangeability of parts and where such standardization and interchangeability is necessary in the public interest.

(ii) Make determinations and findings authorizing the omission of the examining of records clause from contracts with foreign contractors and foreign subcontractors under the authority granted in 41 U.S.C. 304(c) (41 CFR 1–3.303; 1–6.1004).

(g) *Related to committee management.* (1) Serve as the Department's Committee Management Officer and establish and maintain departmentwide policies and procedures for the management of Committees.

(h) *Related to equal opportunity.* (1) Coordinate all aspects of the Department's civil rights program.

(2) Administer the Department's contract compliance program, including the formulation and issuance of Department contract compliance policy, standards, rules and regulations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, Executive Order 11375, Executive Order 11598, and Department of Labor rules and regulations.

(3) Is designated as the Department's Contract Compliance Officer with authority to perform the functions and responsibilities of that position.

(4) Order proceedings and hearings in the Department of Agriculture pursuant to §§ 15.9(e) and 15.86 of this subtitle consolidated for hearing with proceedings of Federal Departments and agencies.

(5) Make determinations required by § 15.8(d) of this subtitle that compliance cannot be secured by voluntary means.

(6) Issue orders to give notice of hearing or opportunity to request a hearing pursuant to Part 15 of this subtitle; arrange for the designation of an Administrative Law Judge to preside over any such hearing; and determine whether the Administrative Law Judge so designated will make an initial decision or certify the record to the Secretary of Agriculture with his recommended findings and proposed decision.

(7) Authorize the taking of action pursuant to § 15.8(a) of this subtitle relating to compliance by "other means authorized by law."

(8) Take action pursuant to § 15.8(d) of this subtitle relating to compliance by "other means authorized by law."

(9) Administer the Department's equal employment opportunity program.

(10) Is designated as the Department's Director of Equal Employment Opportunity with authority to perform the functions and responsibilities of that position under 5 CFR Part 713, including the authority to make changes in programs and procedures designed to eliminate discriminatory practices and improve the Department's program for equal employment opportunity, and the authority to make decisions on complaints of discrimination and order such corrective measures as he may consider necessary, including the recommendation for such disciplinary action as is warranted when an employee has been found to have engaged in a discriminatory practice.

§ 2.26 Reservations of authority.

The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(a)–(d) [Reserved].

(e) *Related to personnel.* Make final determinations in the following areas:

(1) Separation of employees for security reasons.

(2) Restoration to duty of employees following suspension from duty for security reasons.

(3) Reinstatement or restoration to duty or the employment of any person separated for security reasons; and

(4) Issuance of temporary certificates to occupy sensitive positions.

§ 2.27 Delegations of authority to the Director of Agricultural Economics.

The following delegation of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Director of Agricultural Economics:

(a) *Related to farmer cooperatives.* (1) Administer programs authorized by the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926 (7 U.S.C. 451–457).

(2) Conduct research relating to the economic and marketing aspect of cooperatives as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627).

(b) *Related to economic research.* (1) Conduct farm economics research consisting of a nationwide program of research dealing with the economic problems of agricultural production and resource use, which shall include the following:

(i) Farm production economics research including analyses of farm production costs and efficiency, use of capital, labor, and other resources in agriculture, profitable adjustments in farming, and financial problems of farmers.

(ii) Natural resources economics research including studies of the use and management of land and water resources, the quality of these resources, resource institutions, and watershed and river basin development problems.

(iii) Economic development research including a broad program of economic studies on development of rural areas, employment opportunities for farm and other rural people, and availability and factors affecting the availability of public and private facilities and services necessary to improve the quality of rural life, including local governments and their organization.

This authority excludes performance of forest economics research. Title I and Title II of the Act of August 14, 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1627).

(2) Conduct marketing economics research including economic analyses and research relating to the marketing of agricultural commodities, the organizational structure, practices, and performance of commodity markets from the farm to the consumer, costs and margins involved in the marketing of agricultural products, farmer's bargaining power, the economics of product quality and grade, market potentials, distribution and merchandising of agricultural products and the economics of transportation. Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627).

(3) Perform domestic and foreign economic analysis which shall include the following:

(i) Domestic economic analysis including economic and statistical research on agricultural prices, farm income, commodity outlook and situation, supply and consumption of farm products, and agricultural history.

(ii) Foreign economic analysis including studies of supply and demand and trade in farm products in foreign countries and their effect on prospects for U.S. exports; analysis of farm export programs, progress in economic development and its relationship to sales of farm products, assembly and analysis of agricultural trade statistics; and analysis of international financial monetary programs and policies as they affect the competitive position of U.S. farm products, but excluding specific commodity investigations relating to foreign market developments, competition and reporting, as delegated to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs. Section 601 of the Act of August 28, 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1761).

(4) Supervise, direct, and operate the Outlook and Situation Board which is responsible for technical review and approval of all economic outlook and situation reports and statements prepared within the Department.

(5) Coordinate and administer the Department's programs in international development, technical assistance, and training. Represent the Department of Agriculture in participating with international and U.S. organizations concerned with international agricultural development matters.

(6) Investigate and make findings as to the effect upon the production of food and upon the agricultural economy of any proposed action pending before the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for presentation in the public interest, before said Administrator, other agencies or before the courts.

(7) Make grants under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i) and the Act of September 6, 1958 (42 U.S.C. 1891–1893).

(8) Perform economic research under section 104(b) (1), (3) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 with funds administered by the Foreign Agricultural Service and the Agricultural Research Service.

(9) Review economic data and analyses used in speeches by Department personnel and in materials prepared for release through the press, radio, and television. This authority does not in any way affect the procedures established for review and clearance of speeches and publications. Materials that should be submitted for review by the Director of Agricultural Economics include the following:

(i) Statistics on: farm income and farm costs; acreage and yield of crops; production, utilization, supply of crops, livestock, and livestock products; consumption of farm products; prices for farm products at all marketing levels; prices paid by farmers; economic projections; farm population, employment, and levels of living; foreign trade in agricultural products; foreign agriculture; agricultural marketing costs and charges; farm real estate; farm assets and debts; farm taxes and insurance; farm cooperatives; and statistics on the nonfarm economy.

(ii) Statements and data on the outlook and situation.

(iii) Economic analyses and interpretations based on published data.

(iv) Analyses and data on the effects of current or proposed programs on farm income, prices, supplies, utilization, or other economic factors.

(10) Coordinate all economic analysis and review all decisions involving substantial economic policy implications.

(c) *Related to statistical reporting.* (1) Prepare crop and livestock estimates and administer reporting programs including estimates of production, supply, price, and other aspects of the U.S. agricultural economy, collection of statistics, conduct of enumerative and objective measurement surveys, and related activities. Prepare reports of the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture covering official State and national estimates (7 U.S.C. 411(a), 475, 476, 951).

(2) Withhold information relating to crop reports and take such security precautions as are necessary to prevent disclosure of crop report information prior to the scheduled issuance time approved in advance by the Secretary of Agriculture (18 U.S.C. 1902, 2072).

(3) Conduct research relating to household, industrial, and institutional consumers, and producers, handlers, and processors, with respect to sensory perceptions, attitudes, opinions, and related factual data affecting marketing and consumption of agricultural products.

(4) Review, clear, coordinate, and improve statistics in the Department including review of all statistical forms survey plans, and reporting and record-keeping requirements originating in the Department and requiring approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Federal Reports Act; liaison with OMB and other Federal agencies for coordination of statistics, general improvement of statistical methods and techniques in the Department (44 U.S.C. 3501–3511).

(5) Make grants under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i), and the Act of September 6, 1958 (42 U.S.C. 1891–1893).

(6) Collect data and prepare estimates of fertilizer production.

(d) *Related to the Commodity Exchange Commission.* (1) Designate the Chairman of the Commodity Exchange Commission (7 U.S.C. 2).

§ 2.28 Reservations of authority.

The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture.

(a)–(b) [Reserved]

(c) *Related to statistical reporting.* (1) Final approval and issuance of the monthly crop report (7 U.S.C. 411a).

(2) Final action on rules and regulations for the Crop Reporting Board.

§ 2.29 Delegations of authority to the Director of Science and Education.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Director of Science and Education who is responsible for the coordination of research activities throughout the Department.

(a) *Related to agricultural research.* (1) Conduct research concerning domestic animals and poultry, their protection and use, causes of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases and means for the prevention and cure of the same (7 U.S.C. 391).

(2) Conduct research related to the dairy industry and dissemination of information for the promotion of the dairy industry (7 U.S.C. 402).

(3) Conduct research at Mandan, N. Dak., and Lewisburg, Tenn., concerning dairy livestock breeding, growing and feeding, and other problems pertaining to the establishment of dairy and livestock industries (7 U.S.C. 421–422).

(4) Conduct research on new uses for cotton and on cotton ginning and processing (7 U.S.C. 423–424).

(5) Conduct research into the basic problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, including, but not limited to, production, marketing (other than statistical and economic research but including consumer and food economic research), distribution, processing, utilization of plant and animal commodities, problems of human nutrition, development of markets for agricultural commodities, discovery, introduction, and breeding of new crops, plants, and animals both foreign and native; conservation development, and development of efficient use of farm buildings, homes, and farm machinery, including the application of electricity and other forms of power (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1627, 2201, 2204).

(6) Administer a program for the improvement of poultry, poultry products, and hatcheries (7 U.S.C. 429).

(7) Advance the livestock and agricultural interests of the United States including the breeding of horses suited to the needs of the United States (7 U.S.C. 437).

(8) Enter into agreements with and receive funds from any State or political subdivision, organization, or person for the purpose of conducting cooperative research projects (7 U.S.C. 450a).

(9) Make grants to State agricultural experiment stations, colleges, universities, other research institutions and organizations and Federal and private organizations and individuals for research to further the programs of the Department (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(10) Maintain four regional research laboratories and conduct research at such laboratories to develop new scientific, chemical, and technical uses and new and extended markets and outlets for farm commodities and products and byproducts (7 U.S.C. 1292).

(11) Conduct a special cotton research program designed to reduce the cost of producing upland cotton in the United States (7 U.S.C. 1441 note).

(12) Administer and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of market development research in the physical and biological sciences under section 104(b)(1) of the Agricultural Trade, Development, and Assistance Act of 1954, but excluding agricultural economics research; and administrate and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of agricultural and forestry research under section 104(b)(3) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1704(b) (1), (3)).

(13) Conduct research in tropical and subtropical agriculture for the improvement and development of tropical and subtropical food products for dissemination and cultivation in friendly countries as provided by the Food for Peace Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 1736(a)(4)).

(14) Conduct research to develop and determine methods of humane slaughter of livestock (7 U.S.C. 1904).

(15) Conduct research related to soil and water conservation, engineering operations, and methods of cultivation to provide for the control and prevention of soil erosion (7 U.S.C. 1010, 16 U.S.C. 590a).

(16) Maintain a national arboretum for purposes of research and education concerning tree and plant life (20 U.S.C. 191–194).

(17) Conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases (21 U.S.C. 133a).

(18) Conduct research on control and eradication of cattle grubs (screwworms) (21 U.S.C. 144e).

(19) Conduct research and technical studies of farm dwellings and other buildings for the purpose of reducing costs and adapting and developing fixtures and appurtenances for more efficient and economical farm use (42 U.S.C. 1476(b)).

(20) Make grants for the support of basic scientific research at nonprofit institutions of higher education or nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is the conduct of scientific research (42 U.S.C. 1891).

(21) Administer the Virgin Islands agricultural research program (48 U.S.C. 1409m–o).

(22) Conduct research related to the use of domestic agricultural commodities for the manufacture of any material determined to be strategic and critical or substitute therefore, under section 7(b) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98f).

(b) *Related to cooperative State research.* (1) Administer the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended (7 U.S.C. 361a–361i).

(2) Administer the Act of October 10, 1962, as amended (16 U.S.C. 582a–582a–7).

(3) Make grants under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(4) Administer the Act of July 22, 1963 (7 U.S.C. 390–390k).

(5) Maintain a Current Research Information System for all research work units of USDA and research projects of cooperating institutions receiving USDA funds.

(6) Maintain a Research Referral Office for the effective review and coordination of all USDA-supported research work units.

(c) *Related to extension service.* (1) Administer the Smith-Lever Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 341–349).

(2) Conduct educational and demonstration work under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627).

(3) Conduct educational and demonstration work in the cooperative farm forestry program conducted under section 5 of the Act of June 7, 1924, as amended (16 U.S.C. 568).

(4) Provide educational and technical assistance to persons not receiving financial assistance under title 5 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1476).

(5) Administer sections 109–111 of the District of Columbia Public Education Act, as amended, relating to cooperative extension programs in the District of Columbia (District of Columbia Code section 31–1609–1611).

(6) Authorize the use of the 4–H Club name and emblem (18 U.S.C. 707).

(7) Coordinate all educational activities of the Department.

(8) Act as the liaison between the Department and officials of the land-grant colleges and universities on all matters relating to cooperative extension work and educational activities relating thereto.

(9) Provide educational leadership for the Department's farm safety educational program.

(10) Serve as a focal point for the Department in contacts and working relationships with national town-country church leaders and denominational and

interdenominational church organizations.

(11) Provide leadership and direct assistance to the Cooperative Extension Service in planning, conducting, and evaluating extension programs with Indians under a memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs dated May 1956.

(12) Administer information and educational services, essential to carrying out preemergency and emergency USDA defense operations through the Cooperative Extension Service.

(13) Exercise responsibilities of the Secretary under regulations dealing with equal employment opportunity in the Cooperative Extension Service. Part 18 of this subtitle.

(14) Provide educational support of resource development programs in rural areas and cooperate with other Federal and State agencies, private organizations, and groups in providing information concerning assistance available for resource development programs.

(15) Represent the Department in dealings with international organizations and foreign countries on matters related to extension education methods, programs, and organizations.

(d) *Related to agricultural library.* (1) Acquire and preserve all information concerning agriculture.

(2) Formulate immediate and long-range library policies, procedures, practices, and technical standards necessary for acquisition, cataloging, loan, bibliographic, and reference service to meet the needs of scientific, technical, research, and administrative staffs of the Department, both in Washington and the field.

(3) Evaluate special library programs developed for agencies of the Department; exercising such controls as are needed to coordinate library services in the Department and to avoid duplication of effort.

(4) Provide consultative service in library science and documentation, including systems for information storage and retrieval, to Department officials.

(5) Coordinate scientific and technical information activities of the Department.

(6) Coordinate the collection policy and program of the National Agricultural Library with the Library of Congress and the National Library of Medicine.

(7) Represent the Department on library and science information matters before congressional committees, professional societies, international organizations; and cooperate with other Government agencies, and educational institutions on all matters relating to library services.

(8) Make grants under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(9) Make copies of bibliographies prepared by the Department library, microfilm and other photographic reproductions of books and other library materials in the Department, and sell such bibliographies and reproductions at cost.

(10) Organize and coordinate a national agricultural science information system (network) for procuring, preserving, and diffusing agricultural information.

(11) Accept gift and order disbursement from the Treasury under the Act of December 28, 1970 (7 U.S.C. 2264, 2265).

§ 2.30 Reservations of authority.

The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(a) *Related to agricultural research.* (1) Designation of members of the advisory committee, under title III of the Research and Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1628–1629).

(b) *Related to cooperative State research.* (1) Appointing an advisory committee under section 6 of the Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a–5).

(2) Withholding funds from States under section 5 and notification to the President thereof in accordance with section 7 of the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended (7 U.S.C. 361 e, g).

(3) Reapportioning funds under section 4 and apportioning funds under section 5 of the Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a–3, 582a–4).

(c) *Related to extension service.* (1) Approving selection of State directors of extension.

(2) Final concurring on equal employment opportunity programs submitted under Part 18 of this subtitle.

(3) Approving the memoranda of understanding between the land-grant universities and the Department of Agriculture.

(4) Withholding funds from States and sending notification thereof to the President in accordance with sections 5 and 6 of the Smith-Lever Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 345–346).

Subpart D—Delegation of Authority to Other General Officers and Agency Heads

§ 2.31 Delegation of authority to the General Counsel.

The General Counsel, as the chief law officer of the Department, is legal adviser to the Secretary and other officials of the Department and responsible for providing legal services for all the activities of the Department.

The delegations of authority by the Secretary of Agriculture to the General Counsel include the following:

(a) Consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, as amended, (28 U.S.C. 2671–2680), and the regulations of the Attorney General contained in 28 CFR Part 14.

(b) Determine, settle, and pay claims submitted by employees of the Department under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees Claims Act of 1964, as amended (31 U.S.C. 240–243).

(c) Certify documents as true copies of those on file in the Department pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1733.

(d) Sign releases of claims of the United States against private persons for damage to or destruction of property of the Department.

(e) Make determinations under 41 CFR 1–2.406–3 and 1–2.406–4, relating to correction of mistakes in bids disclosed before and after award of procurement contracts; and make determinations in the various types of bidders' mistake cases set forth in decision of the Comptroller General, B–125189, dated October 3, 1955; except for mistakes which the contracting officer is authorized to correct in accordance with 41 CFR 1–2.406–2.

(f) Designate the Chairman and Alternate Chairman, Board of Forest Appeals established pursuant to 36 CFR 211.23.

(g) Make determinations as to whether employees of the Department may retain commercial rights in inventions; prepare patent applications and prosecute the same before the Patent Office.

(h) Represent the Department in formal rule-making and adjudicatory proceedings held in connection with the administration of the Department's activities.

(i) Represent the Department in connection with legal issues that arise in its relations with the Congress, the General Accounting Office, or other agencies of the Government.

(j) Represent the Department in proceedings before the Interstate Commerce Commission involving freight rates on farm commodities, and in appeals from decisions of the Commission to the courts.

(k) In civil actions arising out of the activities of the Department, present the Department's case to the Attorney General and U.S. attorneys and, upon request of the Department of Justice assist in the preparation and trial of such cases.

(l) Review cases having criminal aspects and refer them to the Department of Justice.

(m) Act as liaison between the Department and the Department of Justice.

(n) Perform the following legal services:

(1) Render legal opinions on questions arising in the conduct of the Department's activities.

(2) Prepare or review regulations.

(3) Draft proposed legislation.

(4) Prepare or review contracts, mortgages, deeds, leases, and other documents.

(5) Examine titles to land to be acquired or accepted as security for loans.

(o) Perform such other legal service as may be required in the administration of the Department's activities.

§ 2.33 Delegation of authority to the Inspector General.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Inspector General:

(a) Advise the Secretary and general officers in the planning, development, and execution of Department policies and programs.

(b) Direct or control all audit and investigation activities by and for the Department. This includes: (1) Direc-

tion of the formulation of audit and investigative policies, programs, plans, and procedures within the Department and (2) setting standards and approving the use of organizations outside the Department for audit and investigative services in connection with USDA programs.

(c) Provide audit service pertaining to the Department, all of its constituent organizations, and all parties performing under contracts, grants, or other agreements with the Department. This includes the performance of scheduled inquiries and appraisals and such additional inquiries determined by the Inspector General to be necessary, and the reporting to appropriate officials of the Department of conditions disclosed. Where appropriate the Inspector General will make recommendations for action. These audits will provide timely, comprehensive independent appraisals of whether—

(1) Policies, plans, systems, and procedures are adequate, conform to laws and regulations, and are being adhered to.

(2) Adequate fiscal, personnel, information, procurement, and property management systems are in operation.

(3) Programs and operations are effective, relevant, and necessary and administered efficiently.

(d) Conduct investigations concerning operations of the Department, its employees, its constituent organizations, and others under contract, grant, or agreement, with the Department; and to issue reports of facts from which allegations of violations and irregularities can be evaluated.

(e) Determine that OIG reports and those of an audit or investigative nature made by the General Accounting Office and other outside organizations have been reviewed and properly acted upon.

(f) Determine the proper areas of jurisdiction of audit and investigative functions as between OIG and other USDA agencies.

(g) Provide for physical protection to the Secretary.

(h) Provide liaison and coordination on audit and investigative matters between agencies within the Department and between the Department and other Government agencies including the General Accounting Office, Office of Management and Budget, Congressional Committees, Treasury Department, Department of Justice (except security program matters) and other Federal, State and local executive and legislative organizations.

§ 2.34 Reservations of authority.

The following authority is reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(a) Giving final approval to determinations by the Inspector General of the proper areas of jurisdiction of audit and investigative functions as between the OIG and other USDA agencies.

§ 2.35 Delegations of authority to the Judicial Officer.

The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Judicial Officer:

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of April 4, 1970 (7 U.S.C. 450c–450g), and Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953, the Judicial Officer is hereby authorized to perform any regulatory function as defined in the said Act, which the Secretary of Agriculture is or hereafter may be authorized or required by law to perform, in acting as final deciding officer in adjudication proceedings subject to 5 U.S.C. 556 and 557, in rate proceedings under the Packers and Stockyards Act, and in reparation proceedings under statutes administered by the Department. As used herein the term "Judicial Officer" shall mean any person or persons so designated by the Secretary of Agriculture. The provisions of this delegation shall not be construed to limit the authority of the Judicial Officer to perform any functions, in addition to those defined in the said Act of April 4, 1940, which from time to time may be assigned by the Secretary to him.

(b) Hearing Clerk. The Judicial Officer shall direct the functions of the Hearing Clerk. The Hearing Clerk is charged with the following duties with respect to all quasi-judicial, quasi-legislative, and other administrative proceedings under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended; the Sugar Act of 1948, as amended; section 56–60 of Public Act No. 320, 74th Congress; the Packers and Stockyards Act, as amended and supplemented; the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930, as amended; the Federal Seed Act, as amended; the Commodity Exchange Act as amended and supplemented; the Plant Quarantine Act of 1912, as amended; statutes providing for the voluntary inspection or grading of agricultural products; and all statutes, regulations, order, etc., of a regulatory nature except when provided otherwise:

(1) Receiving, filing, and acknowledging the receipt of complaints, petitions, answers, briefs, arguments, and all other documents that may be submitted to the Secretary or the Department of Agriculture in such proceedings.

(2) Receiving and filing complaints, notices of inquiry, orders to show cause, notices of hearing, designations of Administrative Law Judges or presiding officers, answers, briefs, agruments, orders, and all other documents that may be promulgated or issued by the Secretary or other duly authorized officials of the Department of Agriculture in such proceedings.

(3) Supervising the service upon the parties concerned of any documents that are required to be served, and where required, preserving proof of service.

(4) Keeping a docket record of all such documents and proceedings.

(5) Filing a stenographic record of each administrative hearing.

(6) Preparing for certification and certifying under the Secretary's facsimile signature, material on file in the Hearing Clerk's office.

(7) Performing any other clerical duties with respect to the documents relative to such proceedings as may be required to be performed.

(8) Cooperating with the Office of Plant and Operations in the letting of contracts for stenographic and reporting services; auditing of vouchers for such services; and forwarding vouchers to appropriate agencies for payment.

(9) Receiving and compiling data, views or comments filed in response to notices of proposed standards or rules or regulations.

(10) Performing when requested by the agency head, the following services with respect to any hearings in such proceedings:

(i) Arranging for a suitable hearing place.

(ii) Arranging for stenographic reporting of hearings and handling details in connection therewith.

Immediately upon their receipt by the Department, all documents of the character above described will be transmitted to the Hearing Clerk for docketing and filing.

(c) "Agriculture Decisions." The "Agriculture Decisions" shall be prepared under the direction of the judicial officer.

§ 2.41 Designation to the Office of Administrative Law Judges.

The following designations are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Office of Administrative Law Judges:

(a) Administrative Law Judges (formerly Hearing Examiners) are designated pursuant to section 556(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code, to hold hearings and perform related duties in proceedings subject to sections 556 and 557 of title 5, United States Code (formerly sections 7 and 8 of the Administrative Procedure Act), arising under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601 2 et seq.); The Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 499a et seq.), the Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1551 et seq.); the (Laboratory) Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.); the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.); and any other Acts providing for hearings to which the provisions of sections 556 and 557 to title 5, United States Code, are applicable. Pursuant to the applicable rules of practice, the Administrative Law Judges shall make initial decisions in adjudication and rate proceedings subject to sections 556 and 557 of title 5, United States Code. Such decisions shall become final without further proceedings unless there is an appeal to the Secretary by a party to the proceeding in accordance with the applicable rules of practice or the Secretary reviews such decision on his own initiative in accordance with such rules: *Provided, however,* That no decision shall be final for purposes of judicial review except a final decision of the Secretary upon appeal or review on his own initiative. As used herein, "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, the Judicial Officer, or other officer or employee of the Department delegated, pursuant to the Act of April 4, 1940 (7 U.S.C. 450c–450g), and Re-

organization Plan No. 2 of 1953, "regulatory functions" as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, in acting as a final deciding officer in adjudication and rate proceedings subject to sections 556 and 557 of title 5, United States Code.

Subpart E—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary

§ 2.45 Director, Office of Planning and Evaluation.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.15(b), subject to reservations in § 2.16(b), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary to the Director, Office of Planning and Evaluation:

(1) Exercise specific functional responsibility in program planning and evaluation to:

(i) Develop, maintain, and coordinate a comprehensive program planning and evaluation system integrated with departmental budgeting, management information, and control systems;

(ii) Coordinate, direct, and conduct policy and program analyses and special analytic studies; evaluation effectiveness of programs in achieving departmental objectives; and help prepare and review program and financial plans;

(iii) Represent the Department in its relationships with other agencies in the executive and legislative branches on policy and other considerations relating to specific functional responsibilities delegated herein.

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Under Secretary:

(1) Exercising final responsibility for coordinating all program planning, evaluation, and budgeting in the Department.

§ 2.46 Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.15(c), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary to the Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs:

(1) Coordinate programs involving State and local government relations by maintaining liaison with:

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.
Office of Emergency Preparedness.
Defense Civil Preparedness Agency.
Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Office of the Vice President).
Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.
Council of State Governments.
National Governors Conference.
National Association of Counties.
National League of Cities.
International City Managers Association.
U.S. Conference of Mayors.
Other agencies and departments in carrying out the responsibilities of this Office.

(2) Maintain an emergency center in USDA whereby the Department can react immediately when notified of a civil defense or natural disaster emergency by means of an Emergency Duty Officer.

(3) Maintain an overview of emergency relocation facilities and assure that resources are in a constant state of readiness.

(4) Direct activities of USDA representatives to the 10 Federal Regional Councils.

(5) Serve as the USDA contact with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations for implementation of OMB Circular A–85 to provide advance notification to State and local governments of proposed changes in Department programs that affect such governments.

(6) Act as the Department representative for Federal executive board matters.

(7) Direct the entire defense program of USDA. This includes: (i) Maintaining liaison with executive departments and the Congress with respect to policy matters; (ii) supervising and directing USDA State, county, and metropolitan emergency boards; (iii) directing the USDA part of the national defense executive reserve program; and (iv) providing policy guidance to USDA agencies in carrying out specific defense assignments.

(8) Coordinate and facilitate USDA operations of natural disaster programs including liaison with executive departments and the Congress in disaster matters.

§ 2.47 Deputy Under Secretary for Congressional Relations.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.15(d), the following delegation of authority is made by the Under Secretary to the Deputy Under Secretary for Congressional Relations:

(1) Exercise responsibility for coordination of all congressional relations matters in the Department.

Subpart F—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services

§ 2.50 Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.17(a), subject to reservations in § 2.18(a), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services to the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service:

(1) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), including payments to State departments of agriculture in connection with cooperative marketing service projects under section 204(b) (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)), and transportation activities under section 203(j) (7 U.S.C. 1622(j)), but excepting matters otherwise assigned.

(2) Administer transportation activities under section 201 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1291).

(3) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the following legislation:

(i) U.S. Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51–65).

(ii) Cotton futures provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 4854, 4862–4865, 4876, and 7263).

(iii) Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 471–476), except as otherwise assigned.

(iv) U.S. Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71–87h).

(v) Naval Stores Act (7 U.S.C. 91–99).

(vi) Tobacco Inspection Act (7 U.S.C. 511–511q).

(vii) Wool Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 415–415d).

(viii) Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601, 602, 608a–608e, 610, 612, 614, 624, 671–674).

(ix) Cotton Research and Promotion (7 U.S.C. 2101–2119).

(x) Export Apple and Pear Act (7 U.S.C. 581–590).

(xi) Export Grape and Plum Act (7 U.S.C. 591–599).

(xii) Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1551–1611).

(xiii) Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (7 U.S.C. 499a–499s).

(xiv) Produce Agency Act (7 U.S.C. 491–497).

(xv) Tobacco Seed and Plant Exportation Act (7 U.S.C. 516–517).

(xvi) U.S. Warehouse Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 241–273).

(xvii) Tobacco Statistics Act (7 U.S.C. 501–508).

(xviii) Section 32 of the Act of August 23, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), as supplemented by the Act of June 28, 1937 (15 U.S.C. 713c), and related legislation, except functions which are otherwise assigned relating to the domestic distribution and donation of agricultural commodities and products thereof following the procurement thereof.

(xix) Procurement of agricultural commodities and other foods under section 6 of the National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1755).

(xx) In carrying out the procurement functions in subdivisions (xviii) and (xix) of this subparagraph, the Agricultural Marketing Service shall, to the extent practicable, use the commodity procurement, handling, payment, and related services of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

(xxi) Process or Renovated Butter Act (26 U.S.C. 4817–4818).

(xxii) Section 401(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 415e).

(xxiii) Agricultural Fair Practices Act (7 U.S.C. 2301–2306).

(xxiv) Wheat Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 1292 note).

(xxv) Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2321–2331, 2351–2357, 2371–2372, 2401–2404, 2421–2427, 2441–2443, 2461–2463, 2481–2486, 2501–2504, 2531–2532, 2541–2545, 2561–2569, 2581–2583).

(xxvi) Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031–1056).

(xxvii) Potato Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2611–2627).

(xxviii) Act of May 23, 1908, regarding inspection of dairy products for export (21 U.S.C. 693).

(4) Administer the warehouse examination function for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, except functions of inventory management.

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services:

(1) Taking final action on regulations under section 8c(15)(A) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C. 608c(15)(A)), section 12(a) of the Cotton Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2111(a)), and section 311(a) of the Potato Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2620(a)).

(2) Issuing, amending, terminating, or suspending any marketing agreement or order or any provision thereof under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, the Cotton Research and Promotion Act, or the Potato Research and Promotion Act.

§ 2.51 Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.17(b), subject to reservations in § 2.18(b), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services to the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Exercise functions of the Secretary of Agriculture under the following Acts:

(1) The Mexican Pink Bollworm Act (7 U.S.C. 145).

(2) Section 102, Organic Act of 1944, as amended, and the Act of April 3, 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 147a, 148–148e), relating to control and eradication of plant pests and diseases.

(3) The Mexican Border Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 149).

(4) The Golden Nematode Act (7 U.S.C. 150–150g).

(5) The Federal Plant Pest Act (7 U.S.C. 150aa–150jj).

(6) The Plant Quarantine Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 151–165, 167).

(7) The Terminal Inspection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 166).

(8) The Honeybee Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 281–282).

(9) The Halogeton Glomeratus Act (7 U.S.C. 1651–1656).

(10) Tariff Act of June 17, 1930, as amended, section 306 (19 U.S.C. 1306).

(11) Act of August 30, 1890, as amended (21 U.S.C. 102–105).

(12) Act of May 29, 1884, as amended, Act of February 2, 1903, as amended, and Act of March 3, 1905, as amended, and supplemental legislation (21 U.S.C. 111–114a, 114a–1, 115–130).

(13) Act of February 28, 1947, as amended (21 U.S.C. 114b–114c, 114d–1, and Public Law 92–152).

(14) Act of June 16, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 114e–114f).

(15) Act of September 6, 1961 (21 U.S.C. 114g–114h).

(16) Act of July 2, 1962 (21 U.S.C. 134–134h).

(17) Act of May 6, 1970 (21 U.S.C. 135–135b).

(18) Poultry Products Inspection Act, as amended (21 U.S.C. 451–470).

(19) Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended, and related legislation (21 U.S.C. 601–692, 694, 695).

(20) Humane Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901–1906).

(21) (Laboratory) Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2131–2155).

(22) Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1821–1831).

(23) 28 Hour Law, as amended (45 U.S.C. 71–74).

(24) Export Animal Accommodation Act, as amended (46 U.S.C. 466a–466b).

(25) Purebred animal duty-free-entry provision of Tariff Act of June 17, 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1202, Part 1, Item 100.01).

(26) Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151–158).

(27) Anti-Hog-Cholera Serum and Hog-Cholera Virus Act (7 U.S.C. 851–855).

(28) The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, sections 203, 205, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1622, 1624), with respect to voluntary inspection and certification of edible meat and other products; certified products for dogs, cats, and other carnivora; and animal byproducts (9 CFR 156, 350, 355).

(29) Talmadge-Aiken Act (7 U.S.C. 450) with respect to cooperation with States in control and eradication of plant and animal diseases and pests and administration of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Poultry Products Inspection Act.

§ 2.52 Administrator, Commodity Exchange Authority.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.17(c), subject to reservations in § 2.18(c), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services to the Administrator of the Commodity Exchange Authority:

(1) Administer the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services:

(1) Designating contract markets, promulgating of regulations and issuing of complaints under the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.

§ 2.53 Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.17(d), subject to reservations in § 2.18(d), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services to the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service:

(1) Administer of the following legislation:

(i) The Food Stamp Act of 1964, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2011–2025).

(ii) National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1751–1763), except procurement of agricultural commodities and other foods under section thereof.

(iii) Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1771–1785).

(2) Administer those functions relating to the distribution and donation of agricultural commodities and products thereof under the following legislation:

(i) Clause (3) of section 416, Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431), except the estimate and announcement of the types and varieties of food commodities, and the quantities thereof, to become available for distribution thereunder.

(ii) Section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1446a–1).

(iii) Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended (7 U.S.C. 612c), as supplemented by the Act of June 28, 1937 (15 U.S.C. 713c), and related legislation.

(iv) Section 9 of Act of Sept. 6, 1958 (7 U.S.C. 1431b).

(v) Section 210 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1859), except with respect to donation to Federal penal and correctional institutions.

(vi) Section 402 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1922).

(vii) Section 707 of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3045f).

(viii) Sections 203 and 238 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4413, 4457).

(3) Administer those functions relating to the distribution of food coupons under section 238 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4457).

(4) In connection with the functions assigned in subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this paragraph, relating to the distribution and donation of agricultural commodities and products thereof, and food coupons to eligible recipients, authority to determine the requirements for such agricultural commodities, and products thereof, and food coupons to be so distributed.

(5) Authority to receive donations of food commodities under clause (3) of section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, and section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended.

§ 2.54 Administrator, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.17(e), subject to reservations in § 2.18(e), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services to the Administrator, Packers and Stockyards Administration:

(1) Administer the Packers and Stockyards Act, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181–229).

(2) Enforce provisions of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1601–1665, 1681–1681t), with respect to any activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented.

Subpart G—Delegation of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation

§ 2.58 Administrator, Farmer Cooperative Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.20(c), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation to the Administrator, Farmer Cooperative Service:

(1) Administer programs authorized by the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926 (7 U.S.C. 451–457).

(2) Conduct research relating to the economic and marketing aspect of cooperatives as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627).

§ 2.60 Chief, Forest Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.19(c), subject to reservation in § 2.20, the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation to the Chief of the Forest Service:

(1) Provide national leadership in forestry. (As used here and elsewhere in this section the term "forestry" encompasses the tangible physical resources such as forests, forest-related rangeland, grassland, brushland, woodland, alpine areas, minerals, water areas, wildlife habitat, and less tangible forest-related values such as outdoor recreation, air and water quality, economic strength, and social well-being.)

(2) Protect, manage, and administer the national forests, national forest purchase units, national grasslands, and other lands and interests in lands administered by the Forest Service, which collectively are hereby designated as the National Forest System, including the acquisition and disposition of lands and interests in lands as may be required in these programs.

(3) Conduct research programs to provide fundamental knowledge and technology, for improved policy decisions and professional management of forest and range ecosystems; increased efficiency in timber production; forest soils and watersheds; range, wildlife, and fish habitat management, forest recreation; environmental forestry; forest fire; forest insects; forest diseases, forest products utilization; forest engineering; forest resource surveys; forest products marketing; and forest economics.

(4) Administer program of cooperation in the protection, planning, development, conservation, multiple purpose management and utilization of forest and related resources.

(5) Administer forest insect, disease, and other pest control and eradication programs.

(6) Administer programs under section 23 of the Federal Highway Act (23 U.S.C. 101(a), 202(b), 204(a)–(c), 205 (a)–(c), 317).

(7) Exercise the custodianship of lands and interests in lands under lease or contract of sale to States and local agencies pursuant to title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010–1012).

(8) Administer, under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service, for the forestry aspects of subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of ths subparagraph on the National Forest System and rangelands within national forest boundaries and adjacent rangelands which are administered under formal agreement, and other forest lands.

(i) Cooperative river basin surveys and investigations program (16 U.S.C. 1006).

(ii) Eleven authorized watershed improvement programs and emergency flood prevention measures program under the Flood Control Act (33 U.S.C. 701b–1).

(iii) Small watershed protection program under the Pilot Watershed Protection and Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Acts (67 Stat. 214 and 16 U.S.C. 1001–1011).

(9) Provide assistance to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in connection with the rural environmental assistance program, the naval stores conservation program, and the cropland conversion program, authorized by section 7–17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g–590q).

(10) Coordinate mapping work of the Department, including: (i) Clearing mapping projects to prevent duplication; (ii) keeping a record of mapping done by Department agencies; (iii) preparing and submitting required Departmental reports; (iv) serving as liaison on mapping with the Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, and other Departments and establishments; (v) promoting interchange of technical information, including techniques which may reduce costs or improve quality; and (vi) maintenance of the mapping records formerly maintained by the Office of Plant and Operations.

(11) Enter into research agreements (grants, contracts, agreements, and cooperative aid) under the provisions of 7 U.S.C. 450i; 42 U.S.C. 1891–1893; and 16 U.S.C. 581; 7 U.S.C. 427i(a); and 7 U.S.C. 1624, for the support of applied and/or basic scientific research in forestry activities.

(12) Provide assistance to the Farmers Home Administration in connection with grants and loans under authority of the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961, 7 U.S.C. 1923; and consultation with the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 461(e).

(13) Exercise responsibility, under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service for the Forestry aspects of the resource conservation and development program authorized by title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(e)).

(14) Administer the radio frequency licensing work of the Department, including: (i) Representing the Department on the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee and its Frequency Assignment subcommittee, in the office of the Director of Telecommunications Management; (ii) establishing policies, standards, and procedures, for allotting and assigning frequencies within the Department and for obtaining effective utilization of them; (iii) providing licensing action necessary to assign radio frequencies for use by the agencies of the Department and maintenance of the records necessary in connection therewith; and (iv) providing inspection of the Department's radio operations to insure compliance with national and international regulations and policies for radio frequency use.

(15) Administer of the Youth Conservation Corps Act (42 U.S.C. Precede 2711 Note) for the Department of Agriculture.

(16) Establish and operate the Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers on National Forest lands as authorized by title I, sections 106 and 107 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2716–2717), in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated May 11, 1967, between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Labor; and administration of other cooperative manpower training and work experience programs where the Forest Service serves as host or prime sponsor with other Departments of Federal, State, or local governments.

(17) Administer the Volunteers in the National Forests Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 558a–558d, 558a note).

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development and conservation:

(1) The authority to issue regulations.

(2) The authority as a member of the National Forest Reservation Commission (16 U.S.C. 513).

(3) The making of recommendations to the President with respect to the transfer of lands pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e) of section 32 of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(a)).

(4) Making recommendations to the President for the establishing of national forests or parts thereof under the provisions of section 9 of the Act of June 7, 1924 (16 U.S.C. 471).

(5) Giving final approval and submitting to the Congress the results of preliminary examinations and survey reports under the Flood Control Act of 1936, as amended and supplemented (33 U.S.C. 701a et seq.).

(6) Approving requests for apportionment of reserves pursuant to section 3679, Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C. 665), for forest pest control.

(7) Making recommendations to the President for the establishing of or adding to National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (16 U.S.C. 1271–1278); National Scenic Trails System (16 U.S.C. 1241–1249); and the National Wilderness Preservation System (16 U.S.C. 1131–1136).

(8) Signing of Declarations of Taking and requests for condemnation.

§ 2.61 Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.19(d), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation to the Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration:

(1) Administer the "Rural Electrification Act," as amended (7 U.S.C. 901–950(b)).

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation:

(1) Making requests and certifications to the Secretary of the Treasury in con-

nection with loans to the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration for the rural electrification and rural telephone programs (7 U.S.C. 903(a)).

(2) Approving acquisitions of telephone lines, facilities, or systems financed by the Rural Telephone Bank under (7 U.S.C. 948(a)(2)).

§ 2.62 Administrator, Soil Conservation Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.19(e), subject to reservations in § 2.20(e), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation to the Administrator, Soil Conservation Service:

(1) Provide national leadership in the conservation development and productive use of the Nation's soil, water, and related resources. Such leadership encompasses soil, water, plant, and wildlife conservation; small watershed protection and flood prevention; and resource conservation and development. Integrated in these programs are erosion control, sediment reduction, pollution abatement, land use planning, multiple use, improvement of water quality, and several surveying and monitoring activities related to environmental improvement. All are designed to assure: (i) Quality in the natural resource base for sustained use; (ii) quality in the environment to provide attractive, convenient, and satisfying places to live, work, and play; and (iii) quality in the standard of living based on community improvement and adequate income.

(2) Evaluate and coordinate land use policy.

(3) Administer the basic program of soil and water conservation under Public Law 46, 74th Cong., as amended, and related laws (16 U.S.C. 590a–f, 590i–1, 590q, 590q–1; 42 U.S.C. 3271–3274; 7 U.S.C. 2201), including:

(i) Technical assistance to landusers in carrying out locally adapted soil and water conservation programs primarily through the conservation districts in the 50 States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, but also to communities, watershed groups, Federal and State agencies and other cooperators including such assistance as:

(*a*) Comprehensive planning assistance in nonmetropolitan districts.

(*b*) Assistance in the field of income-producing recreation on rural non-Federal lands.

(*c*) Forestry assistance, as a part of total technical assistance, to private landowners and landusers when such services are in integral part of land management and such services are not available from a State agency; and forestry services in connection with windbreaks and shelter belts to prevent wind and water erosion of lands.

(*d*) Assistance in developing programs relating to natural beauty.

(*e*) Assistance to other Department agencies in connection with the administration of their programs, as follows:

(*f*) Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in the development and technical servicing of certain pro-Administration.
grams, such as the rural environmental assistance program, water bank program, Appalachian regional development program and other such similar conservation programs.

(*ii*) Farmers Home Administration in connection with their loan programs.

(ii) Soil surveys, including:

(*a*) Providing leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey which includes conducting and publishing of soil surveys.

(*b*) Conducting soil surveys for resource planning and development.

(*c*) Performing the cartographic services essential to carrying out the functions of the Soil Conservation Service, including furnishing photographs, mosaics, and maps.

(iii) Conducting and coordinating snow surveys and making water supply forecasts pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1940 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(iv) Operating plant materials centers for the assembly and testing of plant species in conservation programs, including the use, administration and disposition of lands under the administraton of the Soil Conservation Service for such purposes under title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010–1011).

(v) Providing leadership in the inventorying and monitoring of soil, water, land, and related resources of the Nation.

(4) Administer the watershed protection and flood prevention programs, including:

(i) The 11 Authorized Watershed projects under Public Law 534, 78th Cong., 33 U.S.C. 701b–1, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service.

(ii) The Emergency Flood Control Work under section 216 of Public Law 516, 81st Cong., 33 U.S.C. 701b–1.

(iii) The cooperative river basin surveys and investigations program under section 6 of Public Law 566, 83d Cong., 16 U.S.C. 1006, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service. Representation on the Water Resources Council and river basin commissions created by Public Law 89–80, 42 U.S.C. 1962, and on river basin interagency committees.

(iv) The pilot watershed projects under Public Law 46, 74th Cong., 16 U.S.C. 590a–f, and Public Law 156, 83d Cong., except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service.

(v) The watershed protection and flood prevention program under Public Law 566, 83d Cong., as amended 16 U.S.C. 1001–1009, except for responsibilities assigned to the Farmers Home Administration and the Forest Service.

(vi) The joint investigations and surveys with the Department of the Army under Public Law 639, 87th Cong., 16 U.S.C. 1009.

(5) Administer the Great Plains conservation program under Public Law 1021, 84th Cong., as amended 16 U.S.C. 590p(b).

(6) Administer the resource conservation and development program under Public Laws 46, 74th Cong., and 703, 87th Cong., as amended 16 U.S.C. 590a and 7 U.S.C. 1010–1011, except for responsibilities assigned to the Farmers Home

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation:

(1) Executing cooperative agreements and memorandums of understanding containing representations in the name of the Secretary or the Department of Agriculture as a whole, including the cooperation of the Department with conservation districts and other districts organized for soil and water conservation within the States, territories, and possessions.

(2) Giving final approval and transmitting to the Congress watershed work plans that require Congressional approval; and approving and transmitting to the Congress comprehensive river basin reports.

(3) Giving approval for operations of designated Resource Conservation and Development areas; and approving additions to authorized projects.

Subpart H—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs

§ 2.65 Administrator, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.21(a), subject to the reservations in § 2.22(a), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs to the Administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

(1) Administer the acreage allotment and farm marketing quota program under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.).

(2) Coordinate and prevent duplication of aerial photographic work of the Department, including: (i) Clearing of photography projects; (ii) assigning symbols for new aerial photography, maintaining symbol records, and furnishing symbol books; (iii) recording departmental aerial photography flown and coordinating the issuance of aerial photography status maps of latest coverage; (iv) promoting interchange of technical information and techniques to develop lower costs and better quality; (v) representing the Department on the Interagency Committee on Sales Prices of Aerial Photographic and Satellite Imagery Reproductions and serving as liaison with other governmental agencies on aerial photography and related activities including classification of departmental aerial photography but excluding mapping; and (vi) providing a Chairman for the Photography Sales Committee of the Department.

(3) Administer the rural environmental assistance program and diversion programs (except Great Plains program and naval stores conseravtion program) under sections 7 to 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g et seq.).

(4) Administer the land stabilization, conservation, and erosion program authorized by section 203 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, as amended (40 U.S.C. App. 203), with assistance from the Soil Conservation Service.

(5) Administer the beekeeper indemnity payment program under section 804 of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 135b note).

(6) Administer the conservation reserve program under the Soil Bank Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1801 note).

(7) Administer the cropland adjustment program under title VI of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1938).

(8) Administer the cropland conversion program under section 16(e) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590p(e)).

(9) Administer the dairy indemnity program under Public Law 90–484, as amended (7 U.S.C. 450j–1).

(10) Administer responsibilities and functions under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), the

(11) Conduct refinancing operations pursuant to section 304 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2094).

(12) Administer the emergency conservation program under Public Law 85–58, as amended (71 Stat. 177).

(13) Provide management support activities for the Export Marketing Service with respect to both program and administrative matters, including fiscal, accounting, budget, personnel, and administrative service functions, the preparation and issuance of information releases on agricultural exports, and the processing and disposition for the Export Marketing Service of all claims arising under Department functions for which the Export Marketing Service has responsibility; and in participation with other agencies of the U.S. Government, develop and formulate amendments to credit agreements under title I, Public Law 480, and the Export Credit Sales Program involving the rescheduling of amounts due from foreign countries under such agreements.

(14) Administer the feed grain setaside program under section 105 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1441 note).

(15) Administer the haybank program pursuant to section 805, of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 1339d).

(16) Serve as focal point in the Department for consultation on the leasing of federally owned farmlands to insure consistency with the Government's farm programs to reduce production of price-supported crops in surplus supply and determine and proclaim agricultural commodities in surplus supply, pursuant to Presidential memorandum of May 21, 1956.

(17) Administer assigned activities under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act (50 U.S.C. 98–98h).

(18) Administer the Sugar Act of 1948, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1100 et seq.).

(19) Administer the International Sugar Agreement (7 U.S.C. 1161).

(20) Supervise and direct Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service State and county offices, and designate functions to be performed by Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service State and county committees.

(21) Administer the upland cotton program set-aside program under section 103 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1444).

(22) Administer the waterbank program under Public Law 91–599 (16 U.S.C. 1301–1311).

(23) Administer the wheat certificate and set-aside programs under subtitles B and D, title III, Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1339 and 1379a et seq.). (Other than as specified in § 2.21(b).)

(24) Administer the distress and disaster relief under section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1427) and the Disaster Relief Act of 1970, Public Law 91–606, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4401).

(25) Administer the emergency livestock feed assistance program under section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, and Public Law 86–299, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1427 and 1427 note).

(26) Determine the quantities of agricultural commodities subject to price support available for export programs. Estimate and announce the types, quantities, and varieties of food commodities, to become available for distribution under clause (3) of section 416, Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431).

(27) Administer programs to stabilize, support, and protect farm income and prices and to assist in the maintenance of balanced and adequate supplies of agricultural commodities, including programs to sell or otherwise dispose of and aid in the disposition of such commodities, except those specified in §§ 2.17(d), 2.21(b), and 2.21(d).

(28) Administer procurement, processing, handling, distribution, disposition, transportation, payment, and related services on surplus removal and supply operations, under section 5 (b), (c), and (d) of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c (b), (c), and (d)), section 210 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431), section 210 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1859), the Act of August 19, 1958 (7 U.S.C. 1431 note), and section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1446a), except as specified in §§ 2.17(d) and 2.21(b).

(29) Administer commodity procurement and supply, transportation (other than from point of export except for movement to trust territories or possessions), handling, payment and related services in connection with programs under title II of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1721–1725) hereinafter referred to as "Public Law 480"; and payment and related services for the Export Marketing Service with respect to export subsidy and barter operations, operations under title I of Public Law 480 (7 U.S.C. 1701–1710), and the Export Credit Sales Program.

(30) Administer functions relating to agreements under section 708 of the National Wool Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1787).

(31) Administer other functions on behalf of CCC as assigned in accordance with CCC bylaws.

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs:

(1) Designating counties and areas for emergency programs under Public Law 85–58, as amended.

(2) Designating such areas as emergency areas under section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended with respect to feed assistance for foundation herds and under Public Law 86–299 (7 U.S.C. 1427 note) with respect to feed assistance for livestock.

§ 2.66 General Sales Manager, Export Marketing Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.21(b) subject to reservations in § 2.22(b), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs to the General Sales Manager, Export Marketing Service:

(1) Formulate and administer programs under section 5(f) of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c(f) and section 4, Public Law 89–808 (7 U.S.C. 1707a) to finance commercial export credit sales of agricultural commodities by U.S. exporters.

(2) Formulate and administer barter programs, under which agricultural commodities are exported, under section 5(f) of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c(f)).

(3) Negotiate and implement between CCC and private trade entities to finance the sales and exportation of agricultural commodities for dollars on long term credit under title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1707), hereinafter referred to as "Public Law 480".

(4) Perform functions of the Department in connection with the development and implementation of basic country agreements under title I of Public Law 480 to finance the sales and exportation of agricultural commodities on long term credit or for foreign currencies.

(5) Participate in program development, evaluation and review, including related liaison with the Agency for International Development, private relief agencies and intergovernment organizations, and activities involving operational responsibilities with respect to making agricultural commodities available for distribution in foreign countries under title II, Public Law 480 (7 U.S.C. 1721–1725).

(6) Coordinate within the Department activities arising under Public Law 480 (except as assigned to the Foreign Agricultural Service and to the Economic Research Service pursuant to §§ 2.68, and 2.85 respectively), and to represent the Department in its relationships in such matters with the Department of State,

the Interagency Staff Committee on Public Law 480, and other departments, agencies, and committees of the Government.

(7) Arrange for transportation in connection with moving commodities from point of export under Public Law 480 and under section 5 of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c) except for movement to trust territories or possessions.

(8) Formulate policy for export pricing and price review, in connection with export sales of CCC-owned commodities, except for tobacco, peanuts, tung oil, and gum naval stores and for export sales under Public Law 480.

(9) Formulate and administer programs for sales for export of CCC-owned agricultural commodities, except for tobacco, peanuts, tung oil, and gum naval stores.

(10) Allocate among the various export programs, agricultural commodities determined by Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to be available for export.

(11) Formulate and administer export payment programs (other than those under section 32, Public Law 320, 74th Congress (7 U.S.C. 612)) and other programs as assigned to encourage or cause the export of U.S. agricultural commodities.

(12) Administer domestic operations to implement the Wheat Trade Convention of the International Wheat Agreement.

(13) Formulate and direct the program relating to acquisition of wheat export marketing certificates by exporters under Subtitle D, title III, of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1379a et seq.).

(14) Develop foreign markets for agricultural commodities under section 5(f) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c(f)), except as otherwise specifically assigned to the Foreign Agricultural Service.

(15) Perform those functions under section 203(j) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(j)) with respect to improvement of transportation service, facilities, and rates for the export of agricultural commodities and farm supplies which involve action before the Federal Maritime Commission, the Maritime Administration or other similar transportation regulatory body, or which involve working directly with individual ocean carriers of groups of such carriers.

§ 2.67 Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.21(c), subject to reservations in § 2.22(c), the following delegation of authority is made by the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs to the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation:

(1) Pursuant to the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, is its chief executive officer with such power and authority as may be conferred upon him by the Board.

(b) *Reservations.* The following authority is reserved to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs:

(1) Exercise general supervision of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

§ 2.68 Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.21(d), subject to reservations in § 2.22(d) the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

(1) Coordinate the carrying out by Department agencies of their functions involving foreign agricultural policies and programs of the Department and their operations and activities in foreign areas (other than those functions arising under the Agricultural Trade Development Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1701–1710, 1721–1725, 1731–1736), which are not related to Foreign Agriculture and those functions relating to international development, technical assistance and training assigned to the Director of Agricultural Economics). Act as liaison agency on these matters and functions relating to Foreign Agriculture between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of State, the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, the Trade Expansion Act Advisory Committee, and other departments, agencies and committees of the U.S. Government, foreign governments, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Common Market, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other international organizations, and the contracting parties to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade.

(2) Administer Departmental programs concerned with development of foreign markets for agricultural products of the United States except functions relating to Export Marketing Operations, under section 32, Public Law 320, 74th Congress (7 U.S.C. 612c) delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services, and utilization research delegated to the Director of Science and Education. Legal authority for these programs is contained in section 104(b)(1) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1704(b)(1)) and section 601 of the Agricultural Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1761).

(3) Conduct studies of worldwide production, trade, marketing, prices, consumption, and other factors affecting exports and imports of U.S. agricultural commodities and to obtain information on methods used by other countries to move farm commodities in world trade on a competitive basis for use in the development of programs of this Department, provision of information to domestic producers, agricultural trade, the public and other interests, and the promotion of normal commercial markets abroad. This delegation excludes basic and long range analyses of world conditions and developments affecting supply, demand, and trade in farm products and general economic analyses of the international financial and monetary aspects of agricultural affairs as assigned to the Director of Agricultural Economics.

(4) Conduct functions of the Department relating to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) and other legislation affecting international agricultural trade including those programs designed to reduce foreign tariffs and other trade barriers.

(5) Maintain a worldwide Agricultural Attache intelligence and reporting system, including provision of foreign agricultural representation abroad to protect and promote U.S. agricultural interests, and to acquire information on demand, competition, marketing and distribution of U.S. agricultural products abroad pursuant to title VI of the Agricultural Act of 1954, as amended, Public Law 83–690 (7 U.S.C. 1761–1766).

(6) Conduct Department activities to carry out the provisions of the International Coffee Agreement Act of 1968 (19 U.S.C. 1356f–j).

(7) Administer functions of the Department relating to import controls, including, among others, functions under section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (of 1933), as amended (7 U.S.C. 624), section 2 of Public Law 88–482 (19 U.S.C. 1202 note), and section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), but not including those functions reserved to the Secretary under § 2.22(d), those relating to the Sugar Act of 1948, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1100 et seq.), as specified in § 2.21(a) and those relating to section 8e of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (of 1933), as amended (7 U.S.C. 608e–1), as assigned to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services.

(8) Represent the Department on the Interdepartmental Committee for Export Control and to conduct Departmental activities to carry out the provisions of the Export Administration Act of 1969, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2401–2413), except as reserved to the Secretary under § 2.22(d).

(9) Conduct international negotiations and contacts in connection with the International Wheat Agreement and authority for the administration of the Food Aid Convention of the IWA within the Department.

(10) Plan and provide overall direction to the programs and activities undertaken to carry out the foreign market promotion portions of the Wheat Research and Promotion Act (Public Law 91–430); the Cotton Research and Promotion Act (Public Law 89–502); and the Potato Research and Promotion Act (Public Law 91–670). This authority includes determining the programs and activities to be undertaken and assuring that they are coordinated with the overall departmental programs to develop foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products.

Subpart J—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Administration

§ 2.75 Director, Office of Budget and Finance.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.25(b), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Budget and Finance:

(1) Exercise general responsibility and authority for all matters related to the administration of the Department's financial affairs including:

(i) Budgetary administration, including all phases of acquisition, distribution, and control of funds.

(ii) Financial administration, including accounting and related activities.

(iii) Budgetary and financial reporting.

(iv) Legislative reporting and related activities.

(v) The Department's central payroll, personnel, and related services, central voucher payment service, and central accounting system.

(2) Formulate and promulgate departmental financial policies, procedures, and regulations.

(3) Provide staff assistance to the Secretary, General Officers, and other Department and agency officials.

(4) Review budgetary, financial, legislative, and fiscal management aspects of agency operations and proposals.

(5) Represent the Department in contacts with the Office of Management and Budget, the General Accounting Office, the Treasury Congressional Committees on Appropriations, and any other organizations or agencies on matters related to his responsibility.

(6) The Director, Office of Budget and Finance, is designated as the Department's Director of Finance and the Department's Budget Officer to carry out the Department's responsibilities under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 and other applicable statutes.

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Administration:

(1) All matters which have a significant impact on the financial operations of the Department shall be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary for Administration with the recommendation(s) of the Director, Office of Budget and Finance.

§ 2.76 Director, Office of Information Systems.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.25(c), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Information Systems:

(1) Administer the Department's management improvement program including the provision of assistance to agencies through management studies; review the management and operating policies and processes, search for more economical approaches to the conduct of business and provide such other assistance as will aid in improving the management effectiveness, organization and operation of the Department's programs.

(2) Administer the Department's records, forms, reports, and directives management programs (authority to maintain, review, update and amend Departmental Delegations of Authority is included in this delegation).

(3) Administer the Department's Management Review Program. This authority includes the development and promulgation of Departmental directives regulating the management review function.

(4) Develop, design, install and revise systems, processes, work methods and techniques, and undertake other system engineering efforts to improve the management and operational effectiveness of the USDA.

(5) Manage and operate the total USDA data processing program through all stages of the data processing management cycle: Advance planning, feasibility, design, equipment selection and acquisition readiness effort, systems installation, system impact appraisal, time sharing and service center arrangements, systems monitoring and evaluation. These authorities will be transferred from the various agencies involved to the Office of Information Systems (authority to specify functions, resources and timing is included in this delegation).

(6) Exercise full Department-wide contracting and procurement authority for automatic data processing and data transmission equipment, software, services, maintenance, and related supplies. This authority includes the promulgation of departmental directives regulating the management of contracting and procurement functions related to the above.

(7) Plan, develop, install and manage USDA information systems, and assist in the maintenance of such systems to satisfy agency needs.

(8) Develop an integrated computer network for use by Department agencies and offices; manage telecommunications related to automatic data processing and coordinate with GSA in these areas.

§ 2.77 Director, Office of Management Services.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.25(d), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Management Services:

(1) Under agreements with the General Officers or Agency Heads concerned, provide management support services to the Under Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries, the Director of Agricultural Economics, the Director of Science and Education, and to the following agencies:

(i) Rural Development Service.

(ii) Commodity Exchange Authority.

(iii) Packers and Stockyards Administration.

(iv) Farmers Cooperative Service.

(v) Economic Research Service.

(vi) Statistical Reporting Service.

(vii) Cooperative State Research Service.

(viii) National Agricultural Library.

(ix) Office of Planning and Evaluation.

(x) Office of Equal Opportunity.

(xi) Office of Budget and Finance.

(xii) Office of Information.

(xiv) Office of Information Systems.

(xv) Office of Management Services.

(xvi) Office of Personnel.

(xvii) Office of Plant and Operations.

(xviii) Office of the General Counsel.

(xix) Office of the Inspector General.

(xx) The Judicial Officer.

(2) The Director, Office of Management Services shall also provide management support services to the Secretary of Agriculture. As used herein, the term management support services shall include:

(i) Budget, accounting, and related financial management services, with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to discharge the budget, accounting, and related financial management functions for working capital fund and general appropriated and trust funds.

(ii) Personnel, organization, and related service, with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to perform personnel management functions including employment, classification, organization, employee security, and related matters.

(iii) Procurement, property management, space management, communications, messenger, paperwork management, and related administrative services, with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to perform administrative services functions of procurement and contracting, personal property management, paperwork management, records management, and related matters.

(iv) Information services with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to develop, issue, and distribute information materials.

§ 2.78 Director, Office of Personnel.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.25 (e), (h), subject to reservations in § 2.26 (e), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director of Personnel.

(1) Authority to formulate and issue Department policy, standards, rules and regulations relating to personnel.

(2) Provide personnel management procedural guidance and operational instructions.

(3) Design and establish automated data personnel systems.

(4) Inspect and evaluate personnel management operations and issue instructions or take direct action to insure conformity with appropriate laws, Executive orders, Civil Service Commission rules and regulations, and other appropriate rules and regulations.

(5) Exercise final authority in all personnel matters, including individual cases, that involve the jurisdiction of more than one General Officer.

(6) Receive, review, and recommend action on all requests for the Secretary's or Assistant Secretary for Administration's approval in personnel matters.

(7) Make final decisions on complaints, adverse actions and grievance appeals, except in those cases where the Director of Personnel has participated, when it is determined that such complaint, adverse action or grievance appeals are not being decided in a timely manner.

(8) Represent the Department in personnel matters in all contacts outside the Department.

(9) Specific authorities in the following operational matters:

(i) Authorize cash awards above $2,500.

(ii) Waive payment of training expenses where employee fails to fulfill service agreement.

(iii) Establish or change standards and plans for awards to private citizens.

(iv) Execute, change, extend, or renew:

(a) Labor-Management Agreements.

(b) Association of Management Officials or Supervisor's Agreements.

(v) Represent any part of the Department in all contacts and proceedings with the National Offices of Labor Organizations.

(vi) Change a position (with no material change in duties) from GS to a pay system other than a wage system, or vice versa.

(vii) Grant restoration rights, and release employees with administrative reemployment rights.

(viii) Change working hours for groups of 50 or more employees in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

(ix) Authorize any mass dismissals of employees in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

(x) Approve "normal line of promotion" cases in the excepted service where not in accordance with time-in-grade criteria.

(xi) Make final decision on formal grievance, adverse action and performance rating appeals in all cases where the Deciding Official:

(a) Was involved directly in the grievance, adverse action, or performance rating appeal, or

(b) Made the informal decision, or

(c) Determines that the Examiner's findings or Committee's recommendation is unacceptable.

(xii) Make the final decision on all classification appeals from Agency appellate decisions.

(xiii) Authorize organization changes which occur in:

(a) Department Service:

(1) Division (or comparable component);

(2) Branch (or comparable component);

(b) Field Service:

(1) First organization level;

(2) Next lower organization level—required only for those types of field installations where the establishment, change in location, or abolition of same, requires approval in accordance with 1 AR 673.

(xiv) Authorize all employment actions (except nondisciplinary separations and LWOP) and classification actions for the following positions:

(a) GS–16–18 and equivalent, and

(b) Region, area, State, and country-wide administration.

(xv) Authorize employment actions (promotions, transfers, reassignments, accessions, or extensions) for newly established GS–14–15 and equivalent positions.

(xvi) Authorize all employment actions (except LWOP) for the following positions:

(a) Schedule C, and

(b) Administrative Law Judge,

(xvii) Authorize employment actions (accessions or extensions) for the following:

(a) Experts and Consultants.

(b) Employees whose records are flagged.

(c) Contract services.

(xix) Authorize all classification actions at GS–15 and equivalent.

(xx) Authorize adverse actions for positions on GS–14–15 and equivalent.

(xxi) Approve assignments to White House details.

(xxii) Authorize adverse actions based in whole or in part on an allegation of violation of Subchapter III, Chapter 73, 5 U.S.C. for employees in the excepted service.

(xxiii) Authorize long-term training in programs which require Department-wide competition.

(xxiv) Issue all Coordinated Federal Wage System (CFWS) Department-wide Wage Schedules, and Lithographic Wage Schedules in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.

(10) As used herein, the term personnel includes:

(i) Organizational analysis and planning.

(ii) Position classification.

(iii) Employment.

(iv) Pay administration.

(v) Automation of personnel data and systems design.

(vi) Hours of duty.

(vii) Performance evaluation and standards.

(viii) Promotions.

(ix) Employee development.

(x) Incentive programs.

(xi) Leave.

(xii) Retirement.

(xiii) Program evaluation.

(xiv) Social security.

(xv) Life insurance.

(xvii) Unemployment compensation.

(xviii) Employee safety.

(xix) Employee health programs.

(xx) Labor management relations.

(xxi) Intramanagement consultation.

(xxii) Security.

(xxiii) Discipline.

(xxiv) Complaints and grievances.

(xxv) Appeals.

(11) Perform staff work and prepare proposed decisions on complaints of discrimination including the ordering of such corrective measures considered necessary, and the recommendation for such disciplinary action as is warranted when an employee has been found to have engaged in a discriminatory practice; and transmit such proposed decisions to the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity through the Director, Office of Equal Opportunity, for such recommendations as the latter may consider warranted.

(12) Prepare, in consultation with the Director, Office of Equal Opportunity, regulations, plans, and procedures necessary to carry out the Department's equal employment opportunity program for issuance by the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(b) *Reservations.*—The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Administration:

(1) Authorize organization changes which occur in a department service or office.

§ 2.79 Director, Office of Plant and Operations.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.25 (f), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Plant and Operations:

(1) Promulgate departmental policies, standards, techniques, and procedures, and to represent the Department, in the following:

(i) Contracting for and the procurement of administrative and operating supplies, services, and construction, except for automatic data processing or transmission.

(ii) Socioeconomic programs related to contracting, including small business assistance, labor surplus area assistance, disadvantaged business assistance, and labor standards.

(iii) Utilization of the resources of State and local governments and of the private sector in domestic program operations.

(iv) Selection, standardization, and simplification of program delivery processes utilizing grants, contracts, and/or agreements.

(v) Acquisition, leasing, utilization, value analysis, construction, maintenance, and disposition of real and personal property including control of space assignments and use.

(vi) Acquisition, storage, distribution, and disposition of forms and supplies.

(vii) Telecommunications, except for data transmission for automatic data processing systems.

(viii) Mail management.

(ix) Motor vehicle fleet and other vehicular transportation.

(x) Transportation of things.

(xi) Security of physical facilities, self-protection, and warden systems.

(xii) Prevention, control, and abatement of air and water pollution at Federal facilities (E.O. 11507).

(xiii) Implementation of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91–646).

(2) Operate, or provide for the operation of, centralized departmental services to provide printing, copy reproduction, offset composition, supply, telephone, telegraph, mail, automated mailing lists, excess property pool, space allocation, central Secretary's records, departmental administrative regulation and secretarial issuances, and related management support.

(3) Exercise the following special authorities:

(i) The Director, Plant and Operations, is designated as the Department debarring officer, and authorized to perform the functions of 41 CFR Subpart 1–1.6 and 41 CFR 4–1.6.601–1(a).

(ii) Department designee appointed by the President to the Committee for Purchase of Products and Services of the Blind and other Severely Handicapped pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 46–48c.

(iii) Promulgation of Department schedule of fees and charges for reproductions, furnishing of copies, and making searches for official records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

(iv) Conduct liaison with the Office of the Federal Register including the making of required certifications pursuant to 1 CFR Part 4.

(v) Maintain custody and permit appropriate use of the official seal of the Department.

(vi) Promulgate policy for use of the official flags of the Secretary and the Department.

(vii) Make determinations and findings authorizing use of negotiation in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 252(c)(11) for purchases and contracts for experimental, developmental, or research work, or for the manufacture or furnishing of property for experimentation, development, research, or test which will not require the expenditure of more than $25,000 (41 CFR 1–3.211; 1–3.303).

(viii) Coordinate collection of historical material for Presidential Libraries.

(ix) Oversee the safeguarding of unclassified materials designated "For Official Use Only."

(x) Establish standards for and coordinate the issuance of employee identification within the Department.

(b) *Reservations.*—The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Administration:

(1) Make determinations and findings authorizing the use of negotiation in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 252(c) (11), (12), and (13) with report to purchases and contracts:

(i) For experimental, developmental, or research work, or for the manufacture or furnishing of property for experimentation, development, research, or test which will require the expenditure of more than $25,000.

(ii) For property or service when the character, ingredients, or components thereof are such that the contract should not be publicly disclosed.

(iii) For technical equipment when it is determined that the procurement thereof without advertising is necessary in special situations or in particular localities in order to assure standardization of equipment and interchangeability is necessary in the public interest.

(2) Make determinations and findings authorizing the omission of the examination of records clause from contracts with foreign contractors and foreign subcontractors under the authority granted in 41 U.S.C. 304(c) (41 CFR 1–3.303; 1–6.1004).

§ 2.80 Director, Office of Equal Opportunity.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.25 (h), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Equal Opportunity:

(1) Administer the Department's contract compliance program, including the formulation in consultation with the office of plant and operations, of Department contract compliance policy, standards, rules and regulations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, Executive Order 11375, Executive Order 11598, and Department of Labor rules and regulations for issuance by the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(2) Is designated as the Department's deputy contract compliance officer to assist the contract compliance officer in the performance of his duties.

(3) Order proceedings and hearings in the Department of Agriculture pursuant to §§ 15.9(e) and 15.86 of this subtitle consolidated for hearing with proceedings of other Federal departments and agencies.

(4) Make determinations required by § 15.8(d) of this subtitle that compliance cannot be secured by voluntary means.

(5) Issue orders to give a notice of hearing or opportunity to request a hearing pursuant to Part 15 of this subtitle; arrange for the designation of an administrative law judge to preside over any such hearing; and determine whether the administrative law judge so designated will make an initial decision or certify the record to the Secretary of Agriculture with his recommended findings and proposed decision.

(6) Authorize the taking of action pursuant to § 15.8(a) of this subtitle relating to compliance by "other means authorized by law."

(7) Take action pursuant to § 15.8(d) of this subtitle relating to compliance by "other means authorized by law."

(8) Review proposed decisions on complaints of discrimination prepared by the Director, Office of Personnel, and make such recommendations as he may consider warranted to the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity.

Subpart K—Delegations of Authority by the Director of Agricultural Economics

§ 2.85 Administrator, Farmer Cooperative Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.27(a), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation to the Administrator, Farmer Cooperative Service:

(1) Administer programs authorized by the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926 (7 U.S.C. 451–457).

(2) Conduct research relating to the economic and marketing aspects of cooperatives as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627).

§ 2.86 Administrator, Economic Research Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.27 (b), (d), the following delegations of authority are made by the Director of Agricultural Economics to the Administrator, Economic Research Service:

(1) Conduct farm economics research consisting of a nationwide program of research dealing with the economic problems of agricultural production and resource use, which shall include the following:

(i) Farm production economics research including analyses of farm production costs and efficiency, use of capital, labor, and other resources in agriculture, profitable adjustments in farming, and financial problems of farmers.

(ii) Natural resources economics research including studies of the use and management of land and water resources, the quality of these resources, resource institutions, and watershed and river basin development problems.

(iii) Economic development research including a broad program of economic studies on development of rural areas, employment opportunities for farm and other rural people, and availability and factors affecting the availability of public and private facilities and services necessary to improve the quality of rural life, including local governments and their organization. This authority excludes performance of forest economics research. Title I and title II of the Act of August 14, 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1627).

(2) Conduct marketing economics research including economic analyses and research relating to the marketing of agricultural commodities, the organizational structure, practices, and performance of commodity markets from the farm to the consumer, costs and margins involved in the marketing of agricultural products, farmer's bargaining power, the economics of product quality and grade, market potentials, distribution and merchandising of agricultural products, and the economics of transportation. Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627).

(3) Perform domestic and foreign economic analysis which shall include the following:

(i) Domestic economic analysis including economic and statistical research on agricultural prices, farm income, commodity outlook and situation, supply and consumption of farm products, and agricultural history.

(ii) Foreign economic analysis including studies of supply and demand and trade in farm products in foreign countries and their effect on prospects for U.S. exports; analysis of farm export programs, progress in economic development and its relationship to sales of farm products, assembly and analysis of agricultural trade statistics; and analysis of international financial monetary programs and policies as they affect the competitive position of U.S. farm products, but excluding specific commodity investigations relating to foreign market developments, competition and report-

ing, as delegated to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs. Section 601 of the Act of August 28, 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1761).

(4) Supervise, direct and operate the Outlook and Situation Board which is responsible for technical review and approval of all economic outlook and situation reports and statements prepared within the Department.

(5) Coordinate and administer the Department's programs in international development, technical assistance, and training. Represent the Department of Agriculture in participating with international and U.S. organizations concerned with international agricultural development matters.

(6) Investigate and make findings as to the effect upon the production of food and upon the agricultural economy of any proposed action pending before the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for presentation in the public interest, before said Administrator, other agencies or before the courts.

(7) Make grants under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i), and the Act of September 6, 1958 (42 U.S.C. 1891–1893).

(8) Perform economic research under section 104(b) (1) and (3) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 with funds administered by the Foreign Agricultural Service and the Agricultural Research Service.

(9) Review economic data and analyses used in speeches by Department personnel and in materials prepared for release through the press, radio, and television. This authority does not in any way affect the procedures established for review and clearance of speeches and publications. Materials that should be submitted for review by the Administrator, ERS include the following:

(i) Statistics on: Farm income and farm costs; acreage and yield of crops; production, utilization, supply of crops, livestock and livestock products; consumption of farm products; prices for farm products at all marketing levels; prices paid by farmers; economic projections; farm population, employment, and levels of living; foreign trade in agricultural products; foreign agriculture; agricultural marketing costs and charges; farm real estate; farm assets and debts; farm taxes and insurance; farm cooperatives; and statistics on the nonfarm economy.

(ii) Statements and data on the outlook and situation.

(iii) Economic analyses and interpretations based on published data.

(iv) Analyses and data on the effects of current or proposed programs on farm income, prices, supplies, utilization or other economic factors.

(10) Designated Chairman of the Commodity Exchange Commission (7 U.S.C. 2).

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Director of Agricultural Economics:

(1) Review all proposed decisions involving substantial economic policy implications.

§ 2.87 Administrator, Statistical Reporting Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.27(c), subject to reservations in § 2.28(c), the following delegations of authority are made by the Director of Agricultural Economics to the Administrator, Statistical Reporting Service:

(1) Prepare crop and livestock estimates and administer reporting programs including estimates of production, supply, price and other aspects of the U.S. agricultural economy, collection of statistics, conduct of enumerative and objective measurement surveys, and related activities. Prepare reports of the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture covering official State and national estimates (7 U.S.C. 411(a), 475, 476, 951).

(2) Withhold information relating to crop reports and taking such security precautions as are necessary to prevent disclosure of crop report information prior to the scheduled issuance time approved in advance by the Secretary of Agriculture (18 U.S.C. 1902, 2072).

(3) Conduct research relating to household, industrial and institutional consumers, and producers, handlers and processors, with respect to sensory perceptions, attitudes, opinions, and related factual data affecting marketing and consumption of agricultural products.

(4) Review, clear, coordinate, and improve statistics in the Department including review of all statistical forms survey plans, and reporting and record keeping requirements originating in the Department and requiring approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Federal Reports Act; liaison with OMB and other Federal agencies for coordination of statistics, general improvement of statistical methods and techniques in the Department (44 U.S.C. 3501–3511).

(5) Make grants under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 4501) and the Act of September 6, 1958 (42 U.S.C. 1891–1893).

(6) Collect data and prepare estimates of fertilizer production.

Subpart L—Delegations of Authority by the Director of Science and Education

§ 2.90 Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.29(a), subject to reservations in § 2.30(a), the following delegations of authority are made by the Director of Science and Education to the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service:

(1) Conduct research concerning domestic animals and poultry, their protection and use, causes of contagious, infectious and communicable diseases and means for the prevention and cure of the same (7 U.S.C. 391).

(2) Conduct research related to the dairy industry and dissemination of information for the promotion of the dairy industry (7 U.S.C. 402).

(3) Conduct research at Mandan, N. Dak., and Lewisburg, Tenn., concerning dairy livestock breeding, growing, and feeding, and other problems pertaining to the establishment of dairy and livestock industries (7 U.S.C. 421–422).

(4) Conduct research on new uses for cotton and on cotton ginning and processing (7 U.S.C. 423–424).

(5) Conduct research into the basic problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, including, but not limited to, production marketing (other than statistical and economic research but including consumer and food economic research), distribution, processing, utilization of plant and animal commodities, problems of human nutrition, development of markets for agricultural commodities, discovery, introduction, and breeding of new crops, plants, and animal both foreign and native; conservation development, and development of efficient use of farm buildings, homes, and farm machinery, including the application of electricity and other forms of power (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1627, 2201, 2204).

(6) Administer a program for the improvement of poultry, poultry products, and hatcheries (7 U.S.C. 429).

(7) Advancement of the livestock and agricultural interests of the United States including the breeding of horses suited to the needs of the United States (7 U.S.C. 437).

(8) Enter into agreements with and receive funds from any State or political subdivision, organization, or person for the purpose of conducting cooperative research projects (7 U.S.C. 450a).

(9) Make grants to State agricultural experiment stations, colleges, universities, other research institutions and organizations and Federal and private organizations and individuals for research to further the programs of the Department (7 U.S.C. 4501).

(10) Maintain four regional research laboratories and research at such laboratories to develop new scientific, chemical, and technical uses and new and extended markets and outlets for farm commodities and products and byproducts (7 U.S.C. 1292).

(11) Conduct a special cotton research program designed to reduce the cost of producing upland cotton in the United States (7 U..SC. 1441 Note).

(12) Administer and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of market development research in the physical and biological sciences under section 104(b)(1) of the Agricultural Trade, Development and Assistance Act of 1954, but excluding agricultural economics research; and administer and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of agricultural and forestry research under section 104(b)(3) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1704(b) (1), (3)).

(13) Conduct research in tropical and subtropical agriculture for the improvement and development of tropical and subtropical food products for dissemination and cultivation in friendly countries as provided by the Food for Peace Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 1736(a)(4)).

(14) Conduct research to develop and determine methods of humane slaughter of livestock (7 U.S.C. 1904).

(15) Conduct research related to soil and water conservation, engineering operations and methods of cultivation to provide for the control and prevention of soil erosion (7 U.S.C. 1010, 16 U.S.C. 590a).

(16) Maintain a national arboretum for purposes of research and education concerning tree and plant life (20 U.S.C. 191–194).

(17) Conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases (21 U.S.C. 113a).

(18) Conduct research on control and eradication of cattle grubs (screwworms) (21 U.S.C. 144e).

(19) Conduct research and technical studies of farm dwellings and other buildings for the purpose of reducing costs and adapting and developing fixtures and appurtenances for more efficient and economical farm use (42 U.S.C. 1476(b)).

(20) Make grants for the support of basic scientific research at nonprofit institutions of higher education or nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is the conduct of scientific research (42 U.S.C. 1891).

(21) Administer the Virgin Islands agricultural research programs (48 U.S.C. 1409m–o).

(22) Conduct research related to the use of domestic agricultural commodities for the manufacture of any material determined to be strategic and critical or substitute therefore, under section 7(b) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98f).

§ 2.91 Administrator, Cooperative State Research Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.29 (b), subject to reservations in § 2.30(b), the following delegations of authority are made by the Director of Science and Education to the Administrator, Cooperative State Research Service:

(1) Administer the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended (7 U.S.C. 361a–361i).

(2) Administer the Act of October 10, 1962, as amended (16 U.S.C. 582a–582a–7).

(3) Make grants under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(4) Administer the Act of July 22, 1963 (7 U.S.C. 390–390k).

(5) Maintain a current research information system for all research work units of USDA and research projects of cooperating institutions receiving USDA funds.

(6) Maintain a research referral office for the effective review and coordination of all USDA-supported research work units.

§ 2.92 Administrator, Extension Service.

(a) *Delegations.*—Pursuant to § 2.29(c), subject to reservations in § 2.30(c), the following delegations of authority are made by the Director of Science and Education to the Administrator, Extension Service:

(1) Administer the Smith-Lever Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 341–349).

(2) Conduct educational and demonstration work under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627).

(3) Conduct educational and demonstration work in the cooperative farm forestry program conducted under section 5 of the Act of June 7, 1924, as amended (16 U.S.C. 568).

(4) Provide educational and technical assistance to persons not receiving financial assistance under title 5 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1476).

(5) Administer sections 109–111 of the District of Columbia Public Education Act, as amended, relating to cooperative extension programs in the District of Columbia (District of Columbia Code 31–1609–1611).

(6) Authorize the use of the 4-H Club name and emblem (18 U.S.C. 707).

(7) Act as the liaison between the Department and officials of the land-grant colleges and universities on all matters relating to cooperative extension work and educational activities relating thereto.

(8) Provide educational leadership for the Department's farm safety educational program.

(9) Serve as a focal point for the Department in contacts and working relationships with national town-country church leaders and denominational and interdenominational church organizations.

(10) Provide leadership and direct assistance to the Cooperative Extension Service in planning, conducting, and evaluating extension programs with Indians under a memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs dated May 1956.

(11) Administer information and educational services, essential to carrying out preemergency and emergency USDA defense operations through the Cooperative Extension Service.

(12) Exercise responsibilities of the Secretary under regulations dealing with Equal Employment Opportunity in the Cooperative Extension Service (Part 18 of this subtitle).

(13) Provide educational support of resource development programs in rural areas and cooperate with other Federal and State agencies, private organizations and groups in providing information concerning assistance available for resource development programs.

(14) Represent the Department in dealings with international organizations and foreign countries on matters related to Extension education methods, programs, and organizations.

(b) *Reservations.* The following authorities are reserved to the Director of

(1) Coordination of all educational activities of the Department.

§ 2.93 Director, National Agricultural Library.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.29(d), the following delegations of authority are made by the Director of Science and Education to the Director, National Agricultural Library:

(1) Acquire and preserve all information concerning agriculture.

(2) Formulate immediate and long-range library policies, procedures, practices, and technical standards necessary for acquisition, cataloging, loan, bibliographic, and reference service to meet the needs of scientific, technical, research, and administrative staffs of the Department, both in Washington and the field.

(3) Evaluate special library programs developed for agencies of the Department; exercising such controls as are needed to coordinate library services in the Department and to avoid duplication of effort.

(4) Provide consultative service in library science and documentation, including systems for information storage and retrieval, to Department officials.

(5) Coordinate scientific and technical information activities of the Department.

(6) Coordinate the collection policy and program of the National Agricultural Library with the Library of Congress and the National Library of Medicine.

(7) Represent the Department on library and science information matters before Congressional Committees, professional societies, and international organizations; and cooperate with other Government agencies, and educational institutions on all matters relating to library services.

(8) Make grants under section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1965 (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(9) Make copies of bibliographies prepared by the Department library, microfilm and other photographic reproductions of books and other library materials in the Department, and sell such bibliographies and reproductions at cost.

(10) Organize and coordinate a national agricultural science information system (network) for procuring, preserving, and diffusing agricultural information.

(11) Accept gifts and order disbursement from the Treasury under the Act of December 28, 1970 (7 U.S.C. 2264, 2265).

Effective date. This document shall become effective on December 20, 1972.

The signature of the Secretary of Agriculture appearing hereunder is for approval of the delegations of authority under Subparts A through D. The other

signatures appearing hereunder are for approval of their respective delegations under Subparts E through L.

Dated: December 20, 1972.

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Chapter VII—Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (Agricultural Adjustment), Department of Agriculture

SUBCHAPTER B—FARM MARKETING QUOTAS AND ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS

PART 722—COTTON

Subpart—1973 Crop of Upland Cotton; Base Acreage Allotments

STATE RESERVES AND COUNTY BASE ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS

Correction

In F.R. Doc. 72-21378 appearing at page 26720 of the issue for Friday, December 15, 1972, the following changes should be made in the table in § 722.467 (b)(2):

1. In the table for Georgia, the entry for Webster County in column (3), reading "1,061.5" should read "1,016.5".
2. In the table for Missouri, the entry for Pemiscot County in column (3) reading "57,675.8" should read "56,675.8".
3. In the table for North Carolina, the county immediately following "Franklin" reading "Caston" should read "Gaston".
4. In the table for Texas, the entry for Comal County in column (1) reading "131.6" should read "113.6".

PART 722—COTTON

Subpart—1973 Crop of Extra Long Staple Cotton; Acreage Allotments and Marketing Quotas

COUNTY RESERVES

Section 722.563 is issued pursuant to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (52 Stat. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.). This section establishes the county reserves for the 1973 crop of extra long staple cotton. Such determinations were made initially by the respective county committees and are hereby approved and made effective by the Administrator, ASCS, pursuant to delegated authority (35 F.R. 19798, 36 F.R. 6907, 37 F.R. 624, 3845, 22008).

Notice that the Secretary was preparing to establish State and county allotments and reserves was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on September 6, 1972 (37 F.R. 18039), in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553. The views and recommendations received in response to such notice have been duly considered.

Since the establishment of county reserves requires immediate action by the county committees, it is essential that § 722.563 be made effective as soon as possible. Accordingly, it is hereby determined and found that compliance with the 30-day effective date requirement of 5 U.S.C. 553 is impracticable and contrary to the public interest, and § 722.563 shall be effective upon filing this document with the Director, Office of the Federal Register.

§ 722.563 County reserves for the 1973 crop of extra long staple cotton.

The county reserves for the 1973 crop of extra long staple cotton are established in accordance with § 722.509 of the Regulations for Acreage Allotments for 1966 and Succeeding Crops of Extra Long Staple Cotton (31 F.R. 6247, 13530, 32 F.R. 5416, 33 F.R. 8427, 16066, 16435, 34 F.R. 5, 808, 37 F.R. 9202, 11965, 24428).

The following table sets forth the county reserves:

County	County reserve (acres)
ARIZONA	
Cochise	5.4
Gila	0
Graham	8.5
Maricopa	11.8
Pima	0
Pinal	2.4
Yuma	1.1
CALIFORNIA	
Imperial	0.9
Riverside	3.9
FLORIDA	
Alachua	0.1
Hamilton	0
Jefferson	0
Madison	0
Suwannee	0
Union	0.1
GEORGIA	
Berrien	0
Cook	0
NEW MEXICO	
Chaves	0.6
Dona Ana	16.6
Eddy	2.6
Hidalgo	0.5
Luna	0.9
Otero	0.2
Sierra	0.2
TEXAS	
Brewster	0
Culberson	1.0
El Paso	5.3
Hudspeth	2.7
Jeff Davis	0.1
Loving	0
Pecos	0.7
Presidio	0
Reeves	0.9
Ward	0.2

(Secs. 344, 375, 63 Stat. 670, as amended, 52 Stat. 66, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1344, 1375)

Effective date: Date of filing this document with the Director, Office of the Federal Register.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on December 19, 1972.

KENNETH E. FRICK,
Administrator, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

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Chapter IX—Agricultural Marketing Service (Marketing Agreements and Orders; Fruits, Vegetables, Nuts), Department of Agriculture

PART 907—NAVEL ORANGES GROWN IN ARIZONA AND DESIGNATED PART OF CALIFORNIA

Expenses and Rate of Assessment and Carryover of Unexpended Funds

On December 8, 1972, notice of proposed rule making was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (37 F.R. 26115) regarding proposed expenses and related rate of assessment for the period November 1, 1972, through October 31, 1973 and carryover of unexpended funds from the period November 1, 1971, through October 31, 1972, pursuant to the marketing agreement, as amended, and Order No. 907, as amended (7 CFR Part 907), regulating the handling of Navel oranges grown in Arizona and designated part of California. This regulatory program is effective under the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674). After consideration of all relevant matters presented, including the proposals set forth in the aforesaid notice which were submitted by the Navel Orange Administrative Committee (established pursuant to the amended marketing agreement and order), it is hereby found and determined that:

§ 907.210 Expenses and rate of assessment.

(a) *Expenses.* Expenses that are reasonable and likely to be incurred by the Navel Orange Administrative Committee, during the period November 1, 1972, through October 31, 1973, will amount to $400,800.

(b) *Rate of assessment.* The rate of assessment for said period, payable by each handler in accordance with § 907.41,