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development of policy options on weather and climate.

(ii) Coordinate all weather and climate information and monitoring activities within the Department and provide a focal point in the Department for weather and climate information and impact assessment.

(iii) Arrange for appropriate representation to attend all meetings, hearings, and task forces held outside the Department which require such representation.

(iv) Designate the Executive Secretary of the USDA Weather and Climate Program Coordinating Committee.

(3) *Related to interagency commodity estimates committees.* (i) Establish Interagency Commodity Estimates Committees for Commodity Credit Corporation price-supported commodities, for major products thereof, and for commodities where a need for such a committee has been identified, in order to bring together estimates and supporting analyses from participating agencies, and to develop official estimates of supply, utilization, and prices for commodities, including the effects of new program proposals on acreage, yield, production, imports, domestic utilization, price, income, support programs, carryover, exports, and availabilities for export.

(ii) Designate the Chairman, who shall also act as Secretary, for all Interagency Commodity Estimates Committees.

(iii) Assure that all committee members have the basic assumptions, background data and other relevant data regarding the overall economy and market prospects for specific commodities.

(iv) Review for consistency of analytical assumptions and results all proposed decisions made by Commodity Estimates Committees prior to any release outside the Department.

(4) *Related to remote sensing.* (i) Provide technical assistance, coordination, and guidance to Department agencies in planning, developing, and carrying out satellite remote sensing activities to assure full consideration and evaluation of advanced technology.

(ii) Coordinate administrative, management, and budget information relating to the Department's remote sensing activities including:

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(A) Inter- and intra-agency meetings, correspondence, and records;

(B) Budget and management tracking systems; and

(C) Inter-agency contacts and technology transfer.

(iii) Designate the Executive Secretary for the Remote Sensing Coordination Committee.

(5) *Related to long-range commodity and agricultural-sector projections.* Establish committees of the agencies of the Department to coordinate the development of a set of analytical assumptions and long-range agricultural-sector projections (2 years and beyond) based on commodity projections consistent with these assumptions and coordinated through the Interagency Commodity Estimates Committees.

(b) *Reservation.* The following authority is reserved to the Chief Economist: Review all proposed decisions having substantial economic policy implications.

Subpart M—Delegations of Authority by the Chief Financial Officer

§ 2.75 Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Pursuant to § 2.28, the following delegation of authority is made by the Chief Financial Officer to the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Chief Financial Officer: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer.

Subpart N—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

§ 2.77 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

Pursuant to § 2.22(a), subject to reservations in § 2.22(b), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Assistant Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Marketing and

Regulatory Programs, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Assistant Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

§ 2.79 Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.22 (a)(1), (a)(5) and (a)(8), subject to reservations in § 2.22(b)(1), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs 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)), but excepting matters otherwise assigned.

(2) Conduct marketing efficiency research and development activities directly applicable to the conduct of the Wholesale Market Development Program, specifically:

(i) Studies of facilities and methods used in physical distribution of food and other farm products;

(ii) Studies designed to improve handling of all agricultural products as they are moved from farms to consumers; and

(iii) application of presently available scientific knowledge to the solution of practical problems encountered in the marketing of agricultural products (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627).

(3) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to the transportation activities contained in section 203(j) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(j)) as amended, but excepting matters otherwise assigned.

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

(5) Apply results of economic research and operations analysis to evaluate transportation issues and to

recommend revisions of current procedures.

(6) Serve as the focal point for all Department transportation matters including development of policies and strategies.

(7) Cooperate with other Departmental agencies in the development and recommendation of policies and programs for inland transportation of USDA and CCC-owned commodities in connection with USDA programs.

(8) 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) [Reserved]

(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 Act (7 U.S.C. 2101-2118), except as specified in § 2.43(a)(24);

(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) Titles I, II, IV, and V of the Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1551-1575, 1591-1611);

(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) [Reserved]

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

(xviii)-(xxi) [Reserved]

(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);