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June 29, 1954
[H. R. 8779]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and for the Farm Credit Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes.

Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration Appropriation Act, 1955.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, namely:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TITLE I—REGULAR ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary to perform agricultural research relating to production and utilization, to control and eradicate insect pests and plant and animal diseases, and to perform related inspection, quarantine and regulatory work, and meat inspection: *Provided*, That not to exceed $15,000 of the appropriations hereunder shall be available for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a): *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase (for emergency replacement only) of not to exceed one, and the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the cost of constructing any one building (except headhouses connecting greenhouses) shall not exceed $7,500 and the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed $3,750 or two per centum of the cost of the building, whichever is greater:

58 Stat. 742.
60 Stat. 810.

Research: For research and demonstrations on the production and utilization of agricultural products, and related research and services, including administration of payments to State Agricultural Experiment Stations; $35,353,000, of which not to exceed $20,000 shall be available for the construction of an office and a laboratory building at the Southeastern Tidewater Field Station, Fleming, Georgia, and of which not to exceed $28,000 shall be available for the construction or acquisition of the necessary lands and buildings for a pecan research laboratory at Albany, Georgia, and of which not to exceed $100,000 shall be available for the construction of a cotton ginning laboratory in the Southeast, including acquisition of necessary land.

Plant and animal disease and pest control: For operations and measures to control and eradicate insect pests and plant and animal diseases and for carrying out assigned inspection, quarantine and regulatory activities, as authorized by law; $17,689,579, of which $400,000 shall be apportioned for use pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, for the control of outbreaks of insects and plant diseases under the joint resolution approved May 9, 1938 (7 U. S. C. 148–148e) to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay the cost or value of trees, farm animals, farm crops, or other property injured or destroyed as a result of plant insect and disease control activities except potatoes and tomatoes as authorized under the Golden Nematode Act: *Provided further*, That, in the dis-

31 USC 665.
52 Stat. 344.
62 Stat. 442.
7 USC 150 note.

cretion of the Secretary, no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the control of sweetpotato weevil in any State until such State has provided cooperation necessary to accomplish this purpose, or for barberry eradication until a sum or sums at least equal to such expenditures shall have been made available by States, counties, or local authorities, or by individuals or organizations for the accomplishment of this purpose, or with respect to the golden nematode except as prescribed in section 4 of the Golden Nematode Act. 7 USC 150c.

Meat inspection: For carrying out the provisions of laws relating to Federal inspection of meat and meat-food products; $14,325,000.

PAYMENTS TO STATES, HAWAII, ALASKA, AND PUERTO RICO

For payments to the States, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico to be paid quarterly in advance where applicable, to carry into effect the provisions of the following Acts relating to agricultural experiment stations:

Hatch Act, the Act approved March 2, 1887 (7 U. S. C. 362, 363, 365, 368, 377–379), $720,000; Adams Act, the Act approved March 16, 1906 (7 U. S. C. 369), $720,000; Purnell Act, the Act approved February 24, 1925 (7 U. S. C. 361, 366, 370, 371, 373–376, 380, 382), $2,880,000; Bankhead-Jones Act, title I of the Act approved June 29, 1935 (7 U. S. C. 427–427g), sections 3 and 5, $2,863,708, and sections 9 and 11 of said Act as added by the Act of August 14, 1946 (7 U. S. C. 427h, 427j), including administration by the Office of Experiment Stations in the United States Department of Agriculture, $11,500,000, no part of which latter amount shall be used for beginning construction of any building costing in excess of $15,000; Hawaii, the Act approved May 16, 1928 (7 U. S. C. 386–386b), extending the benefits of certain Acts of Congress to the Territory of Hawaii, $90,000; Alaska, the Act approved February 23, 1929 (7 U. S. C. 386c), extending the benefits of the Hatch Act to the Territory of Alaska, $15,000, and the provisions of section 2 of the Act approved June 20, 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 369a), extending the benefits of the Adams and Purnell Acts to the Territory of Alaska, $75,000; Puerto Rico, the Act approved March 4, 1931, as amended (7 U. S. C. 386d–386f), extending the benefits of certain Acts of Congress to Puerto Rico, $90,000; section 204 (b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act, the Act approved August 14, 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1623), $500,000; in all payments to States, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, $19,453,708.

24 Stat. 440.
34 Stat. 63.
43 Stat. 970.
49 Stat. 436.
60 Stat. 1083.
45 Stat. 571.
45 Stat. 1256.
49 Stat. 1554; 64 Stat. 563.
46 Stat. 1520.
60 Stat. 1089.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH AND OTHER CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF ANIMALS AND POULTRY

Eradication activities: For expenses necessary in the arrest and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious pleuropneumonia, or other contagious or infectious diseases of animals, or European fowl pest and similar diseases in poultry, including the payment of claims growing out of destruction of animals (including poultry) affected by or exposed to, or of materials contaminated by or exposed to, any such disease, when there has been compliance with all lawful quarantine regulations, and for foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest programs undertaken pursuant to the provisions of the Act of February 28, 1947, and the Act of May 29, 1884, as amended (7 U. S. C. 391; 21 U. S. C. 111–122), including expenses in accordance with section 2 of said Act of February 28, 1947, the Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds available to the bureaus, corporations, or agencies of the Department such sums as he may deem necessary, but not to exceed $2,650,000 for eradication of vesicu-

Payment of claims.

61 Stat. 7; 23 Stat. 31.
21 USC 114c.

lar exanthema of swine, to be available only in an emergency which threatens the livestock or poultry industry of the country, and any unexpended balances of funds transferred under this head in the next preceding fiscal year shall be merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided*, That, except for payments made pursuant to said Act of February 28, 1947, the payment for animals may be made on appraisement based on the meat, egg-production, dairy, or breeding value, but in case of appraisement based on breeding value no appraisement of any animal shall exceed three times its meat, egg-production, or dairy value and, except in case of an extraordinary emergency to be determined by the Secretary, the payment by the United States shall not exceed one-half of any such appraisements: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to applicable provisions contained in the item "Salaries and expenses, Agricultural Research Service".

Basis of appraisement. 21 USC 114b-114d.

Research: For expenses necessary for research authorized by the Act of April 24, 1948 (21 U. S. C. 113a), $1,900,000.

62 Stat. 198.

EXTENSION SERVICE

PAYMENTS TO STATES, HAWAII, ALASKA, AND PUERTO RICO

For payments for cooperative agricultural extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, as amended by the Act of June 26, 1953 (Public Law 83), $38,662,000; under section 5, Clarke-McNary Act (16 U. S. C. 568–568a), $88,000; and payments and contracts for such work under section 204 (b)–205 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1623–1624), $925,000; in all, $39,675,000: *Provided*, That funds hereby appropriated pursuant to section 3 (c) of the Act of June 26, 1953 (Public Law 83) shall not be paid to any State, Hawaii, Alaska, or Puerto Rico prior to availability of an equal sum from non-Federal sources for expenditure during the current fiscal year.

67 Stat. 83. 7 USC 341-348.
43 Stat. 654.
60 Stat. 1089.
7 USC 343.

FEDERAL EXTENSION SERVICE

Administration and coordination: For administration of the Smith-Lever Act, as amended by the Act of June 26, 1953 (Public Law 83), section 5 of the Clarke-McNary Act (16 U. S. C. 568–568a), and extension aspects of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1621–1627), and to coordinate and provide program leadership for the extension work of the Department and the several States, Territories, and insular possessions, $1,925,000.

67 Stat. 83. 7 USC 341-348. 43 Stat. 654.
60 Stat. 1087.

Penalty mail: For costs of penalty mail for cooperative extension agents, $1,942,500.

FARMER COOPERATIVE SERVICE

For necessary expenses to carry out the Act of July 2, 1926 (7 U. S. C. 451–457), $408,000.

44 Stat. 802.

FOREST SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary, including not to exceed $15,000 for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), including travel expenses of advisory councils or similar groups; to experiment and make investigations and report on forestry, national forests, forest fires, forest insects and diseases, and lumbering; to advise the owners of woodlands as to the

58 Stat. 742.
60 Stat. 810.
Experimental investigations.

proper care of the same; to investigate and test American timber and timber trees and their uses, and methods, for the preservative treatment of timber; to seek, through investigations and the planting of native and foreign species, suitable trees for the treeless regions; to erect necessary buildings: *Provided*, That the cost of any building purchased, erected, or as improved, exclusive of the cost of constructing a water-supply or sanitary system and of connecting the same with any such building, and exclusive of the cost of any tower upon which a lookout house may be erected, shall not exceed $18,500 ($22,500 in Alaska) with the exception that any building erected, purchased, or acquired, the cost of which was $18,500 or more, may be improved out of the appropriations made under this Act for the Forest Service by an amount not to exceed 2 per centum of the cost of such building; to protect, administer, and improve the national forests, including tree planting and other measures to prevent erosion, drift, surface wash, soil waste, and the formation of floods, and to conserve water; to ascertain the natural conditions upon and utilize the national forests, to transport and care for fish and game supplied to stock the national forests or the waters therein; for management of lands acquired under the land utilization program; and to collate, digest, report, and illustrate the results of experiments and investigations made by the Forest Service: *Provided further*, That the appropriations available to the Forest Service for the current fiscal year may be used for the operation and maintenance of aircraft, and the purchase of not to exceed four (for replacement only), and not to exceed $250,000 of such appropriations may be used for the maintenance, improvement, and construction of aircraft landing fields in, or adjacent to, the national forests, as follows:

Cost of buildings.

Protection, etc., of national forests.

Aircraft.

Landing fields.

National forest protection and management: For the administration, protection, use, maintenance, improvement, and development of the national forests, including the establishment and maintenance of forest tree nurseries, including the procurement of tree seed and nursery stock by purchase, production, or otherwise, seeding and tree planting and the care of plantations and young growth; the maintenance of roads and trails and the construction and maintenance of all other improvements necessary for the proper and economical administration, protection, development, and use of the national forests, including experimental areas under Forest Service administration, except that where direct purchases will be more economical than construction, improvements may be purchased; the construction (not to exceed $18,500 for any one structure), equipment, and maintenance of sanitary and recreational facilities; timber cultural operations; development and application of fish and game management plans; propagation and transplanting of plants suitable for planting on semiarid portions of the national forests; estimating and appraising of timber and other resources and development and application of plans for their effective management, sale, and use; expenses of the National Forest Reservation Commission as authorized by section 14 of the Act of March 1, 1911 (16 U. S. C. 514); examination, classification, surveying, and appraisal of land incident to effecting exchanges authorized by law and of lands within the boundaries of the national forests that may be opened to homestead settlement and entry under the Act of June 11, 1906, and the Act of August 10, 1912 (16 U. S. C. 506–509), as provided by the Act of March 4, 1913 (16 U. S. C. 512); investigation and establishment of water rights, including the purchase thereof or of lands or interests in lands or rights-of-way for use and protection of water rights necessary or beneficial in connection with the administration and public use of the national forests; not to exceed $100,000 for the purchase of

Direct purchases.

36 Stat. 963.

34 Stat. 233; 37 Stat. 287, 842.

parcels of land and interests therein in Sanders County, Montana, but such land shall not be acquired without the approval of the local government concerned; and all expenses necessary for the use, maintenance, improvement, protection, and general administration of the national forests, and for the management of lands under title III of the Act of July 22, 1937, and the Act of August 11, 1945 (7 U. S. C. 1010–1012); $30,490,200; *Provided*, That the Secretary may sell at market value any property located in Yalobusha, Chickasaw, and Pontotoc counties, Mississippi, administered under title III of the Act of July 22, 1937, and suitable for return to private ownership under such terms and conditions as would not conflict with the purposes of said Act.

50 Stat. 525.
59 Stat. 532.

Fighting forest fires: For fighting and preventing forest fires on or threatening lands under Forest Service administration, including lands under contract for purchase or in process of condemnation for Forest Service purposes, and for liquidation of obligations incurred in the preceding fiscal year for such purpose, $6,000,000, of which $2,500,000 shall be apportioned for use, pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions.

31 USC 665.

Control of forest pests: For the control of white pine blister rust pursuant to the Act of April 26, 1940 (16 U. S. C. 594a), including the development and testing of new control methods, $2,570,000, of which $360,000 shall be available to the Department of the Interior for the control of white pine blister rust on or endangering Federal lands under the jurisdiction of that Department or lands of Indian tribes which are under the jurisdiction of or retained under restrictions of the United States; and for carrying out the Forest Pest Control Act (16 U. S. C., Supp. V, 594–1—594–5), $2,367,500, of which $1,967,500 shall be apportioned for use pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, for the purposes of said Act to the extent necessary under the then existing conditions; $4,937,500.

54 Stat. 168.
61 Stat. 177.
31 USC 665.

Forest research: For forest research at forest or range experiment stations, the Forest Products Laboratory, or elsewhere, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Act approved May 22, 1928, as amended (16 U. S. C. 581, 581a–581c, 581f–581i), including the construction and maintenance of improvements; fire, silvicultural, watershed, forest insects and diseases, and other forest investigations and experiments; investigations and experiments to develop improved methods of management of forest and related ranges; experiments, investigations, and tests of forest products; marketing research and service on timber and timber products; a comprehensive forest survey; and investigations in forest economics; $6,538,500: *Provided*, That funds may be advanced to cooperators under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe when such action will stimulate or facilitate cooperative work.

45 Stat. 699.

FOREST ROADS AND TRAILS

For expenses necessary for carrying out the provisions of section 23 of the Federal Highway Act approved November 9, 1921, as amended (23 U. S. C. 23, 23a), relating to forest development roads and trails, including the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of roads and trails on experimental areas under Forest Service administration, $16,000,000, which sum is authorized to be appropriated by the Acts of September 7, 1950 (64 Stat. 786), and June 25, 1952 (66 Stat. 158), to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for the rental, purchase, construction, or alteration of buildings necessary for the storage and repair of equipment and supplies used for road and trail construction and main-

42 Stat. 218; 49 Stat. 1520.
23 USC 23 note.

tenance, but the total cost of any such building purchased, altered, or constructed under this authorization shall not exceed $18,500 ($22,500 in Alaska), with the exception that any building erected, purchased, or acquired, the cost of which was $18,500 or more, may be improved within any fiscal year by an amount not to exceed 2 per centum of the cost of such buildings.

ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR NATIONAL FORESTS

Weeks Act

For the acquisition of forest lands under the provisions of the Act approved March 1, 1911, as amended (16 U. S. C. 513–519, 521), $125,000, to be available only for payment of the purchase price of any lands acquired, including the cost of surveys in connection with such acquisition: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for acquisition of any land which is not within the boundaries of a national forest: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the acquisition of any land without the approval of the local government concerned.

36 Stat. 961.

Special Acts

For the acquisition of land to facilitate the control of soil erosion and flood damage originating within the exterior boundaries of the following national forest, in accordance with the provisions of the following Act authorizing annual appropriations of forest receipts for such purposes, and in not to exceed the following amount from such receipts: Cache National Forest, Utah, Act of May 11, 1938 (Public Law 505), as amended, $10,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for acquisition of any land which is not within the boundaries of a national forest: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the acquisition of any land without the approval of the local government concerned.

52 Stat. 347.

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY COOPERATION

For expenses necessary for cooperation with the various States in forest-fire prevention and suppression, in forest tree planting, in forest management and processing, and in farm forestry extension, pursuant to the Act of August 25, 1950 (16 U. S. C. 568c, 568d), and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Act of June 7, 1924 (16 U. S. C. 564–568a), and Acts supplementary thereto; advising timberland owners, associations, and other appropriate agencies in the application of forest management principles to federally owned lands leased to States and to private forest lands, and advising wood-using industries in processing of forest products, so as to attain sustained-yield management, the conservation of the timber resources, the productivity of forest lands, and the stabilization of employment and economic continuance of forest industries; $10,683,690.

64 Stat. 473.
43 Stat. 653.

COOPERATIVE RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

For artificial revegetation, construction, and maintenance of range improvements, control of rodents, and eradication of poisonous and noxious plants on national forests as authorized by section 12 of the Act of April 24, 1950 (16 U. S. C. 580h), $400,000, to remain available until expended.

64 Stat. 85.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

49 Stat. 163.

For necessary expenses for carrying out the provisions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U. S. C. 590a–590f), including preparation of conservation plans and establishment of measures to conserve soil and water (including farm irrigation and land drainage and such special measures as may be necessary to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs); operation of conservation nurseries; classification and mapping of soils; dissemination of information; purchase and erection or alteration of permanent buildings; operation and maintenance of aircraft; and furnishing of subsistence to employees; $59,085,671: *Provided*, That the cost of any permanent building purchased, erected, or as improved, exclusive of the cost of constructing a water supply or sanitary system and connecting the same to any such building and with the exception of buildings acquired in conjunction with land being purchased for other purposes, shall not exceed $2,500, except for eight buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed $15,000 per building and except that alterations or improvements to other existing permanent buildings costing $2,500 or more may be made in any fiscal year in an amount not to exceed $500 per building: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for the construction of any such building on land not owned by the Government: *Provided further*, That in the State of Missouri, where the State has established a central State agency authorized to enter into agreements with the United States or any of its agencies on policies and general programs for the saving of its soil by the extension of Federal aid to any soil conservation district in such State, the agreements made by or on behalf of the United States with any such soil conservation district shall have the prior approval of such central State agency before they shall become effective as to such district: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation may be expended for soil and water conservation operations under the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U. S. C. 590a–590f), in demonstration projects: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $5,000 may be used for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a): *Provided further*, That qualified local engineers may be temporarily employed at per diem rates to perform the technical planning work of the service.

Cost of buildings.

Restrictions.

58 Stat. 742.
60 Stat. 810.

WATERSHED PROTECTION

49 Stat. 163.

For expenses necessary to conduct surveys, investigations, and research and to carry out preventive measures, including, but not limited to, engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, and changes in use of land, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U. S. C. 590a–590f), to remain available until expended, $5,500,000, with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated or transferred to the Department for watershed protection purposes.

FLOOD PREVENTION

49 Stat. 1570.
33 USC 701a–701h.

For expenses necessary, in accordance with the Flood Control Act, approved June 22, 1936 (Public Law 738), as amended and supplemented, and in accordance with the provisions of laws relating to the activities of the Department, to make preliminary examinations and surveys, and to perform works of improvement, and to plan the agri-

cultural phases of the development of the Arkansas-White-Red River area, the New England-New York area, including not to exceed $100,000 for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates for individuals not to exceed $100 per diem, to remain available until expended. $7,482,000, with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated or transferred to the Department for flood prevention purposes: *Provided*, That no part of such funds shall be used for the purchase of lands in the Yazoo and Little Tallahatchie watersheds without specific approval of the county board of supervisors of the county in which such lands are situated, nor shall any part of such funds be used for the purchase of lands in the counties of Adair, Cherokee, and Sequoyah, in the State of Oklahoma, and Neosho, Cottonwood, Verdigris, Caney, and tributaries in Kansas, without the specific approval of the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which such lands are situated: *Provided further*, That of the funds available herein, not in excess of $6,504,500 (with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore made available for these purposes) may be expended in watersheds heretofore authorized by section 13 of the Flood Control Act of December 22, 1944, for necessary gully control, floodwater detention, and floodway structures in areas other than those over which the Department of the Army has jurisdiction and responsibility.

53 Stat. 742.
60 Stat. 810.
Purchase of lands.
58 Stat. 905.

WATER CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION PROJECTS

For expenses necessary to carry out the functions of the Department under the Acts of May 10, 1939 (53 Stat. 685, 719), October 14, 1940 (16 U. S. C. 590y-z-10), as amended and supplemented, June 28, 1949 (Public Law 132), and September 6, 1950 (7 U. S. C. 1033-1039), relating to water conservation and utilization projects, to remain available until expended, $480,000, which sum shall be merged with the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated to said Department for the purposes of said Acts.

54 Stat. 1119.
63 Stat. 277.
64 Stat. 769.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM SERVICE

For necessary expenses to carry into effect the provisions of section 7 to 17, inclusive, of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, approved February 29, 1936, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590g-590q), including not to exceed $6,000 for the preparation and display of exhibits, including such displays at State, interstate and international fairs within the United States; $191,700,000, to remain available until December 31 of the next succeeding fiscal year for compliance with the program of soil-building practices and soil- and water-conserving practices authorized under this head in the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1954, carried out during the period July 1, 1953, to December 31, 1954, inclusive: *Provided*, That not to exceed $22,500,000 of the total sum provided under this head shall be available during the current fiscal year for salaries and other administrative expenses for carrying out such program, the cost of aerial photographs, however, not to be charged to such limitation; but not more than $4,020,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation account, "Administrative expenses, section 392, Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938": *Provided further*, That payments to claimants hereunder may be made upon the certificate of the claimant, which certificate shall be in such form as the Secretary may prescribe, that he has carried out the conservation practice or practices and has complied with all other requirements as conditions for such payments and that the statements

49 Stat. 1148.
67 Stat. 215.
52 Stat. 69.
7 USC 1392.
Payment to claimants.

and information contained in the application for payment are correct and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief, under the penalties of title 18, United States Code: *Provided further*, That none of the funds herein appropriated or made available for the functions assigned to the Agricultural Adjustment Agency pursuant to the Executive Order Numbered 9069, of February 23, 1942, shall be used to pay the salaries or expenses of any regional information employees or any State information employees, but this shall not preclude the answering of inquiries or supplying of information at the county level to individual farmers: *Provided further*, That such amount shall be available for salaries and other administrative expenses in connection with the formulation and administration of the 1955 program of soil-building practices and soil- and water-conserving practices, under the Act of February 29, 1936, as amended (amounting to $250,000,000, including administration, but of this amount not more than $195,000,000 may be used until a final program has been adopted relative to the use of acreage diverted from production, and formulated on the basis of a distribution of the funds available for payments and grants among the several States in accordance with their conservation needs as determined by the Secretary, except that the proportion allocated to any State shall not be reduced more than 15 per centum from the distribution for the next preceding program year, and no participant shall receive more than $1,500: *Provided*, That the funds available for payments and grants from said sum of $195,000,000 shall be distributed among the several States in the same proportion as the original allocation of funds for payments and grants for the 1954 agricultural conservation program); but the payments or grants under such programs shall be conditioned upon the utilization of land with respect to which such payments or grants are to be made in conformity with farming practices which will encourage and provide for soil-building and soil- and water-conserving practices in the most practical and effective manner and adapted to conditions in the several States, as determined and approved by the State committees appointed pursuant to section 8 (b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h (b)), for the respective States: *Provided further*, That not to exceed 5 per centum of the allocation for the 1955 agricultural conservation program for any county may, on the recommendation of such county committee and approval of the State committee, be withheld and allotted to the Soil Conservation Service for services of its technicians in formulating and carrying out the agricultural conservation program in the participating counties, and the funds so allotted may be placed in a single account for each State, and shall not be utilized by the Soil Conservation Service for any purpose other than technical and other assistance in such counties: *Provided further*, That for the 1955 program $2,500,000 shall be available for technical assistance in formulating and carrying out agricultural conservation practices and $1,000,000 shall be available for conservation practices related directly to flood prevention work in approved watersheds: *Provided further*, That in carrying out the 1955 program the Secretary shall give particular consideration to the conservation problems on farm lands diverted from crops under acreage-allotment programs: *Provided further*, That such amounts shall be available for the purchase of seeds, fertilizers, lime, trees, or any other farming material, or any soil-terracing services, and making grants thereof to agricultural producers to aid them in carrying out farming practices approved by the Secretary under programs provided for herein: *Provided further*, That no part of any funds available to the Depart-

62 Stat. 683.

50 USC app. 601 note.

Soil building practices, etc.

49 Stat. 1148. 16 USC 590g-590q.

Payments and grants.

49 Stat. 1150.

Purchase of seeds, etc.

Restriction.

ment, or any bureau, office, corporation, or other agency constituting a part of such Department, shall be used in the current fiscal year for the payment of salary or travel expenses of any person who has been convicted of violating the Act entitled "An Act to prevent pernicious political activities", approved August 2, 1939, as amended, or who has been found in accordance with the provisions of title 18, United States Code, section 1913, to have violated or attempted to violate such section which prohibits the use of Federal appropriations for the payment of personal services or other expenses designed to influence in any manner a Member of Congress to favor or oppose any legislation or appropriation by Congress except upon request of any Member or through the proper official channels.

53 Stat. 1147.
5 USC 118K note.

62 Stat. 792.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

MARKETING RESEARCH AND SERVICE

For expenses necessary to carry on research and service to improve and develop marketing and distribution relating to agriculture as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1621–1627) and other laws, including the administration of marketing regulatory acts connected therewith:

60 Stat. 1087.

Marketing research and agricultural estimates: For research and development relating to agricultural marketing and distribution, for analyses relating to farm prices, income and population, and demand for farm products, and for crop and livestock estimates; $10,215,000: *Provided*, That no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be available for any expense incident to ascertaining, collating, or publishing a report stating the intention of farmers as to the acreage to be planted in cotton, or for estimates of apple production for other than the commercial crop.

Restriction.

Marketing services: For services relating to agricultural marketing and distribution, for carrying out regulatory acts connected therewith, and for administration and coordination of payments to States; $11,575,500, including not to exceed $25,000 for employment at rates not to exceed $100 per diem, pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), in carrying out section 201 (a) to 201 (d), inclusive, of title II of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U. S. C. 1291) and section 203 (j) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

58 Stat. 742.
60 Stat. 810.
52 Stat. 36.
60 Stat. 1088.
7 USC 1622.

PAYMENTS TO STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS

For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus and departments of markets and similar agencies for marketing activities under section 204 (b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1623 (b)), $900,000.

60 Stat. 1089.

REPAYMENT TO COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

For reimbursement to Commodity Credit Corporation for sums transferred to the appropriation "Marketing services", fiscal year 1953 (including interest thereon through June 30, 1954), pursuant to authority contained under the head "Marketing services" in the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1952 (7 U. S. C. 414a), for grading tobacco and classing cotton without charge to producers, as authorized by law (7 U. S. C. 473a, 511d), $441,655.

65 Stat. 239.

50 Stat. 62; 49 Stat. 732.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of the National School Lunch Act (42 U. S. C. 1751-1760), $83,236,197: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for nonfood assistance under section 5 of said Act.

60 Stat. 230.

42 USC 1754.

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

For necessary expenses for the Foreign Agricultural Service and for enabling the Secretary to coordinate and integrate activities of the Department in connection with foreign agricultural work, $965,000.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE AUTHORITY

For necessary expenses to carry into effect the provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1-17a), $673,000.

49 Stat. 1491.

COMMODITY STABILIZATION SERVICE

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS

For necessary expenses to formulate and carry out acreage allotment and marketing quota programs pursuant to provisions of title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1301-1393), $41,250,000, of which not more than $5,500,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation account "Administrative expenses, section 392, Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938": *Provided*, That $3,500,000 of this appropriation shall be placed in reserve to be apportioned for use pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, to the extent necessary for carrying out marketing quotas for the 1955 crop of wheat.

52 Stat. 38.

7 USC 1392.

31 USC 665.

SUGAR ACT PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry into effect the provisions of the Sugar Act of 1948 (7 U. S. C. 1101-1160), $59,600,000, to remain available until June 30 of the next succeeding fiscal year: *Provided*, That expenditures (including transfers) from this appropriation for other than payments to sugar producers shall not exceed $1,440,000, of which $77,000 shall be placed in reserve to be apportioned pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, for use as may become necessary for applying restrictive proportionate shares on the 1955 beet crop.

61 Stat. 922.

31 USC 665.

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION

For operating and administrative expenses, $6,000,000.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

To carry into effect the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-924), as follows:

49 Stat. 1363.

LOAN AUTHORIZATIONS

For loans in accordance with said Act, and for carrying out the provisions of section 7 thereof, to be borrowed from the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with the provisions of section 3 (a) of said Act as follows: Rural electrification program, $135,000,000; and rural telephone program, $75,000,000; and additional amounts, not to exceed $35,000,000 for the rural electrification program, may be

7 USC 907, 903.

borrowed under the same terms and conditions to the extent that such additional amounts are required during the fiscal year 1955, under the then existing conditions, for the expeditious and orderly development of the program.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For administrative expenses, including not to exceed $500 for financial and credit reports, and not to exceed $75,000 for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), $7,285,000.

58 Stat. 742.
60 Stat. 810.

FARMERS' HOME ADMINISTRATION

To carry into effect the provisions of titles I, II, and the related provisions of title IV of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1000–1031); the Farmers' Home Administration Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1001, note; 31 U. S. C. 82h; 12 U. S. C. 371; 35 D. C. Code 535; 60 Stat. 1062–1080); the Act of July 30, 1946 (40 U. S. C. 436–439); the Act of August 28, 1937, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590r–590x, 590z–5), for the development of facilities for water storage and utilization in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States; the provisions of title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U. S. C. 1471–1483), as amended by the Housing Act of 1952 (Public Law 531, approved July 14, 1952), relating to financial assistance for farm housing; the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act, approved May 3, 1950 (40 U. S. C. 440–444); the items "Loans to farmers, 1948 flood damage" in the Act of June 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 1038), and "Loans to farmers, property damage" in the Act of May 24, 1949 (63 Stat. 82); the collecting and servicing of credit sales and development accounts in water conservation and utilization projects (53 Stat. 685, 719), as amended and supplemented (16 U. S. C. 590y, z1 and z10); and the Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain mineral interests, approved September 6, 1950 (7 U. S. C. 1033–1039), as follows:

50 Stat. 522.
60 Stat. 711.
50 Stat. 869.
63 Stat. 432.
66 Stat. 604.
64 Stat. 98.
53 Stat. 1418; 54 Stat. 1125.
64 Stat. 769.

LOAN AUTHORIZATIONS

For loans (including payments in lieu of taxes and taxes under section 50 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, and advances incident to the acquisition and preservation of security of obligations under the foregoing several authorities): Title I and section 43 of title IV of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, $19,000,000, of which not to exceed $5,000,000 may be distributed to States and Territories without regard to farm population and prevalence of tenancy, in addition to the amount otherwise distributed thereto, for loans in reclamation projects and to entrymen on unpatented public land; title II of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, $122,500,000; the Act of August 28, 1937, as amended, $6,500,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed the foregoing several amounts shall be borrowed in one account from the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with the provisions set forth under this head in the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1952.

50 Stat. 531.
7 USC 1024.
50 Stat. 522; 530.
7 USC 1001-1006, 1017.
50 Stat. 524.
7 USC 1007-1009.
50 Stat. 869.
16 USC 590r-590x.
65 Stat. 240.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For making, servicing, and collecting loans and insured mortgages, the servicing and collecting of loans made under prior authority, the liquidation of assets transferred to Farmers' Home Administration, and other administrative expenses, $23,550,000, together with a trans-

fer of not to exceed $400,000 of the fees and administrative expense charges made available by subsections (d) and (e) of section 12 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended.

60 Stat. 1076.
7 USC 1005b.

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR

For necessary expenses, including payment of fees or dues for the use of law libraries by attorneys in the field service, $2,030,000, together with such amounts from other appropriations or authorizations as are provided in the schedules in the budget for the current fiscal year for such expenses, which several amounts not exceeding a total of $300,000 shall be transferred to and made a part of this appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, including the purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for replacement only; expenses of the National Agricultural Advisory Commission; stationery, supplies, materials, and equipment; freight, express, and drayage charges; advertising of bids, communication service, postage, washing towels, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the Department of Agriculture; $2,080,000, together with such amounts from other appropriations or authorizations as are provided in the schedules in the budget for the current fiscal year for such services and expenses, which several amounts or portions thereof, as may be determined by the Secretary, not exceeding a total of $84,280, shall be transferred to and made a part of this appropriation.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION

For necessary expenses of the Office of Information for the dissemination of agricultural information and the coordination of informational work and programs authorized by Congress in the Department, $1,196,000, together with such amounts from other appropriations or authorizations as are provided in the schedules in the budget for the current fiscal year for such expenses, which several amounts not exceeding a total of $16,014 shall be transferred to and made a part of this appropriation, of which total appropriation not to exceed $537,000 may be used for farmers' bulletins, which shall be adapted to the interests of the people of the different sections of the country, an equal proportion of four-fifths of which shall be delivered to or sent out under the addressed franks furnished by the Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, as they shall direct (7 U. S. C. 417) and not less than two hundred thirty thousand eight hundred and fifty copies for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives of part 2 of the annual report of the Secretary (known as the Yearbook of Agriculture) as authorized by section 73 of the Act of January 12, 1895 (44 U. S. C. 241): *Provided*, That in the preparation of motion pictures or exhibits by the Department, not exceeding a total of $10,000 may be used for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a): *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the establishment or maintenance of regional or State field offices, or for the compensation of employees in such offices.

34 Stat. 690.
Yearbook of Agriculture.

28 Stat. 612.
Motion pictures, etc.

58 Stat. 742.
60 Stat. 810.
Field offices.

LIBRARY

For necessary expenses, including dues for library membership in societies or associations which issue publications to members only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members, $659,950.

TITLE II—CORPORATIONS

The following corporations and agencies are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for the fiscal year 1955 for such corporation or agency, except as hereinafter provided:

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: *Provided*, That the direct costs of loss adjusters for crop inspections and loss adjustments may be considered as nonadministrative or nonoperating expenses.

Commodity Credit Corporation: Nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent the Commodity Credit Corporation from carrying out any activity or any program authorized by law: *Provided*, That not to exceed $18,000,000 shall be available for administrative expenses of the Corporation: *Provided further*, That all necessary expenses (including legal and special services performed on a contract or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, or disposition of any real or personal property belonging to the Corporation or in which it has an interest, including expenses of collections of pledged collateral, shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses for the purposes hereof.

Nonadministrative expenses.

TITLE III—SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

RESEARCH ON STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS

For expenses necessary to carry out section 7 (b) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of July 23, 1946 (50 U. S. C. 98f), $331,500: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be subject to applicable provisions contained in the item "Salaries and expenses, Agricultural Research Service".

60 Stat. 600.

TITLE IV—FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Administrative expenses: For necessary expenses, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), the assessments heretofore and hereafter collected from the Federal land banks and other farm credit agencies, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed $2,320,000 shall be obligated during the current fiscal year for such expenses.

60 Stat. 810.

Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation: Not to exceed $650,000 (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the funds of the Corporation shall be available for administrative expenses, including employment on a contract or fee basis of persons, firms, and corporations for the performance of special services, including legal services, and the use of the services and facilities of Federal land banks, National farm loan associations, Federal Reserve banks, and agencies of the Government as authorized by the Act of January 31, 1934 (12 U. S. C. 1020–1020h); and said total sum shall be exclusive of services and facilities

48 Stat. 344.

furnished and examinations made by the Farm Credit Administration central office, interest expense, and expenses in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, protection, or disposition of real or personal property belonging to the Corporation or in which it has an interest: *Provided*, That promptly after June 30 of each fiscal year all cash funds in excess of the estimated operating requirements for the current fiscal year shall be declared as dividends and paid into the general fund of the Treasury: *Provided further*, That the aggregate amount of bonds the Corporation may issue and have outstanding at any one time shall not exceed $500,000,000.

Dividends.

Bonds.

Federal intermediate credit banks: Not to exceed $1,740,000 (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the funds of the banks shall be available for administrative expenses, including the purchase of not to exceed two passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, and services performed for the banks by other Government agencies (except services and facilities furnished and examinations made by the Farm Credit Administration central office, and services performed by any Federal Reserve bank and by the United States Treasury in connection with the financial transactions of the banks); and said total sum shall be exclusive of interest expense, legal and special services performed on a contract or fee basis, and expenses in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, protection, or disposition of real or personal property belonging to the banks or in which they have an interest.

Production credit corporations: Not to exceed $1,540,000 (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the funds of the corporation shall be available for administrative expenses, including the purchase of not to exceed five passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, and services performed for the corporations by other Government agencies (except services and facilities furnished and examinations made by the Farm Credit Administration central office); and said total sum shall be exclusive of interest expense, legal and special services performed on a contract or fee basis, and expenses in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, protection, or disposition of real or personal property belonging to the corporations or in which they have an interest.

TITLE V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Passenger motor vehicles.

SEC. 501. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law, the lump-sum appropriations and authorizations made for the Department under this Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those specifically provided for, of not to exceed 575 passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, and for the hire of such vehicles, necessary in the conduct of the work of the Department outside the District of Columbia.

Employment of aliens.

SEC. 502. Provisions of law prohibiting or restricting the employment of aliens shall not apply to (1) the temporary employment of translators when competent citizen translators are not available; (2) employment in cases of emergency of persons in the field service of the Department for periods of not more than sixty days; and (3) employment under the appropriation for the Foreign Agricultural Service.

Purchase of lands.

SEC. 503. Of appropriations herein made which are available for the purchase of lands, not to exceed $1 may be expended for each option to purchase any particular tract or tracts of land.

Cotton price predictions.

SEC. 504. No part of the funds appropriated by this Act shall be used for the payment of any officer or employee of the Department who, as such officer or employee, or on behalf of the Department or any division, commission, or bureau thereof, issues, or causes to be issued,

any prediction, oral or written, or forecast, except as to damage threatened or caused by insects and pests, with respect to future prices of cotton or the trend of same.

Purchase of twine.

SEC. 505. Except to provide materials required in or incident to research or experimental work where no suitable domestic product is available, no part of the funds appropriated by this Act shall be expended in the purchase of twine manufactured from commodities or materials produced outside of the United States.

Contracts.

60 Stat. 1085.

SEC. 506. Not less than $1,500,000 of the appropriations of the Department for research and service work authorized by the Act of August 14, 1946 (7 U. S. C. 427, 1621–1629) shall be available for contracting in accordance with said Act.

Strikes or overthrow of Government.

SEC. 507. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act, or of the funds available for expenditure by any corporation included in this Act, shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided*, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this section engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States, is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or that such person does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided further*, That any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation or fund contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law: *Provided further*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to require an affidavit from any person employed for less than sixty days for sudden emergency work involving the loss of human life or destruction of property, the payment of salary or wages may be made to such persons from applicable appropriations for services rendered in such emergency without execution of the affidavit contemplated by this section.

Affidavit.

Penalty.

Emergency work.

Publicity or propaganda.

SEC. 508. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act or of the funds available for expenditure by any corporation or agency included in this Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress.

Research and service work.

60 Stat. 1082, 1087.

SEC. 509. Appropriations of the Department available for research and service work authorized by the Act of August 14, 1946 (7 U. S. C. 427; 7 U. S. C. 1621–1629) shall be available for expenses of any advisory committee established as provided in title III of said Act to assist in effectuating the research and service work of the Department.

Short title.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration Appropriation Act, 1955".

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