

2026 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES- OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Table of Contents

Preface	3
Agency-Wide	3
Purpose Statement.....	3
OIG and GAO Reports	4
Available Funds and FTEs	4
Permanent Positions by Grade and FTEs.....	5
Account 1: Office of the Secretary	7
Appropriations Language	7
Lead-Off Tabular Statement.....	8
Project Statement	9
Justification of Changes	14
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations and FTEs	14
Classification by Objects	15
Account 2: Food Supply Chain and Agriculture Pandemic Response Program	19
Available Funds and FTEs	19
Permanent Positions by Grade and FTEs.....	19
Project Statements.....	20
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations and FTEs	23
Classification by Objects	23

This page was intentionally left blank.

PREFACE

This publication summarizes the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Budget for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Throughout this publication any reference to the “Budget” is in regard to the 2026 Budget, unless otherwise noted. All references to years refer to fiscal year, except where specifically noted. The budgetary tables throughout this document show actual amounts for 2023 and 2024, Full Year Continuing Resolution levels for 2025, and the President’s Budget request for 2026. Amounts for 2025 estimated levels include: non-enacted amounts such as Full-Time Equivalent levels, fleet levels, information technology investment levels, recovery levels, transfers in and out, balances available end of year, and obligation levels.

Throughout this publication, the “2018 Farm Bill” is used to refer to the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. Most programs funded by the 2018 Farm Bill are funded through 2025, as extended by the American Relief Act, 2025 (P.L. 118-158, Division D). Amounts shown in 2025 and 2026 for most Farm Bill programs reflect those confirmed in the baseline.

Pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, sequestration is included in the numbers for mandatory programs in 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.

In tables throughout this document, amounts equal to zero (0) are displayed as dashes (-). Amounts less than 0.5 and greater than zero are rounded and shown as a zero (0). This display treatment is used to prevent the masking of non-zero amounts that do not round up to one (1).

AGENCY-WIDE**PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The Secretary, Chief of Staff, Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Executive Secretariat, and their immediate staff serve as the management team of the Department, responsible for administering and overseeing the organization's operations. This includes developing and guiding policies across all areas of the Department's responsibilities, such as research, education, regulatory activities, nutrition, conservation and farm programs, forestry, and international agriculture. Additionally, they maintain relationships with relevant organizations and stakeholders to support program development and act as liaisons with the Executive Office of the President and Members of Congress on matters related to Departmental policy.

The Office of the Secretary also oversees special projects that are conducted at the behest of Congress and the Administration. These projects include short-term studies, investigations, and research on matters affecting agriculture or the agricultural community. Project results are reported to the appropriate Congressional Committees.

The general authority of the Secretary to supervise and control the work of the Department is contained in the Organic Act (7 U.S.C. 2201-2202). The delegation of regulatory functions to the Department employees and authorization of appropriations to carry out these functions are contained in 7 U.S.C. 450c-450g. The authority of the Secretary to streamline and reorganize the Department is included in the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, Public Law 103-354.

The Office of the Secretary consists of the Immediate Office of the Secretary; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics; Office of Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Office of Under Secretary for Food Safety; Office of Under Secretary for Rural Development; Office of Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; Office of Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation; Office of Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs; Office of Codex Alimentarius; the Office of Tribal Relations; and Office of Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

OSEC is located in Washington, D.C. As of September 30, 2024, 120 full-time permanent employees were funded by appropriated funds (103) and the Working Capital Fund (17). Of the employees, 97 were in the headquarters office, and 23 were in the field offices.

OIG AND GAO REPORTS

AVAILABLE FUNDS AND FTEs

Table OSEC-1. Available Funds and FTEs (thousands of dollars, FTEs)

Item	2023 Actual	FTEs	2024 Actual	FTEs	2025 Estimated	FTEs	2026 Estimated	FTEs
Salaries and Expenses:								
Discretionary Appropriations	\$58,673	90	\$45,608	112	\$45,608	103	\$27,264	77
Mandatory Appropriations.....	2,028,539	101	402,253	250	114,875	145	23,575	36
Supplemental Appropriations....	3,718,519	241	-	267	31,000,000	-	-	-
Total Discretionary Appropriations	58,673	90	45,608	112	45,608	103	27,264	77
Total Mandatory Appropriations...	2,028,539	101	402,253	250	114,875	145	23,575	36
Total Supplemental								
Appropriations.....	3,718,519	241	-	267	31,000,000	-	-	-
Total Adjusted Appropriation	5,805,731	432	447,861	629	31,160,483	248	50,839	113
Balance Available, SOY	9,799,378	-	8,430,826	-	4,236,627	-	16,486,773	-
Balances Interchanges.....	1,014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries, Other	104,762	-	411,637	-	717,651	-	-	-
Total Available.....	15,710,885	432	9,290,324	629	36,114,761	248	16,537,612	113
Lapsing Balances	-2,165	-	-505,904	-	-	-	-	-
Balance Available, EOY	-8,430,826	-	-4,236,627	-	-16,486,773	-	-177,235	-
Total Obligations	7,277,894	432	4,547,793	629	19,627,988	248	16,360,377	113
Total Obligations, OSEC	7,277,894	432	4,547,793	629	19,627,988	248	16,360,377	113
Other USDA:								
Advisory Comm Liaison Services	375	2	432	2	473	2	473	2
Intertribal Tech Assist Network.	2,050	-	2,050	-	-	-	-	-
Diversity, Equity, Incl and								
Access	1,850	3	2,432	9	1,000	3	-	-
Office of the Chief Scientist.....	9,924	15	6,536	17	4,934	17	4,934	16
Other Reimbursable Programs ..	710	3	1,992	2	-	-	-	-
Permitting Excellence Activities.	-	-	3,645	-	7,235	5	5,500	5
Working Capital Fund.....	3,629	17	3,521	17	3,804	18	3,804	18
Total, Other USDA	18,538	40	20,608	47	17,446	45	14,711	41
Total, Agriculture Available.....	15,729,423	472	9,310,932	676	36,132,207	293	16,552,323	154
Total Available, OSEC	15,729,423	472	9,310,932	676	36,132,207	293	16,552,323	154

* This table assumes a reduced 2026 FTE baseline due to 2025 voluntary staff separations and administrative cost efficiencies.

PERMANENT POSITIONS BY GRADE AND FTEs**Table OSEC-2. Permanent Positions by Grade and FTEs**

Item	2023		2024	2025		2026						
	Actual	Estimated		Actual	Estimated							
	HQ	Field	Total	HQ	Field	Total	HQ	Field	Total	HQ	Field	Total
SES	29	1	30	20	-	20	34	-	34	32	-	32
SL	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-15.....	14	-	14	19	2	21	25	-	25	12	-	12
GS-14.....	9	-	9	9	5	14	8	-	8	6	-	6
GS-13.....	5	6	11	11	8	19	9	2	11	12	1	13
GS-12.....	17	1	18	14	1	15	3	1	4	3	-	3
GS-11.....	10	1	11	3	2	5	9	3	12	4	1	5
GS-9	8	-	8	5	-	5	3	-	3	2	-	2
GS-8	1	-	1	2	-	2	3	-	3	3	-	3
GS-7	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	1
GS-5	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Graded	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total Permanent ...	94	10	104	84	19	103	96	7	103	75	2	77
Total Perm. FT EOY ..	94	10	104	84	19	103	96	7	103	75	2	77
FTE*.....	131	7	138	127	21	148	96	7	103	75	2	77

* Total FTEs are all inclusive of workforce categories including temporary positions.

* This table assumes a reduced 2026 FTE baseline due to 2025 voluntary staff separations and administrative cost efficiencies.

Table OSEC-3. Shared Funding Projects (thousands of dollars)

Item	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Estimated	2026 Estimated
Working Capital Fund:				
Administrative Services:				
AskUSDA Contact Center	\$3	\$34	\$32	\$32
General Counsel Legal Compliance	-	-	7	455
Material Management Service Services	40	38	38	39
Mail and Reproduction Management Services	348	368	276	276
Integrated Procurement Systems.....	19	26	27	27
Personnel and Document Security Program	6	6	8	8
Procurement Operations Services.....	70	145	156	156
Human Resources Enterprise Management Systems.....	5	5	15	15
Subtotal	491	622	559	1,008
Communications:				
Creative Media & Broadcast Center.....	211	141	77	75
Finance and Management:				
National Finance Center	55	56	46	47
Financial Management Systems	184	204	170	170
Internal Control Support Services.....	-	25	21	21
Financial Management Support Services	117	130	138	139
Subtotal	356	415	375	377
Information Technology:				
Client Experience Center	223	230	681	682
Department Administration Information Technology				
Office.....	1,094	1,164	1,436	1,396
Digital Infrastructure Services Center.....	124	368	585	585
Enterprise Cybersecurity Services.....	70	103	160	160
Enterprise Data and Analytics Services.....	-	-	-	5
Enterprise Network Services	220	262	209	226
Subtotal	1,731	2,127	3,071	3,054
Office of the Executive Secretariat	166	138	396	734
Total, Working Capital Fund.....	2,955	3,443	4,478	5,248

2026 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Item	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Estimated	2026 Estimated
Department-Wide Shared Cost Programs:				
Advisory Committee Liaison Services.....	5	9	8	8
Agency Partnership Outreach.....	8	12	11	11
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility**	2	4	1	-
Employee Experience.....	4	6	4	4
Medical Services.....	30	49	4	4
NCR Interpreting Services	10	20	2	2
Office of Customer Experience	4	5	4	4
Physical Security	5	8	9	9
Security Detail	6	9	12	12
Security Operations Program	8	12	11	11
Talent Group	4	6	5	5
TARGET Center.....	2	3	2	2
Total, Department-Wide Reimbursable Programs	88	143	73	72
E-Gov:				
Budget Formulation and Execution Line of Business.....	14	7	7	7
Total, E-Gov	14	7	7	7
Agency Total.....	3,057	3,593	4,558	5,327

*This table is based on a preliminary 2026 estimate, which will be adjusted at a later date to reflect the Department's updated posture and footprint.

**In alignment with the current Administration's priorities, the 2025 amounts reflect expenses incurred prior to January 20, 2025.

ACCOUNT 1: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**APPROPRIATIONS LANGUAGE**

The appropriations language follows (new language underscored):

Office of the Secretary (Including Transfers of Funds)

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, \$42,696,000 of which not to exceed \$6,000,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not to exceed \$1,896,000 shall be available for the Office of Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Tribal Relations; not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, of which \$1,500,000 shall be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5); not to exceed \$18,300,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, of which \$17,000,000 shall be available for Departmental Administration to provide for necessary expenses for management support services to offices of the Department and for general administration, security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the Department: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Administration mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office; not to exceed \$3,500,000 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs to carry out the programs funded by this Act, including programs involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison within the executive branch; and not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Communications: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 percent: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$22,000 of the amount made available under this paragraph for the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That the amount made available under this heading for Departmental Administration shall be reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required by 5 U.S.C. 551-558: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the Department of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no funds made available under this heading for the Office of Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the allocation of these funds by USDA agency.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, \$1,000,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, \$1,000,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Economics mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, \$1,200,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Programs mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, \$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, \$1,000,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conservation mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development, \$1,000,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Rural Development mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, \$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Trade Foreign and Agriculture Affairs

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, \$614,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of Codex Alimentarius

For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex Alimentarius, \$3,300,000, including not to exceed \$40,000 for official reception and representation expenses.

Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, \$750,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to any agency in the Natural Resources and Environment mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the office.

LEAD-OFF TABULAR STATEMENT

Table OSEC-4. Lead-Off Tabular Statement (In dollars)

Item	Amount
Enacted, 2025	\$35,608,000
Change in Appropriation.....	- 8,344,000
Budget Estimate, 2026	27,264,000

PROJECT STATEMENT**Table OSEC-5. Project Statement on Basis of Appropriations (thousands of dollars, FTEs)**

Item	2023 Actual	FTEs	2024 Actual	FTEs	2025 Estimated	FTEs	2026 Estimated	FTEs	Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.	Chg Key
Discretionary Approp:											
Office of the Secretary	\$7,432	27	\$7,000	32	\$7,000	23	\$6,000	21	-\$1,000	-2	
Office of Tribal Relations	5,190	6	5,190	11	5,190	15	5,000	10	-190	-5	
Assistant Secretary for Administration	1,706	4	1,706	3	1,706	5	1,300	3	-406	-2	
Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations	4,609	14	4,500	18	4,500	17	3,500	17	-1,000	-	
Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights	1,466	3	1,466	5	1,466	4	1,000	2	-466	-2	
U.S. for Research, Education, and Economics	1,384	3	1,384	4	1,384	4	1,000	2	-384	-2	
Office of the Chief Scientist (includes Honeybee)	1,000	-	500	1	500	1	-	-	-500	-1	
U.S. for Marketing and Regulatory Progs	1,617	4	1,617	5	1,617	5	1,200	3	-417	-2	
U.S. for Food Safety	1,117	3	1,117	3	1,117	3	800	2	-317	-1	
U.S. for Farm Production and Conservation	1,727	4	1,527	6	1,527	4	1,000	2	-527	-2	
U.S. for Rural Development	1,620	4	1,620	6	1,620	5	1,000	2	-620	-3	
U.S. for Food, Nutrition, & Consumer Serv	1,251	4	1,127	4	1,127	3	800	2	-327	-1	
U.S. for Trade and Foreign Ag Affairs	932	2	932	3	932	3	614	1	-318	-2	
Office of Codex Alimentarius	4,922	7	4,922	8	4,922	8	3,300	8	-1,622	-	
U.S. for Natural Resources and Environment	1,000	4	1,000	3	1,000	3	750	2	-250	-1	
Subtotal Regular Disc Appropriations	36,973	89	35,608	112	35,608	103	27,264	77	-8,344	-26	(1)
General Provision: Institute for Rural Partnerships	15,000	-	6,000	-	6,000	-	-	-	-6,000	-	
General Provision: Honeybee Pollinator	400	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
General Provision: NAS Alcohol Consumption Study	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
General Provision: Polyfluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS)	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
General Provision 758: 10 Pilot Projects Indian Tribes School Lunch	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-2,000	-	
General Provision 787: Committee on Foreign Investment in the US (CFIUS)	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-2,000	-	
Subtotal	58,673	90	45,608	112	45,608	103	27,264	77	-18,344	-26	
Mandatory Approp:											
GP 751 COVID-19 CFAP Payments CAA, 2021	-411,340	11	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dairy Margin Coverage	39,921	-	1,478	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Inflation Reduction Act	-	83	-	227	-3,000	141	-	32	+3,000	-109	
ARPA Sec. 1003 Pandemic Program											
Administration Fund	-4,100	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	
APRA Sec 1006: Socially Disadvantaged Farmers, Land Owners & Ops & Groups	-42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 201 Greenhouse Gas Tech Assist Provid and Third Party Verifier Prog	4,100	7	-	1							

2026 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Item	2023 Actual	FTEs	2024 Actual	FTEs	2025 Estimated	FTEs	2026 Estimated	FTEs	Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.	Chg Key
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 601 Support for Cotton Merch	100,000	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from the Commodity Credit Corporation:											
Food Aid	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regional Agricultural Trade Promotion	1,300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CFAP 1.0 Payments.....	-	-	-8,000	-	-40,000	-	-	-	+40,000	-	-
CFAP 2.0 Payments.....	-	-	-192,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outreach for Soc Disadv Farmers and Ranchers	-	-	23,575	3	23,575	4	23,575	4	-	-	-
Biobased Technology Accelerator Grants	-	-	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feed Forage Program/ Commodity Storage Assist Prog (CSAP).....	-	-	377,200	-	134,300	-	-	-	-134,300	-	-
Subtotal.....	2,028,539	101	402,253	250	114,875	145	23,575	36	-91,300	-109	
Supplemental Approp:											
COVID-19 CARES Act Coronavirus Food Assistance Program	-23,196	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Assistance Payments PL 117-43.....	-	239	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2023	3,741,715	-	-	207	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Relief Act- PL 118-158 DIV B, Title I	-	-	-	-	31,000,000	-	-	-	-31,000,000	-	-
Subtotal.....	3,718,519	241	-	267	31,000,000	-	-	-	-31,000,000	-	-
Total Adjusted Approp.....	5,805,731	432	447,861	629	31,160,483	248	50,839	113	-31,109,644	-135	
Add back:											
Transfers In and Out, Rescissions	-1,957,338	-	-400,261	-	-114,875	-	-23,575	-	+91,300	-	-
Total Appropriation.....	3,848,393	432	47,600	629	31,045,608	248	27,264	113	-31,018,344	-135	
Transfers In:											
Food Aid	1,060,445	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regional Agricultural Trade Promotion	1,378,579	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outreach Socially Disadvan Farmers & Rnchrs	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	-
Feed Forage Program	-	-	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodity Storage Assistance Program	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	-100,000	-	-
Total Transfers In.....	2,439,024	-	425,000	-	125,000	-	25,000	-	-100,000	-	-
Transfers Out:											
Working Capital Funds.....	-125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inflation Reduction Act	-	-	-	-	-3,000	-	-	-	+3,000	-	-
Total Transfers Out	-125	-	-	-	-3,000	-	-	-	+3,000	-	-
Rescission	-481,561	-	-24,739	-	-7,125	-	-1,425	-	+5,700	-	-
Balances Interchange.....	1,014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries, Other	104,762	-	411,637	-	717,651	-	-	-	-717,651	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	9,799,378	-	8,430,826	-	4,236,627	-	16,486,773	-	+12,250,146	-	-
Total Available	15,710,885	432	9,290,324	629	36,114,761	248	16,537,612	113	-19,577,149	-135	
Lapsing Balances	-2,165	-	-505,904	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-8,430,826	-	-4,236,627	-	-16,486,773	-	-177,235	-	+16,309,538	-	-
Total Obligations.....	7,277,894	432	4,547,793	629	19,627,988	248	16,360,377	113	-3,267,611	-135	

Table OSEC-6. Project Statement on Basis of Obligations (thousands of dollars, FTEs)

Item	2023 Actual	FTEs	2024 Actual	FTEs	2025 Estimated	FTEs	2026 Estimated	FTEs	Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.
Discretionary Obligations:										
Office of the Secretary.....	\$6,996	27	\$6,926	32	\$7,000	23	\$6,000	21	-\$1,000	-2
Office of Tribal Relations	5,129	6	5,021	11	5,190	15	5,000	10	-190	-5
Assistant Secretary for Administration	1,635	4	1,491	3	1,706	5	1,300	3	-406	-2
Assistant Secretary for Cong Relations	4,506	14	4,428	18	4,500	17	3,500	17	-1,000	-
Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights	1,234	3	1,378	5	1,466	4	1,000	2	-466	-2
U.S. for Research, Education, and Econ	1,313	3	1,269	4	1,384	4	1,000	2	-384	-2
Office of the Chief Scientist (incls Honeybee)....	1,000	-	500	1	500	1	-	-	-500	-1
U.S. for Marketing and Regulatory Progs.....	1,147	4	1,385	5	1,617	5	1,200	3	-417	-2
U.S. for Food Safety.....	1,039	3	1,039	3	1,117	3	800	2	-317	-1
U.S. for Farm Production and Conservation	1,578	4	1,404	6	1,527	4	1,000	2	-527	-2
U.S. for Rural Development.....	1,610	4	1,408	6	1,620	5	1,000	2	-620	-3
U.S. for Food, Nutrition, & Consumer Serv	1,175	4	1,086	4	1,127	3	800	2	-327	-1
U.S. for Trade and Foreign Ag Affairs	756	2	832	3	932	3	614	1	-318	-2
Office of Codex Alimentarius.....	4,790	7	4,727	8	4,922	8	3,300	8	-1,622	-
U.S. for Natural Resources and Environment	899	4	912	3	1,000	3	750	2	-250	-1
Subtotal Regular Disc Appropriations	34,807	89	33,806	112	35,608	103	27,264	77	-8,344	-26
General Prov Institute for Rural Partnerships	44,279	-	6,381	-	*	-	339	-		
General Provision: Honeybee Pollinator.....	400	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
General Prov: NAS Alcohol Consump Study	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
General Prov: Polyfluoroalkyl Sub (PFAS)	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Outreach for Socially Disadv Farmers	1,418	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
10 Pilot Proj Indian Trib Sch Lunch Progs- GP758	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-		
Committee on Foreign Investment in the US (CFIUS)- GP787	-	-	-	-	598	-	1,057	-		
Subtotal Disc Obligations.....	87,204	90	40,187	112	38,206*	103	30,660	77	-13,546	-26
Mandatory Obligations:										
GP 751 COVID-19 CFAP Payments CAA, 2021...	1,974,814	11	34,496	13	53,499	-	-	-	-53,499	-
General Prov 754: Farm Opp Trng & Outreach ..			1,494		945					
APRA Sec 1006: Socially Disadv Farmers, Land Owners & Ops & Groups.....	359	-	-	-	5,244	-	1,914	-	-3,329	-
ARPA Sec. 1003 Pandemic Program Administration Fund.....	22,871	7	3,375	5	701	-	-	-	-701	-
Inflation Reduction Act	2,381,981	83	175,492	227	110,366	141	37,351	32	-73,016	-109
CAA 2023 Support Cotton Merchandisers- PL 117-328 DIV-H Sec 601	193	-	99,708	1	199	-	-	-	-199	-
Greenhouse Gas Technical Assistance Provider and Third Party Verifier Program	297	-	1	1	1,120	-	1,000	-	-120	-
Transfers from the Commodity Credit Corporation:										
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 1.0 payments.....	154,581	-	89,817	-	561,155	-	153,872	-	-407,283	-
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 2.0 payments.....	296,192	-	230	-	112,504	-	1	-	-112,503	-
Market Disruption Assistance and Relief.....	111,198	-	270,686	-	223,649	-	-	-	-223,649	-
Drought Relief.....	-	-	-	-	399,780	-	220	-	-399,560	

2026 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Item	2023 Actual	FTEs	2024 Actual	FTEs	2025 Estimated	FTEs	2026 Estimated	FTEs	Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.
Food Aid	-	-	833,650	-	792,078	-	-	-	-792,078	-
Regional Agricultural Trade Promotion	-	-	287,842	-	364,758	-	323,750	-	-41,008	-
Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers	23,990	-	23,506	3	23,575	4	23,575	4	-	-
Biobased Technology Accelerator Grants	-	-	-	-	200,000	-	-	-	-200,000	-
Feed Forage Program/Commodity Storage Assistance Program (CSAP)	-	-	-	-	242,320	-	269,180	-	+26,860	-
Subtotal Mand Obligations	4,966,476	101	1,820,297	250	3,091,892	145	810,863	36	-2,281,030	-109
Supplemental Obligations:										
Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023	383,935	-	2,285,454	207	972,226	-	18,854	-	-953,372	-
COVID-19 CARES Act CFAP payments	194,267	2	2,541	-	19,663	-	-	-	-19,663	-
Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage	41,695	-	1,548	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Assistance Payments, 2022 PL 117-43. American Relief Act- PL 118-158 DIV B, Title I..	1,604,317	239	397,766	60	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Supp Obligations	2,224,214	241	2,687,310	267	16,491,890	-	15,518,854	-	-973,035	-
Total Obligations	7,277,894	432	4,547,793	629	13,627,988*	248	16,360,377	113	-3,267,611	-135
Add back:										
Lapsing Balances	2,165	-	505,904	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balances Available, EOY:										
Category A (PL 107-206, 116 STAT. 820, Title I, Chapter 1)	1,069	-	1,151	-	1,165	-	-	-	-1,165	-
General Provision 754: Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach	101	-	945	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision: Institute for Rural Partnerships	720	-	339	-	339	-	-	-	-339	-
General Provision 758: 10 Pilot Projects Indian Tribes School Lunch	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-2,000	-
General Prov 787: Comm Foreign Invest US (CFIUS)	-	-	2,000	-	3,402	-	2,345	-	-1,057	-
General Provision 751: COVID-19 CFAP Payments Consolidate Approp, 2021	2,072	-	17,291	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARPA Sec. 1003 Pandemic Program Administration Fund	3,713	-	655	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARPA Sec 1006 Soc Disad Frms, Rnch Land, Op Grps	-	-	-	-	1,914	-	-	-	-1,914	-
Inflation Reduction Act	275,433	-	103,380	-	39,424	-	2,073	-	-37,351	-
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 201 Greenhouse Gas Tech Assist Provider & Third Party Verifer Prgm	3,803	-	3,120	-	2,000	-	1,000	-	-1,000	-
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 601 Support for Cotton Merchandisers	99,806	-	199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 1.0 payments	210,992	-	118,415	-	576	-	-	-	-576	-
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 2.0 payments	602,620	-	514,727	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Market Disruption Assistance and Relief	487,975	-	223,649	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

2026 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Item	2023 Actual	FTEs	2024 Actual	FTEs	2025 Estimated	FTEs	2026 Estimated	FTEs	Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.
Drought Relief.....	400,000	-	400,000		220	-	-	-	-220	-
Food Aid	1,000,000	-	166,550		-	-	-	-	-	-
Regional Agricultural Trade Promotion	1,300,000	-	1,012,258		647,698	-	171,816	-	-475,882	-
Biobased Technology Accelerator Grants.....		-	200,000		-	-	-	-	-	-
Feed Forage Program /Commodity Storage Assistance Program (CSAP).....		-	377,200		269,180	-	-	-	-269,180	-
COVID-19 CARES Act CFAP payments	4,347	-	18,026		-	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Assistance Payments, 2022	680,396	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023.....	3,357,779	-	1,074,722		18,854	-	-	-	-18,854	-
American Relief Act- PL 118-158 DIV B, Title I..	-	-	-	-	15,500,000	-	-	-	-15,500,000	-
Total Bal. Available, EOY.....	8,430,826	-	4,236,627	-	16,480,773	-	177,235	-	-44,826	-
Total Available	15,710,885	432	9,290,324	629	36,108,761*	248	16,537,612	113	-19,577,149	-135
Less:										
Rescission.....	481,561	-	24,739	-	7,125	-	1,425	-	-5,700	-
Total Transfers In.....	-2,439,024	-	-425,000	-	-125,000	-	-25,000	-	+100,000	-
Total Transfers Out.....	125	-	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	-3,000	-
Balances Interchange.....	-1,014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries, Other	-104,762	-	-411,637	-	-717,651	-	-	-	+717,651	-
Bal. Available, SOY	-9,799,378	-	-8,430,826	-	-4,236,627	-	-16,486,773	-	-12,250,146	-
Total Appropriation	3,848,393	432	47,600	629	31,039,608*	248	27,264	113	-31,018,344	-135

*Obligations cannot be determined at this time.

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGES**Office of the Secretary**

Base Funds allow the Office of the Secretary to oversee the general management of the department and provide the principal support to the Secretary and the Department in formulating policy and program leadership. The Secretary of Agriculture, assisted by the Deputy Secretary, Under and Assistant Secretaries, and members of their immediate staff, directs and coordinates the work of the Department.

Base funding for the Office of the Secretary is necessary to ensure continued policy direction for all areas of the Department including research, educational and regulatory activities, nutrition, conservation, trade, farm groups, forestry, and international agriculture; maintain relationships with organizations and others in the development of programs; and maintain liaisons with the Executive Office of the President and members of Congress on all matters pertaining to Department policy.

The numbers and letters of the following listing relates to values in the Change (Chg) Key column of the Project Statement:

Justification of Decreases:

(1) A decrease of \$8,344,000 and 26 FTEs in salaries and expenses for the Office of the Secretary (\$35,608,000 and 103 FTEs available in 2025).

A) A decrease of \$8,344,000 and 26 FTEs for base funding for the Office of the Secretary. In pursuit of streamlining workforce efforts, facilities, and other government efficiencies, the Office of the Secretary has reduced staff from 103 to 77. At this level, the Office of the Secretary will continue to provide general management of the department and provide principal support to the Secretary and the Department to formulate policy and program leadership.

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF OBLIGATIONS AND FTEs

Table OSEC-7. Geographic Breakdown of Obligations and FTEs for Direct Appropriations Office of the Secretary (thousands of dollars, FTEs)

State/Territory/Country	2023		2024		2025		2026	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs
Arizona	-	-	\$76	2	\$294	2	-	-
California	\$137	1	159	1	-	-	-	-
Colorado	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
District of Columbia	86,474	83	32,851	103	34,735	96	\$26,938	75
Maryland.....	88	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	-	-	-	-	87	1	-	-
Minnesota	76	1	135	1	-	-	-	-
Montana	117	1	308	2	80	1	-	-
North Dakota	121	1	179	1	189	1	189	1
Oklahoma	-	-	39	1	137	1	137	1
South Dakota.....	-	-	59	1	86	1	-	-
Vermont	175	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution Unknown	-	-	6,381	-	2,598	-	3,396	-
Obligations	87,204	90	40,187	112	38,206	103	30,660	77
Lapsing Balances	-	-	5,407	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Available.....	87,204	90	45,594	112	38,206	103	30,660	77

Table OSEC-8. Geographic Breakdown of Obligations and FTEs for Mandatory Funds of the Secretary (thousands of dollars, FTEs)

State/Territory/Country	2023		2024		2025		2026	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs
Distribution Unknown.....	\$4,966,476	101	\$1,820,297	250	\$3,091,892	145	\$810,863	36
Obligations	4,966,476	101	1,820,297	250	3,091,892	145	810,863	36
Bal. Available, EOY	720	-	339	-	339	-	-	-
Total, Available	4,967,196	101	1,820,636	250	3,092,232	145	810,863	36

Table OSEC-9. Geographic Breakdown of Obligations and FTEs for Supplemental Funds of the Secretary (thousands of dollars, FTEs)

State/Territory/Country	2023		2024		2025		2026	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs
Distribution Unknown.....	\$2,224,214	241	\$2,687,309	267	\$16,491,890	-	\$15,518,854	-
Obligations	2,224,214	241	2,687,309	267	16,491,890	-	15,518,854	-
Lapsing Balances.....	-	-	-511,311	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, EOY	1,069	-	1,151	-	1,165	-	-	-
Total, Available	2,225,283	241	2,177,149	267	16,493,055	-	15,518,854	-

CLASSIFICATION BY OBJECTS**Table OSEC-10. Classification by Objects Appropriated Funding Office of the Secretary (thousands of dollars)**

Item No.	Item	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Estimated	2026 Estimated
Personnel Compensation:					
	Washington D.C.....	\$13,308	\$14,919	\$14,902	\$11,407
	Personnel Compensation, Field	-	1,191	585	218
11	Total personnel compensation.....	13,308	16,110	15,487	11,625
12	Personal benefits	4,408	5,336	6,851	5,432
	Total, personnel comp. and benefits	17,716	21,446	22,338	17,057
Other Objects:					
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	1,536	1,591	1,404	1,320
22.0	Transportation of things.....	2	1	1	1
23.1	Rental payments to GSA.....	14	11	16	17
23.2	Rental payments to others	147	-	-	-
23.3	Communications, utilities, and misc. charges.....	55	125	23	25
24.0	Printing and reproduction.....	43	83	21	23
25.1	Advisory and assistance services	123	4,793	8,722	6,733
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	11,190	19	-	-
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources	6,572	961	5,516	4,998
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities.....	-	1,355	-	-
25.5	Research and development contracts.....	-	3,540	-	-
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment	229	-	-	-
26.0	Supplies and materials	274	113	114	99
31.0	Equipment	25	13	51	48
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	49,278	6,136	*	339
	Total, Other Objects	69,488	18,741	15,868	13,603
99.9	Total, new obligations	87,204	40,187	38,206	30,660
DHS Building Security Payments (included in 25.3)					
		\$34	\$25	\$27	\$28
Position Data:					
	Average Salary (dollars), ES Position.....	\$186,000	\$192,000	\$193,000	\$193,000
	Average Salary (dollars), GS Position	\$126,000	\$141,000	\$136,000	\$139,000
	Average Grade, GS Position	13.5	13.7	13.5	13.6

* This table assumes a reduced 2026 FTE baseline due to 2025 voluntary staff separations and administrative cost efficiencies. Obligations cannot be determined at this time.

**Table OSEC-11. Classification by Objects Mandatory Funding Office of the Secretary
(thousands of dollars)**

Item No.	Item	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Estimated	2026 Estimated
Personnel Compensation:					
	Headquarters	-	-	-	-
	Personnel Compensation, Field	\$10,382	\$30,515	\$15,219	\$3,779
11	Total personnel compensation	10,382	30,515	15,219	3,779
12	Personal benefits	2,652	11,043	8,561	2,125
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	15	120	-	-
	Total, personnel comp. and benefits	13,049	41,678	23,780	5,904
Other Objects:					
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	604	1,177	750	450
22.0	Transportation of things	5	1	-	-
23.1	Rental payments to GSA.....	-	36	-	-
	Communications, utilities, and misc.				
23.3	charges	-	1	-	-
24.0	Printing and reproduction.....	1	112	50	-
25	Other contractual services	-	924	450	100
25.1	Advisory and assistance services	16,299	801	400	100
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources ..	2,447,840	-1,860,611	245,062	25,308
	Other goods and services from Federal				
25.3	sources	62,416	1,289,557	920,000	379,000
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities	-10	-	-	-
25.5	Research and development contracts	-	48	-	-
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment .	-1,669	-624,331	-	-
26.0	Supplies and materials	54,379	208,753	101,000	9,000
31.0	Equipment	10,148	869	400	-
32.0	Land and structures	1,151	99,077	50,000	6,000
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	2,332,970	2,662,204	1,750,000	385,000
42.0	Insurance Claims and Indemnities	29,293	1	-	-
	Total, Other Objects	4,953,427	1,778,619	3,068,112	804,958
99.9	Total, new obligations	4,966,476	1,820,297	3,091,892	810,863

* This table assumes a reduced 2026 FTE baseline due to 2025 voluntary staff separations and administrative cost efficiencies.

Table OSEC-12. Classification by Objects Supplemental Funding Office of the Secretary(Thousands of dollars)

Item No.	Item	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Estimated	2026 Estimated
Personnel Compensation:					
	Headquarters	-	-	-	-
	Personnel Compensation, Field.....	\$13,028	\$11,983	-	-
11	Total personnel compensation.....	13,028	11,983	-	-
12	Personal benefits	2,264	2,118	-	-
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	29	15	-	-
	Total, personnel comp. and benefits	15,321	14,116	-	-
Other Objects:					
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	2,331	2,497	-	-
23.1	Rental payments to GSA	123	35	-	-
23.3	Communications, utilities, and misc. charges	-	4	-	-
25.1	Advisory and assistance services.....	1,765	2	-	-
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources.....	104,043	61,394	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources.....	3,993	6,774	-	-
25.5	Research and development contracts.....	5,731	6,991	-	-
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment	98	825	-	-
26.0	Supplies and materials.....	2,411	18	-	-
31.0	Equipment	4,663	-558	-	-
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	2,083,733	2,595,211	13,491,890	12,518,854
43.0	Interest and Dividends.....	2	-	-	-
	Total, Other Objects	2,208,893	2,673,193	16,491,890	15,518,854
99.9	Total, new obligations	2,224,214	2,687,309	16,491,890	15,518,854

* This table assumes a reduced 2026 FTE baseline due to 2025 voluntary staff separations and administrative cost efficiencies.

This page was intentionally left blank.

ACCOUNT 2: FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN AND AGRICULTURE PANDEMIC RESPONSE PROGRAM**AVAILABLE FUNDS AND FTEs****Table OSEC-13. Available Funds and FTEs (thousands of dollars, FTEs)**

Item	2023 Actual	FTE	2024 Actual	FTE	2025 Estimated	FTE	2026 Estimated	FTE
Salaries and Expenses:								
Discretionary								
Appropriations	-	-	\$3,000	-	\$3,000	-	-	-
Supplemental								
Appropriations	-\$329,556	5	208	-	-	-	-	-
Total Discretionary								
Appropriations	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
Total Supplemental								
Appropriations	-329,556	5	208	-	-	-	-	-
Total Adjusted								
Appropriation	-329,556	5	3,208	-	3,000	-	-	-
Balance Available, SOY	1,777,876	-	812	-	8,578	-	\$15,475	-
Recoveries, Other	1,136	-	16,483	-	25,753	-	-	-
Total Available	1,449,456	5	20,502	-	37,330	-	15,475	-
Balance Available, EOY.....	-812	-	-8,578	-	-15,475	-	-5,980	-
Total Obligations	1,448,644	5	11,924	-	21,855	-	9,495	-
Total Obligations, OSEC..	1,448,644	5	11,924	-	21,855	-	9,495	-
Total Available, OSEC	1,449,456	5	20,502	-	37,330	-	15,475	-

* This table assumes a reduced 2026 FTE baseline due to 2025 voluntary staff separations and administrative cost efficiencies.

PERMANENT POSITIONS BY GRADE AND FTEs**Table OSEC-14. Permanent Positions by Grade and FTEs**

Item	HQ	Field	2023 Actual Total	HQ	Field	2024 Actual Total	HQ	Field	2025 Estimated Total	HQ	Field	2026 Estimated Total
SES	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-15	1	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-14	2	13	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-13	-	35	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-12	1	12	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-11	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-9	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-7	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total												
Permanent .	4	83	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Perm. FT												
EOY.....	4	83	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FTE	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* This table assumes a reduced 2026 FTE baseline due to 2025 voluntary staff separations and administrative cost efficiencies.

PROJECT STATEMENTS**Table OSEC-15. Project Statement on Basis of Appropriations (thousands of dollars, FTEs)**

Item	2023 Actual PL	2023 Actual BA	FTE	2024 Actual PL	2024 Actual BA	FTE	2025 Estimated PL	2025 Estimated BA	FTE	2026 Estimated PL	2026 Estimated BA	FTE	PL Inc. or Dec.	Chg Key	BA Inc. or Dec.	Chg Key	FTE Inc. or Dec.
Discretionary Approp:																	
Meat & Poultry Processing Expansion Program- GP																	
755	-	-	-	\$3,000	\$3,000	-	\$3,000	\$3,000	-	-	-	-	-\$3,000	(1)	-\$3,000	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-3,000		-3,000		-
Supplemental Approp:																	
Food Supply Chain Pandemic Response.....	-\$924,544	-\$329,556	5	208	\$208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-924,544	-329,556	5	208	208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Adjusted Approp.....	-924,544	-329,556	5	3,208	3,208	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-3,000		-3,000		-
Add back:																	
Transfers In and Out, Rescissions	924,544	329,556	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sequestration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	-	-	5	3,208	3,208	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-3,000		-3,000		-
Rescission.....	-924,544	-329,556	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries, Other	1,136	1,136	-	16,483	16,483	-	25,753	25,753	-	-	-	-	-25,753		-25,753		-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	2,875,086	1,777,876	-	812	812	-	8,578	8,578	-	\$15,475	\$15,475	-	6,897		6,897		-
Total Available	1,951,678	1,449,456	5	20,502	20,502	-	37,330	37,330	-	15,475	15,475	-	-21,855		-21,855		-
Lapsing Balances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, EOY	-812	-812	-	-8,578	-8,578	-	-15,475	-15,475	-	-5,980	-5,980	-	9,495		9,495		-
Total Obligations	1,950,866	1,448,644	5	11,924	11,924	-	21,855	21,855	-	9,495	9,495	-	-12,361		-12,361		-

2026 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Table OSEC-16. Project Statement on Basis of Obligations (thousands of dollars, FTEs)

Item	2023 Actual	2023 PL	2023 Actual BA	2023 FTE	2024 Actual PL	2024 Actual BA	2024 FTE	2025 Estimated PL	2025 Estimated BA	2025 FTE	2026 Estimated PL	2026 Estimated BA	2026 FTE	PL Inc. or Dec.	BA Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.
Discretionary Obligations:																
Meat & Poultry Proces Expansion Program- GP 755..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,000	\$3,000	-	\$3,000	\$3,000	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Disc oblig.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-
Supplemental Obligations:																
Food Supply Chain and Pandemic Response	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	215	215	-	215	215	-	+0	+0	-
Food Bank Network	\$44,113	\$44,113	1	\$937	\$937	-	-	900	900	-	-	-	-	-900	-900	-
Food Processing Supply Chain Loan Guarantees	539,502	37,280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency Food Assistance Programs Grants.....	58,580	58,580	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative expenses- Food Processing Supply Chain Loan Guarantees Program	676	676	3	2	2	-	-	2,894	2,894	-	-	-	-	-2,894	-2,894	-
Administrative expenses- Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Programs	599	599	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat & Poultry Processing Capacity- Technical Assistance	14,327	14,327	-	3	3	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-2	-2	-
LFPP and RFSP Grant Augmentation for Farm to Institution	41,891	41,891	-	-	-	-	-	1,256	1,256	-	-	-	-	-1,256	-1,256	-
Dairy Business Innovation Augmentation	3,292	3,292	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat & Poultry Processing Expansion Program.....	336,757	336,757	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Urban Ag and Innovative Prod.....	1,125	1,125	0	-	-	-	-	34	34	-	-	-	-	-34	-34	-
Food Loss and Waste- National Strategy	1,924	1,924	-	45	45	-	-	26	26	-	-	-	-	-26	-26	-
Ag Workforce Training- Meat & Poultry Process Workforce Training	3,778	3,778	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
People's Garden Initiative.....	4,146	4,146	0	-	-	-	-	77	77	-	-	-	-	-77	-77	-
Urban Ag & Innovative Production- 2022	9,760	9,760	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compost & Food Waste Red- Plus up 2022, 2023, 2024.....	29,375	29,375	0	-	-	-	-	312	312	-	-	-	-	-312	-312	-
GusNIP Produce Prescription Project 2021 Meritorious Grants.....	450	450	-	955	955	-	-	472	472	-	-	-	-	-472	-472	-
GusNIP Produce Prescription Project Enhancements .	425	425	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GusNIP Produce Prescription 2022 Grants.....	6,776	6,776	-	-	-	-	-	888	888	-	-	-	-	-888	-888	-
Operation Formula Fly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	477	477	-	-	-	-	-477	-477	-
Meat & Poultry Process Workforce Dev Centers of Excellence	10,448	10,448	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative expenses- Multiple RBCS Programs...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center of Excellence for Meat and Poultry Processing and Food Safety Research and Innovation.....	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center of Excellence for Meat and Poultry Processing and Food Safety Research and Innovation PhaseIII.....	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Foods Projects Competitive Grant Program FY 2022 Meritorious Grants	9,600	9,600	-	-	-	-	-	106	106	-	-	-	-	-106	-106	-
Farm to School State Formula Grants	1,287	1,287	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,615	1,615	-	-	-	-	-1,615	-1,615	-
National School Lunch Equipment Grant.....	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,283	1,283	-	-	-	-	-1,283	-1,283	-
Urban and Innove Ag Community-Based	39,996	39,996	-	7,701	7,701	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inter on reestim of loan guarantee subsidy	-	-	-	208	208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overight and Manag for Prog Implem	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,800	6,800	-	6,280	6,280	-	-520	-520	-

2026 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Item	2023 Actual PL	2023 Actual BA	FTE	2024 Actual PL	2024 Actual BA	FTE	2025 Estimated PL	2025 Estimated d BA	FTE	2026 Estimated d PL	2026 Estimated d BA	FTE	PL Inc. or Dec.	BA Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.
Competitive Food Syst Infrast (CFSI) Inv	418,675	418,675	-	2,071	2,071	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technical Capacity Partnership Agrmts	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-	-1,500	-1,500	-
Farm Labor Stabilization and Protect Pilot Prog.....	65,000	65,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)															
Electronic Healthy Incentives Project (eHIP)	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ag Competition Challenge	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Loss and Waste Prevention and Reduction.....	24,755	24,755	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Organic Transition Initiative (OTI)- Environmental...	250	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Process	48,089	48,089	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local Meat Capacity Grant (MCap).....	74,261	74,261	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admin exp- Indigenous Animals Harvest.....	1,009	1,009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Supp Oblig.....	1,950,866	1,448,644	5	11,924	11,924	-	18,855	18,855	-	6,495	6,495	-	-12,361	-12,361	-
Total Obligations	1,950,866	1,448,644	5	11,924	11,924	-	21,855	21,855	-	9,495	9,495	-	-12,361	-12,361	-
Food Supply Chain and Pandemic Response	-	-	-	1,282	1,282	-	215	215	-	-	-	-	-215	-215	-
Food Bank Network	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Process Supply Chain Loan Guarantees	159	159	-	2,894	2,894	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emerg Food Assist Prog Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admin exp Food Pro Sup Chain Loan Guarantee															
Program	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat & Poultry Process Capacity- Tech Assist	3	3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LFPP and RFSP Grant Aug for Farm to Institution.....	-	-	-	209	209	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dairy Business Innovation Augmentation	-3	-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat & Poultry Processing Expansion Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Urban Ag and Innovative Prod.....	0	0	-	217	217	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Loss and Waste- National Strategy	70	70	-	26	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
People's Garden Initiative.....	4	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production- 2022 .	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Composting and Food Waste Red- Plus up 2022,															
2023, 2024.....	208	208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GusNIP Produce Prescription 2022 Grants	-	-	-	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infant Formula Procurement- FEMA's Disaster															
Preparedness	84	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Samoa	-	-	-	429	429	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm to School State Formula Grants	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
National School Lunch Equipment Grant.....	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overnight and Management for Program															
Implementation	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,260	12,260	-	5,980	5,980	-	-6,280	-6,280	-
Compet Food Systems Infrast (CFSI) Inv	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Loss and Waste Prev and Reduction.....	245	245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local Meat Capacity Grant (MCap).....	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat & Poultry Process Expan Prog- GP 755.....	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-3,000	-3,000	-
Total Bal. Available, EOY.....	812	812	-	8,578	8,578	-	15,475	15,475	-	5,980	5,980	-	-9,495	-9,495	-
Total Available	1,951,678	1,449,456	5	20,502	20,502	-	37,330	37,330	-	15,475	15,475	-	-21,855	-21,855	-
Less:															
Rescission	924,544	329,556	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries, Other	-1,136	-1,136	-	-16,483	16,483	-	-25,753	-25,753	-	-	-	-	+25,753	+25,753	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	2,875,086	-1,777,876	-	-812	-812	-	-8,578	-8,578	-	-15,475	-15,475	-	-6,897	-6,897	-
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	5	3,208	3,208	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-3,000	-3,000	-

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF OBLIGATIONS AND FTEs**Table OSEC-17. Geographic Breakdown of Obligations and FTEs for Food Supply Chain and Agriculture Pandemic Response Program (thousands of dollars, FTEs)**

State/Territory/Country	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Estimated	2026 Estimated
Supplemental Funding	\$1,448,644	\$11,924	\$21,855	\$9,495
Obligations	1,448,644	11,924	21,855	9,495
Bal. Available, EOY	-1,449,456	-8,578	-	-
Total, Available	-812	3,347	21,855	9,495

CLASSIFICATION BY OBJECTS**Table OSEC-18. Classification by Objects (thousands of dollars)**

Item No.	Item	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Estimated	2026 Estimated
Personnel Compensation:					
	Headquarters	\$4,998	\$9	-	-
11	Total personnel compensation.....	4,998	9	-	-
12	Personal benefits	1,778	-	-	-
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	19	-	-	-
	Total, personnel comp. and benefits	6,796	9	-	-
Other Objects:					
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	40	-	-	-
25.1	Advisory and assistance services.....	39,983	11,871	\$21,855	\$9,495
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	5,315	-	-	-
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities.....	11,969	-	-	-
25.5	Research and development contracts.....	211,382	-	-	-
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equip	-52	45	-	-
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	1,173,212	-	-	-
	Total, Other Objects	1,441,849	11,915	21,855	9,495
99.9	Total, new obligations	1,448,644	11,924	21,855	9,495

* This table assumes a reduced 2026 FTE baseline due to 2025 voluntary staff separations and administrative cost efficiencies.