

**2020 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES – GOOD ACCOUNTING OBLIGATION IN  
GOVERNMENT (GAO-IG) ACT**

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***GAO-IG ACT***

**SUMMARY**

The GAO-IG Act was enacted on January 3, 2019, and requires that Federal Departments include information pertaining to audit recommendations from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) as part of the annual Congressional budget justification materials. The following tables provide a listing of all open GAO and OIG audit recommendations for the Department of Agriculture and its agencies and staff offices.

**OIG RECOMMENDATIONS***Table GAO-IG Act-1. Open OIG Audit Recommendations*

<u>Agency/ Staff Office</u>	<u>Audit Title</u>	<u>Audit Number</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Status</u>
AMS	NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS	01601-0001-21	9/13/2017	01. Prior to issuance of future U.S. equivalence determination letters, develop and implement a procedure to document and disclose the final resolution of all foreign country organic standards identified as having differences from USDA organic standards.	Open
AMS	NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS	01601-0001-21	9/13/2017	02. Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AMS and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to obtain assistance from CBP officials in reviewing National Organic Program (NOP) import certificates from countries with established equivalence arrangements at U.S. ports of entry.	Open
AMS	NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS	01601-0001-21	9/13/2017	04. Develop and implement a plan to verify NOP import certificates at U.S. ports of entry, identify fraudulent import certificates, and capture organic import data.	Open
AMS	NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS	01601-0001-21	9/13/2017	07. Develop and implement a plan for creating and implementing procedures for tracking organic products treated with NOP-prohibited substances at U.S. ports of entry and ensuring those products are not sold, labeled or represented as organic.	Open
AMS	NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS	01601-0001-21	9/13/2017	09. Revise NOP Handbook NOP 2100 to include the requirement that NOP officials conduct onsite audits of foreign countries that maintain equivalency arrangements with USDA every 2 years.	Open
AMS	AMS COMMODITY PURCHASES FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-41	9/26/2018	01. Determine what contract action constitutes evidence of physical completion and communicate this determination to contracting officers and specialists to ensure uniformity when closing contracts.	Open
AMS	AMS COMMODITY PURCHASES FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-41	9/26/2018	02. Establish a method to track the status of contracts that are past their completion dates and when contract closeout procedures are completed.	Open

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AMS	AMS COMMODITY PURCHASES FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-41	9/26/2018	03. Provide training to IPD contracting officers and specialists to reinforce their understanding of their roles and responsibilities in meeting FAR closeout requirements.	Open
AMS	AMS COMMODITY PURCHASES FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-41	9/26/2018	04. Determine the number of completed contracts that are over 6 months past their physical completion dates and perform closeout procedures.	Open
AMS	AMS COMMODITY PURCHASES FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-41	9/26/2018	05. Develop and utilize a report format for both FAS and USAID contracts that captures all unliquidated obligations from completed commodity contracts that need to be reviewed for deobligation.	Open
AMS	AMS COMMODITY PURCHASES FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-41	9/26/2018	06. Review all outstanding unliquidated obligations and determine which need to be deobligated.	Open
AMS	CONTROLS OVER INSPECTION OF EXPORTED GRAIN	30601-0001-21	12/13/2018	01. Complete and document a risk assessment of all processes used to extract, share, calculate or input data into FGISonline to identify system limitations and areas that should be automated to increase efficiency and functionality. The risk assessment should include a ranking of processes that, if automated, would enhance system controls and improve FGISonline's data accuracy and traceability	Open
AMS	CONTROLS OVER INSPECTION OF EXPORTED GRAIN	30601-0001-21	12/13/2018	02. Based on the risk assessment, develop and implement a plan of action to timely and systematically automate manual FGIS inspection cycle processes to enhance the program's efficiency.	Open
AMS	CONTROLS OVER INSPECTION OF EXPORTED GRAIN	30601-0001-21	12/13/2018	03. Conduct a formal assessment of the QMP to determine why OSP have not successfully implemented it.	Open
AMS	CONTROLS OVER INSPECTION OF EXPORTED GRAIN	30601-0001-21	12/13/2018	04. Based on the QMP assessment, develop and implement a plan of action to ensure that OSP comply with QMP requirements. The plan of action should include steps to ensure OSP develop and implement a QMP, conduct yearly QMP reviews, and develop action plans that resolve the root cause of identified items.	Open
AMS	CONTROLS OVER INSPECTION OF EXPORTED GRAIN	30601-0001-21	12/13/2018	05. Document the methodology used to extract data for the annual report to Congress to ensure the process is consistent and produces accurate reporting data.	Open

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AMS	CONTROLS OVER INSPECTION OF EXPORTED GRAIN	30601-0001-21	12/13/2018	06. Preserve the database used to extract data for the report and the results of FGIS' data extraction procedures to ensure the information presented in the report is reliable and can be verified by tracing it back to its source.	Open
APHIS	TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	33099-0001-23	5/31/2018	01. Provide guidance to the ADO and ADODR on how to perform spot checks on financial records, as necessary, to ensure efficient and effective operations for the TBWEF cooperative agreement	Open
APHIS	TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	33099-0001-23	5/31/2018	02. Adjust guidance in the Agreements Management Manual to more clearly define the frequency APHIS expects its RAB to conduct compliance reviews of cooperative agreements.	Open
APHIS	TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	33099-0001-23	5/31/2018	03. Collect the \$1,472 from TBWEF in FY 2015 Federal funding that TBWEF used on expenses incurred in FY 2014.	Open
APHIS	TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	33099-0001-23	5/31/2018	04. Clarify the terms and conditions in all future cooperative agreements with TBWEF, including the FY 2019 cooperative agreement, to specify that funds may only be used for expenses incurred within the period of performance stated in the agreement.	Open
APHIS	TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	33099-0001-23	5/31/2018	05. Provide guidance to TBWEF officials to ensure that Federal funds are used in the correct period of performance.	Open
APHIS	TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	33099-0001-23	5/31/2018	06. Develop and implement written procedures to ensure all future cooperative agreements include terms and conditions for a conflict of interest policy.	Open
APHIS	APHIS: ANIMAL WELFARE ACT - MARINE MAMMALS (CETACEANS)	33601-0001-31	5/30/2017	01. Enforce the current Animal Welfare Regulations or clarify those regulations to allow for unique circumstances, such as enclosures that do not fit well within the process for determining whether minimum space requirements are met.	Open
APHIS	APHIS: ANIMAL WELFARE ACT - MARINE MAMMALS (CETACEANS)	33601-0001-31	5/30/2017	04. Follow the agreement with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and consolidate the captive marine mammal inventory with the observations of APHIS inspectors, or consider revising the agreement with NOAA.	Open

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APHIS	APHIS: ANIMAL WELFARE ACT - MARINE MAMMALS (CETACEANS)	33601-0001-31	5/30/2017	05. Clarify regulations that define what constitutes the barrier and distance requirements for marine mammal enclosures, and develop guidance to ensure consistent implementation.	Open
APHIS	APHIS: ANIMAL WELFARE ACT - MARINE MAMMALS (CETACEANS)	33601-0001-31	5/30/2017	06. Clarify regulations to define what constitutes sufficient shade for marine mammals to afford them protection from the weather or direct sunlight, and develop guidance to ensure consistent implementation.	Open
APHIS	APHIS OVERSIGHT OF RESEARCH FACILITIES	33601-0001-41	12/9/2014	15. Provide research facilities with guidance on how to prepare annual reports accurately and require the facilities to submit site-specific annual report data.	Open
APHIS	CONTROLS OVER APHIS' INTRODUCTION OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS	50601-0001-32	9/22/2015	02. Develop and implement policies which require APHIS officials to analyze reports to (1) ensure that all release sites are included, (2) identify discrepancies, and (3) require immediate resolution.	Open
APHIS	CONTROLS OVER APHIS' INTRODUCTION OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS	50601-0001-32	9/22/2015	08. Incorporate compliance reporting and tracking of all incidents in the information system being developed.	Open
APHIS	USDA'S RESPONSE TO ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE (ARS, FSIS, APHIS, OCS)	50601-0004-31	3/30/2016	19. In order to measure the progress of antibiotic resistance efforts, APHIS should consider the development of specific strategic goal(s) for antibiotic resistance and it should identify any performance measures and desired outcomes necessary to support the strategic goal(s). If APHIS does not consider antibiotic resistance necessary to include in its strategic goals, it should provide OCFO with written communication outlining the reasoning for not including antibiotic resistance in the strategic goals.	Open
APHIS	USDA'S RESPONSE TO ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE (ARS, FSIS, APHIS, OCS)	50601-0004-31	3/30/2016	07. APHIS should establish a routine process for meeting with the other agencies involved in achieving the National Action Plan goals so antibiotic resistance priorities are coordinated before individual budgets are submitted and after funding approval.	Open
APHIS	USDA'S RESPONSE TO ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE (ARS, FSIS, APHIS, OCS)	50601-0004-31	3/30/2016	08. APHIS should ensure that it effectively communicates the importance of interagency dependency to OBPA when it submits its budget requirements needed to achieve the National Action Plan goals for antibiotic resistance.	Open

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APHIS	USDA'S RESPONSE TO ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE (ARS, FSIS, APHIS, OCS)	50601-0004-31	3/30/2016	09. APHIS needs to determine which positions within the agency have strong equities in antibiotic resistance or other related specialized areas. The agency should then develop a strategy to strengthen the development and retention of key, specialized positions so that it maintains a cadre of experts in the identified areas.	Open
APHIS	CONTROLS OVER APHIS ISSUANCE OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS RELEASE PERMITS	50601-0008-TE	12/8/2005	01A. Revise and consolidate policies, procedures, and regulatory requirements for GE field releases.	Open
APHIS	CONTROLS OVER APHIS ISSUANCE OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS RELEASE PERMITS	50601-0008-TE	12/8/2005	02A. Revise and clarify policies and regulations regarding the use of metal shipping containers.	Open
APHIS	CONTROLS OVER APHIS ISSUANCE OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS RELEASE PERMITS	50601-0008-TE	12/8/2005	03A. Update regulations to incorporate the provisions of the Plant Protection Act of 2000.	Open
ARS	CONTROLS OVER PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION AND GERMPASM STORAGE	50601-0006-TE	3/4/2004	01A. Develop policy guidelines for effectively obtaining information related to GEO accessions entering NPGS facilities, taking into consideration existing legal and emerging international developments.	Open
ARS	CONTROLS OVER PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION AND GERMPASM STORAGE	50601-0006-TE	3/4/2004	02A. Establish procedures, in cooperation with the PVPO Commissioner, for informing NPGS of GEOs shipped to its facilities by PVPO.	Open
ARS	CONTROLS OVER PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION AND GERMPASM STORAGE	50601-0006-TE	3/4/2004	03A. Establish procedures, consistent with the policy developed in response to Recommendation No. 1, for documenting in GRIN the GEOs entering NPGS facilities.	Open
ARS	CONTROLS OVER PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION AND GERMPASM STORAGE	50601-0006-TE	3/4/2004	05A. Develop procedures requiring periodic physical inventory of accessions.	Open
ARS	CONTROLS OVER PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION AND GERMPASM STORAGE	50601-0006-TE	3/4/2004	06A. Develop procedures specifying proper disposal methods for germplasm, including GEOs being refused entry into or removed from NPGS facilities.	Open
ARS	CONTROLS OVER PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION AND GERMPASM STORAGE	50601-0006-TE	3/4/2004	09A. Continue security renovations at NPGS facilities based on established priorities and available funding, and direct the facility managers to immediately take reasonable measures, such as locking doors, to strengthen physical security of the facilities.	Open

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ARS	FOLLOWUP REVIEW ON THE SECURITY OF BIOHAZARDO US MATERIAL AT USDA LABORATORIES	50601-0010-AT	3/8/2004	02A. Agencies need to provide more specific guidance to BSL-3 laboratories on how to interpret and enforce the biosecurity measures listed in the BSL-3 manual. For example: • Site-specific guidance for inventory recordkeeping. • The type and frequency of internal reviews to be conducted and by whom. • Site-specific guidance for cybersecurity issues.	Open
ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	01. Revise the agency's current process to respond to information requests to include a step to compile completed agroterrorism preparedness actions throughout the year and planned activities for future periods.	Open
ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	02. Formally document the agency's current process to respond to information requests and revise it to include a step to compile completed agroterrorism preparedness actions throughout the year and planned activities for future periods.	Open
ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	04. Identify actions the agency performs that can serve as vulnerability assessments for HSPD-9 compliance. Include these actions in the annual report to OHS on agroterrorism preparedness.	Open
ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	05. Revise processes for products considered to be vulnerability assessments to (a) update them every 2 years or document the determination why an update was not needed, and (b) regularly assess and update the status of efforts to mitigate vulnerabilities and to address previous recommendations.	Open
ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	06. Identify actions the agency performs that can serve as vulnerability assessments for HSPD-9 compliance. Include these actions in the annual report to OHS on agroterrorism preparedness.	Open
ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	07. Revise processes for products considered to be vulnerability assessments to (a) update them every 2 years or document the determination why an update was not needed, and (b) regularly assess and update the status of efforts to mitigate vulnerabilities and implement previously recommended corrective actions.	Open

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ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	08. Revise vulnerability assessment processes to regularly assess and update the status of efforts to mitigate vulnerabilities and previously recommended corrective actions.	Open
ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	09. PPQ needs to develop and implement a process to track and annually report on the implementation status of corrective actions based on actual incident responses or exercises.	Open
ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	10. PPQ needs to develop and implement a process to create AARs for tabletop exercises.	Open
ARS	USDA AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR AGROTERRORISM PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE	50701-0001-21	9/12/2018	11. Develop and implement a process to obtain AARs from exercises ARS officials participated in and review the AARs to identify deficiencies or issues experienced in the exercises that ARS can help address through future research. Include a step in the process to assess annually if ARS has initiated research to help address deficiencies or issues experienced in previous exercises.	Open
CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	01. Implement effective UDO monitoring controls at the program level, whereby the responsibility for assessing the accuracy and validity of open obligations resides at the program level, and the accounting execution, if necessary, as a result of the programmatic monitoring resides with the CCC accountants.	Open
CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	02. Provide necessary training to the County field offices' personnel over the requirements of OMB A-11 for recording obligations, and, where necessary, ensure program handbooks are up to date regarding execution and related accounting, to ensure consistent understanding and recording of obligations in accordance with OMB A-11 across all field offices.	Open
CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	03. Implement effective automated and/or manual controls to evaluate the relationship between a CRP annual rental contract and CRP cost share contract; and develop and implement data analytic routines and management review controls related to program UDO populations to identify and correct for abnormalities in the data.	Open

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CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	04. Strengthen management controls related to the annual ARC/PLC UDO calculation to ensure that it is performed at a level of precision to include relevant and accurate data elements, such as enrollments and crop prices that reflect the documentation submitted by the producer and approved by management.	Open
CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	05. Implement processes, procedures, and controls to ensure accurate recognition of adjustments to delivered orders are input into the accounting systems and perform periodic reviews of the accounting events to validate the results of recorded transactions.	Open
CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	06. Implement effective automated budgetary funds controls within its accounting systems to ensure that a funds control violation does not occur.	Open
CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	07. Implement effective internal controls to review and reconcile the general ledger account inter-relationships, between borrowing authority and other budgetary accounts. In addition, we recommend CCC record borrowing authority at the appropriate program level to prevent abnormal balances, which assist in meaningful account review and reconciliation.	Open
CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	08. We provided detailed recommendations in separate findings to management. In summary, we recommend that CCC, strengthen the management review controls to validate the completeness and accuracy of the data being used in the grant calculator (estimate methodology). This process should be refined to include a more thorough review and analysis using other source documentation utilized by CCC's partner agency.	Open
CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	09. We recommend that management, through coordination with other necessary parties, complete the evaluation related to the ADA matters, communicate to necessary parties (Congress, President, and Comptroller General) if it is determined that a reportable violation occurred, and implement policies and procedures to prevent future violations.	Open
CCC	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	06403-0001-11	11/9/2018	10. We recommend that management implement the recommendations presented in Exhibit I, to resolve the instances of noncompliance with FFMIA.	Open

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FAS	PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION GRANT FUND ACCOUNTABILITY	07601-0001-22	3/31/2014	01. Complete a risk assessment of the Food for Progress Program administrative and oversight activities, in accordance with OMB Circular A-123, to (1) identify vulnerable program areas, and develop and implement controls where identified weaknesses exist; (2) periodically assess the effectiveness of corrective actions taken to address program weaknesses; and (3) develop and implement performance measures for FAD and the MES in overseeing and delivering the program.	Open
FAS	PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION GRANT FUND ACCOUNTABILITY	07601-0001-22	3/31/2014	10. Incorporate closeout dates into the agreement language and institute monetary penalties when PVOs do not timely respond to closure requests, including enforcement actions detailed in 7 CFR Part 3019.62.	Open
FAS	PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION GRANT FUND ACCOUNTABILITY	07601-0001-22	3/31/2014	02. Designate a senior management official with sufficient authority to ensure all current and prior recommendations are fully addressed, that includes ensuring adequate controls for timely closure of Food for Progress Program agreements, PVO proper accounting, PVO timely reporting, and PVO agreement monitoring. Evaluate the OCBD staffing to determine if additional personnel for monitoring and closeouts of the Food for Progress Program are needed, and implement a plan to increase or reorganize staff to prioritize associated risks and properly align staff to meet program needs.	Open
FAS	PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION GRANT FUND ACCOUNTABILITY	07601-0001-22	3/31/2014	06. Evaluate the monitoring process to better identify PVOs for compliance reviews and increase onsite reviews, to include reviewing financial activities of active Food for Progress Program agreements. Ensure during compliance reviews that PVOs have separate bank accounts when required.	Open
FAS	CONTROLS OVER THE EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM	07601-0001-41	7/13/2018	01. Complete the new compliance review guide.	Open
FAS	CONTROLS OVER THE EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM	07601-0001-41	7/13/2018	02. Require the Compliance Division to resume its reviews of the Export Credit Guarantee Program once the new review guide is complete.	Open
FAS	FAS MONITORING OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRADE AGREEMENT INITIATIVES	07601-0002-23	12/5/2016	01. Develop and implement written procedures to ensure FAS specifically includes the Administration's initiatives in its Strategic Plan.	Open

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FAS	FAS MONITORING OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRADE AGREEMENT INITIATIVES	07601-0002-23	12/5/2016	02. Develop and implement written procedures for generating TAP. These procedures, at a minimum, should include actions to ensure FAS updates TAP on a consistent basis.	Open
FAS	FAS MONITORING OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRADE AGREEMENT INITIATIVES	07601-0002-23	12/5/2016	03. Develop and implement written review procedures to determine the effectiveness of the actions taken by FAS in TAP.	Open
FAS	FAS MONITORING OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRADE AGREEMENT INITIATIVES	07601-0002-23	12/5/2016	04. Develop and implement written procedures that set forth requirements for FAS officials to monitor and coordinate the development and maintenance of the various documents used for tracking trade barriers. These procedures should include instructions for updating these documents when the status of each barrier changes, including when a barrier is no longer considered for inclusion in the negotiations.	Open
FAS	FAS MONITORING OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRADE AGREEMENT INITIATIVES	07601-0002-23	12/5/2016	05. Consult with the USDA Performance Improvement Officer to identify the actions needed for FAS to assess its performance while working with USTR during the trade negotiation process.	Open
FAS	FAS MONITORING OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRADE AGREEMENT INITIATIVES	07601-0002-23	12/5/2016	06. Develop and implement a written plan for reviewing and evaluating FAS' performance during the trade negotiation process. This plan should include a review of FAS' actions to promote the Department's goals and interests and the Administration's trade initiatives in FAS' coordination with USTR on a regular basis throughout the negotiation process.	Open
FAS	EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECENT EFFORTS TO ENHANCE AGRICULTURAL TRADE	50601-0001-22	3/28/2013	01. Refine FAS strategic goal to contextualize changes in billions of dollars of U.S. agricultural exports as part of U.S. market share in the global market place.	Open
FAS	EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECENT EFFORTS TO ENHANCE AGRICULTURAL TRADE	50601-0001-22	3/28/2013	03. Incorporate clear, outcome-based performance measures into the 2013 Country Strategy Statements that align with the FAS agencywide goals and objectives.	Open
FAS	EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECENT EFFORTS TO ENHANCE AGRICULTURAL TRADE	50601-0001-22	3/28/2013	04. Update the Global Market Strategy to include clear, outcome-based goals and measures that align with the FAS and USDA strategic goals.	Open

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FAS	EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECENT EFFORTS TO ENHANCE AGRICULTURAL TRADE	50601-0001-22	3/28/2013	05. Coordinate with the Department to update the performance measures related to trade policy and trade promotion in the PAR and Annual Performance Plan to better capture overall agency effectiveness and achievements and include goals related to U.S. market share.	Open
FAS	SECTION 632(A) TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM USAID TO USDA - AFGHANISTAN	50601-0002-16	2/6/2014	01. Forego accepting further Section 632(a) funds until the agency has fully implemented a formal monitoring and evaluation process and a grants management structure, including finalizing agency regulations and directives.	Open
FAS	SECTION 632(A) TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM USAID TO USDA - AFGHANISTAN	50601-0002-16	2/6/2014	02. Implement the recommendations for the processing of Section 632 funds and agreements outlined in Acuity's review.	Open
FNS	STATES' FOOD COSTS FOR THE WIC PROGRAM	27004-0001-22	9/25/2014	06. Conduct a study that examines the methods of implementing various cost containment measures and their relative effectiveness.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	01. Direct the State agency to strengthen and enforce State administrative review guidance. This could include: (1) suggest as a best practice, expanding the scope of reviews to include additional sites when issues are noted, (2) ensuring the use of proper procurement procedures, and (3) ensuring claim reimbursement levels are consistent with the type of sponsor/site.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	02. Request the State agency to develop and implement procedures to document support for the basis of the review conclusions/decisions made by the State agency in administrative reviews.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	03. Direct the State agency to strengthen procedures to ensure corrective actions adequately address the sponsors' noncompliance, to include assurance that corrective actions are effective at all sites.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	04. Direct the State agency to provide State administrative review staff with guidance and training on reviewing sponsors' SFSP fiscal and administrative requirements as well as other cost requirements for allowable costs.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	05. Direct the State agency to work with FNS to confirm the OIG-identified questionable costs (\$18,394) and to recover any disallowed costs from the SFSP sponsors.	Open

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FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	06. Direct the State agency to confirm the OIG-identified unsupported costs (\$48,157) and to recover any disallowed costs from the SFSP sponsors.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	07. Direct the State agency to confirm the OIG-identified questionable reimbursements (\$630) and to recover any disallowed reimbursements from the SFSP sponsors.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	08. Direct the State agency to confirm the OIG-identified questionable meal reimbursements (\$2,911) and recover any disallowed reimbursements from the SFSP sponsors.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	09. Direct the State agency to work with FNS to take action to correct Sponsor E's status and to recover any disallowed reimbursements (totaling \$26,037) from the SFSP sponsor.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	10. Direct the State agency to review Sponsor E's use of informal procurement procedures and implement corrective actions to ensure the sponsor operates in accordance with required procurement procedures.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	11. Direct the State agency to ensure compliance with program regulations to disallow meals served to children at any vended sites in excess of their approved daily site caps and develop a method to better estimate an acceptable approved daily site cap.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	12. Direct the State agency to ensure identified sponsors provide sufficient SFSP training to site staff of program requirements outlined in 7 CFR 225.15(d)(1). Training should address site staff responsibilities to (1) ensure that meal counts are accurate and that separate meal counts are maintained for all meal types served, (2) establish controls to prevent children from leaving the sites with provided meals, and (3) properly document delivery times and food temperatures on delivery receipts.	Open

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FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	13. Direct the State agency to ensure identified sponsors provide sufficient SFSP training to sponsor staff responsible for reviewing site operations related to the monitors' duties and responsibilities as outlined in 7 CFR 225.15(d)(1). This should include ensuring that adequate space is available to accommodate the estimated number of children identified in the site profiles.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	14. Direct the State agency to monitor and assess the completion and quality of the training provided by the identified sponsors as described in Recommendations 12 and 13.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	15. Direct the State agency to recover SFSP funds in the amount of \$260 for questionable reimbursements for overclaimed meals.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	16. Direct the State agency to notify Sponsor A that a State agency system-generated media release is available for use that includes the required USDA nondiscrimination policy.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	17. Direct the State agency to provide technical assistance to the sponsor on the collection of racial and ethnic data in site monitoring reviews.	Open
FNS	NEW YORK'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-23	9/24/2018	18. Direct the State agency to monitor the identified sponsor to ensure that required racial and ethnic data is collected.	Open
FNS	New York's Controls Over the Summer Food Service Program - Interim Report	27004-0001-23(1)	11/6/2017	2. Ensure that NYSED officials require the sponsor, as part of its corrective actions, to ensure that all sites it operates are in compliance with State and local storage and temperature requirements.	Open
FNS	New York's Controls Over the Summer Food Service Program - Interim Report	27004-0001-23(1)	11/6/2017	3. Ensure that NYSED officials monitor the site's correction of deficiencies and compliance with State and local food safety requirements.	Open
FNS	Florida's Controls Over Summer Food Service Program - Interim Report	27004-0001-31(1)	9/29/2017	2. Ensure that FDACS requires each of the three sponsors to submit corrective action plans to correct the deficiencies identified during our site visit.	Open

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FNS	Florida's Controls Over Summer Food Service Program - Interim Report	27004-0001-31(1)	9/29/2017	3. Ensure that FDACS monitors the three sites' correction of deficiencies and compliance with State and local food safety requirements. Ensure that FDACS monitors the three sites' correction of deficiencies and compliance with State and local food safety requirements.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	01. Direct the State agency to develop and implement procedures to assess the adequacy of SFSP applicants' financial management capabilities to separately track SFSP funds and support SFSP costs during the application process, and ensure sponsors demonstrate financial and management capabilities for program operations.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	02. Direct the State agency to develop the financial management standards as required by SFSP regulations and specified in FNS Instruction 796-4.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	03. Direct the State agency to communicate its financial management standards (developed in Recommendation 2) and the current Federal financial management requirements to SFSP sponsors in its State sponsor agreements.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	04. Confirm the State agency developed and implemented procedures to include the use of the State agency's sponsor administrative review results as part of the application assessment.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	05. Direct the State agency to develop and implement procedures to ensure its staff verify key SFSP sponsor-provided application information (such as site classifications) that affects SFSP reimbursements and site eligibility.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	06. Direct the State agency to develop and implement procedures to document the State agency's assessment of SFSP sponsors' applications and the basis for the State agency's conclusions/approvals.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	07. Direct the State agency to ensure the State agency staff are sufficiently trained on the new application procedures (in Recommendations 1 through 6).	Open

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FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	08. Direct the State agency to implement procedures that ensure sites do not serve the same children in the same area.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	09. Direct the State agency to carefully evaluate the eligibility of the two sponsors that lacked adequate financial management capabilities (Sponsors B and E) if they choose to return to the program, and document the basis of its determinations to ensure the weaknesses identified by OIG have been corrected.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	10. Direct the State agency to calculate and recover any unallowable reimbursements paid to Sponsors B and C resulting from their site misclassifications.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	11. Advise the State agency of best practice to expand administrative review under certain circumstances in which the State believes it is necessary to obtain sufficient information to ensure SFSP sponsors' compliance with program requirements.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	12. Direct the State agency to develop and implement procedures to ensure SFSP sponsors' corrective actions adequately address the underlying cause of sponsors' noncompliance, and follow up to ensure the corrective actions are effective.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	13. Direct the State agency to provide its staff responsible for conducting SFSP administrative reviews with training that is focused on the sponsors' SFSP fiscal accountability requirements.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	14. Direct the State agency to develop and implement procedures to periodically verify the reviewers' determinations (for example, requiring the State agency reviewers to maintain fiscal supporting documentation for review).	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	15. Direct the State agency to confirm the sponsor questionable costs totaling \$214,441 identified by OIG, and recover any disallowed costs from the SFSP sponsors.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	16. Direct the State agency to confirm the sponsor unsupported costs totaling \$100,536 identified by OIG, and recover any disallowed costs from the SFSP sponsors.	Open

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FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	17. Direct the State agency to confirm the sponsor questionable meal claims totaling \$18,923 identified by OIG, and recover any disallowed SFSP reimbursements from the sponsors.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	18. Direct the State agency to confirm the sponsor unsupported meal claims totaling \$42,860 identified by OIG, and recover any disallowed SFSP reimbursements from the sponsors.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	19. Direct the State agency to determine whether Sponsors B and E are seriously deficient. If the State agency determines these sponsors are seriously deficient, it should initiate the seriously deficient process.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	20. Direct the State agency to confirm each of the OIG-identified sponsor noncompliance issues and ensure identified sponsors correct the deficiencies.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	21. Require the State agency to direct identified sponsors to provide additional, enhanced SFSP training to site staff to ensure staff have sufficient knowledge of program requirements when operating sites and serving meals.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	22. Direct the State agency to direct identified sponsors to provide specialized training that includes monitors' duties and responsibilities—as prescribed by the FNS Sponsor Monitor's Guide—to site monitors that visit and monitor site operations.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	23. Direct the State agency to direct identified sponsors to conduct formal, documented site reviews more frequently than once during the sites' operations.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	24. Direct the State agency to monitor and assess the identified sponsors' enhanced site training, specialized site monitor training, and increased level of site monitoring to ensure the identified sponsors' compliance.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	25. Direct the State agency to confirm whether the sponsors claimed any of the OIG-identified questionable, non-reimbursable meals counted by the sites. If the sponsor claimed these meals, direct the State agency to recover the \$430 in questionable meal claims.	Open

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FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	26. Direct the State agency to require identified sponsors to develop and implement specialized training for site monitors to ensure they properly identify program outreach noncompliance issues.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	27. Direct the State agency to require identified sponsors to develop and implement procedures to properly classify sites, and update the status of non-operational sites timely in the State system.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	28. Direct the State agency to consult with FNS to ensure Sponsor C's future media releases clearly communicate that free meals are available to the public and not restricted to enrolled members, and ensure the revised media releases are adequate prior to approving the sponsor's application.	Open
FNS	CALIFORNIA'S CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27004-0001-41	11/5/2018	29. Direct the State agency to confirm the identified sponsors implemented the additional monitoring from Recommendations 26, 27, and 28.	Open
FNS	SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM - TEXAS SPONSOR COST - Interim Report	27004-0003-21(1)	9/7/2017	01. Ensure that the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) reviews records supporting the \$110,670 paid in program year 2016 to the two sponsors, and recover funds paid to the two sponsors for costs that TDA determines are not supported and allowable.	Open
FNS	SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM - TEXAS SPONSOR COST - Interim Report	27004-0003-21(1)	9/7/2017	02. Ensure TDA makes a determination whether the two sponsors should have their seriously deficient status temporarily deferred, be declared seriously deficient for other operational or administrative noncompliances, or terminated from participating in SFSP.	Open
FNS	TEXAS CONTROLS OVER THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM - Interim Report	27004-0004-21(1)	9/28/2017	01. Ensure that the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) officials require the sponsor to submit an action plan to correct food storage and temperature requirement deficiencies identified during our site visit.	Open
FNS	TEXAS CONTROLS OVER THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM - Interim Report	27004-0004-21(1)	9/28/2017	02. Ensure that TDA officials require the sponsor, as part of its corrective actions, to ensure that all sites it operates are in compliance with State and local food safety requirements.	Open
FNS	TEXAS CONTROLS OVER THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM - Interim Report	27004-0004-21(1)	9/28/2017	03. Ensure that TDA officials monitor the site's correction of deficiencies and compliance with the State and local food safety requirements.	Open

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FNS	FNS' CONTROLS FOR AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RETAILERS	27601-0001-31	7/31/2013	10. After regulations are revised, notify the 586 store owners that in the future, any trafficking violation will require the store owner to qualify for and pay an in lieu of permanent disqualification penalty or be subject to permanent disqualification at all store locations currently authorized for that owner.	Open
FNS	FNS' CONTROLS FOR AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RETAILERS	27601-0001-31	7/31/2013	11. Initiate the regulatory changes necessary to ensure owners that have been permanently disqualified for trafficking are not granted authorization as a SNAP retailer at new locations.	Open
FNS	FNS' CONTROLS FOR AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RETAILERS	27601-0001-31	7/31/2013	09. Revise regulations and policy to permanently disqualify retail store owners at all authorized retail locations operated by that owner(s) if the owner(s) does not meet the criteria to receive a trafficking civil money penalty in lieu of permanent disqualification.	Open
FNS	FNS QUALITY CONTROL PROCESS FOR SNAP ERROR RATE	27601-0002-41	9/23/2015	01. Perform an analysis of the cost/benefit of changing the quality control (QC) process from a two-tier process that relies on the States to make error determinations to a one-tier process where only FNS or an unaffiliated contracted third party reviews cases for errors. If determined cost beneficial, establish a timeline for implementing the change.	Open
FNS	FNS QUALITY CONTROL PROCESS FOR SNAP ERROR RATE	27601-0002-41	9/23/2015	11. Amend FNS QC policies and procedures (including FNS Handbook 310) to require the error tolerance threshold not be applied when calculating the SNAP recipient's reportable error amount until all variances (including those permitted by SNAP policy) have been properly identified and accounted for during the QC process.	Open
FNS	NEW MEXICO'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0003-10	9/27/2016	11. Require New Mexico HSD review the two identified cases and verify income to determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	NEW MEXICO'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0003-10	9/27/2016	13. Require New Mexico HSD review the identified case to determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	NEW MEXICO'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0003-10	9/27/2016	16. Require HSD review the two cases identified to determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open

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FNS	NEW MEXICO'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0003-10	9/27/2016	02. Require New Mexico HSD verify enrollment and/or exemption, as applicable, for the four student cases identified, and if it is determined the students were ineligible, require HSD to determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	NEW MEXICO'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0003-10	9/27/2016	14. Require HSD to review the case identified to determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	NEW MEXICO'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0003-10	9/27/2016	18. Require HSD review the case identified to determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	NEW MEXICO'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0003-10	9/27/2016	05. Require HSD to review the four cases identified to determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	NEW MEXICO'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0003-10	9/27/2016	09. The five cases identified above be reconciled with other State/Territory eDRS queries performed during the coverage gap period to identify disqualified individuals who may have attempted to receive benefits in another State/Territory.	Open
FNS	SNAP ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	27601-0003-22	9/29/2016	02. Perform and document continuous monitoring and analyses on a yearly basis of State administrative cost variances to identify and share trends and any best practices to reduce SNAP costs.	Open
FNS	MICHIGAN'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0004-10	10/25/2016	08. Require Michigan DHHS provide guidance and/or training to case workers and new employees, to ensure a proper understanding of work provision requirements in accordance with 7 CFR 273.7 requirements.	Open
FNS	MICHIGAN'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS REQUIREMENTS	27601-0004-10	10/25/2016	09. Recommend Michigan DHHS review the identified electronic case file and the benefits management system to determine why the required documentation was not properly generated and delivered to the household.	Open

FNS	FNS CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27601-0004-41	3/27/2018	01. Modify the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) management evaluations (ME) review guidance to ensure MEs contain documentation to support reviewers' assessments that the State agency did or did not comply with SFSP administration and oversight requirements. The ME documentation should be presented in sufficient detail to allow the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) managers not associated with the review and external parties, such as the Office of Inspector General (OIG), to verify that the ME review was properly conducted and that its results are valid.	Open
FNS	FNS CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27601-0004-41	3/27/2018	02. Develop procedures for FNS management to evaluate the ME review tests performed, the analysis conducted, and the basis for and accuracy of the ME reviewer conclusions and results using the ME reviewer documentation required as a result of Recommendation 1.	Open
FNS	FNS CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27601-0004-41	3/27/2018	03. Obtain a formal written legal opinion from the Office of the General Counsel as to whether FNS has the legal authority to create nationwide waivers of SFSP regulations through policy memoranda in the absence of a State agency or sponsor written request, and without complying with the waiver application and documentation requirements set forth in Section 12(l) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA). This formal written legal opinion should clarify the authority FNS has and the process it must follow to waive regulations, and the documentation that the agency should maintain to support waivers made.	Open
FNS	FNS CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27601-0004-41	3/27/2018	04. Review all policy memoranda that waived SFSP regulatory requirements nationwide to ensure SFSP policy direction aligns with and reflects current SFSP regulations.	Open
FNS	FNS CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27601-0004-41	3/27/2018	05. After reviewing all SFSP waivers, identify those that should be formally incorporated into the SFSP regulations and establish timeframes to propose revisions to current program regulations. The timeframes should require publication of the proposed rule(s) within 1 year of management decision.	Open

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FNS	FNS CONTROLS OVER SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	27601-0004-41	3/27/2018	06. Complete an SFSP risk assessment for improper payments taking into account the risk factors identified by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as likely to contribute to improper payments, such as the results of State, FNS, and OIG reviews; evidence of fraudulent activity; and inherent payment weaknesses discussed in this finding.	Open
FNS	GEORGIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0008-10	6/14/2017	04. Require GA DFCS to review the 2 identified cases who potentially received benefits while incarcerated for over 30 days and determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	GEORGIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0008-10	6/14/2017	02. Require DFCS provide guidance and/or training on policy and regulatory requirements to those charged with processing discrimination complaints, including providing complainants letters of acknowledgment and decision letters.	Open
FNS	GEORGIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0008-10	6/14/2017	03. Require DFCS review the discrimination complaints received during the scope period and provide complainants a decision letter containing the minimum required elements, including their right to appeal.	Open
FNS	GEORGIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0008-10	6/14/2017	05. Require GA DFCS to review the 11 cases tested that had no evidence of an independent verification and determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim, and if the results of the review provide evidence of significant non-compliance and improper payment, ask the State to evaluate expansion of the review over the remaining 72,460 cases where PVS matches were identified.	Open
FNS	GEORGIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0008-10	6/14/2017	08. Require GA DFCS provide guidance and/or training to case workers and new employees to ensure an independent verification is performed and documented, and to provide notice to households of all deceased match results.	Open
FNS	GEORGIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0008-10	6/14/2017	09. Require GA DFCS to review the case to determine if payments were improper and warrant the establishment of a claim.	Open

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FNS	PENNSYLVANIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0010-10	8/9/2017	03. Require PA DHS to provide guidance and/or training to case workers and new employees to ensure compliance with 7 CFR §272.13 Prisoner Verification System (PVS) requirements, with emphasis on the requirements associated with providing notice to the households of PVS match results and establishment of claims for individuals who have been incarcerated for over 30 days.	Open
FNS	PENNSYLVANIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0010-10	8/9/2017	01. Augment FNS CRD discrimination complaint processing procedures to address processing of long and complex complaints to ensure they are submitted to FNS CRD in accordance with required processing timeframes.	Open
FNS	PENNSYLVANIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0010-10	8/9/2017	02. Require PA DHS to review the three identified cases that received benefits while incarcerated for over 30 days and determine if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	PENNSYLVANIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0010-10	8/9/2017	04. Require PA DHS review the PA CAP case identified to determine what action, if any, is required and to update the exchange status accordingly.	Open
FNS	PENNSYLVANIA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0010-10	8/9/2017	05. Require PA DHS establish a process for monitoring IEVS checks for all cases, including PA CAP cases, and ensure actions are completed within the 45-day prescribed time limit.	Open
FNS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0011-10	9/14/2017	04. Require South Carolina Department of Social Services (SC DSS) to review the 10 cases where individuals may have been incarcerated for over 30 days and included in a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) household to determine if payments were improper and warrant the establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0011-10	9/14/2017	07. Require SC DSS to review the 7 cases identified where an individual who may have been deceased was issued benefits to determine if payments were improper and warrant the establishment of a claim.	Open

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FNS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0011-10	9/14/2017	01. Require FNS CRD administration perform a review of the current discrimination complaint process, including workloads and processing times, to identify process improvements. Based on the results, incorporate those improvements into the revised FNS Instruction 113-1 manual that is currently being drafted, to ensure future complaints are processed timely.	Open
FNS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0011-10	9/14/2017	02. Review the guidance in FNS Handbook 901 specific to the ADP/CIS Model Plan and determine if updates are required.	Open
FNS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0011-10	9/14/2017	03. Issue an updated policy clarification memorandum to provide guidance on complying with the requirements of 7 CFR §272.10, ADP/CIS Model Plan.	Open
FNS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0011-10	9/14/2017	05. Require SC DSS to implement a functioning Prisoner Verification System that satisfies the requirements under 7 CFR §272.13, including: Monitoring and preventing individuals incarcerated for over 30 days from being included in a SNAP household; providing for the proper use of match data; making a comparison of match data in the case file to the PVS match results data for adult household members at the time of application and recertification.	Open
FNS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0011-10	9/14/2017	06. Require SC DSS provide guidance and/or training to caseworkers and new employees to ensure compliance with 7 CFR §272.13 PVS, with emphasis on the requirements associated with independent verification, case file documentation, and providing notice to households of PVS match results.	Open
FNS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0011-10	9/14/2017	08. Require SC DSS to properly implement a Deceased Matching System that satisfies the requirements under 7 CFR §272.14, including: verifying and ensuring that benefits are not issued to individuals who are deceased; providing for the proper use of match data; making a comparison of match data in the case file to the DMS match results data for each household member at the time of application and at least once a year.	Open

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FNS	SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0011-10	9/14/2017	09. Require SC DSS provide guidance and/or training to caseworkers and new employees to ensure compliance with 7 CFR §272.14 Deceased Matching System (DMS), with emphasis on the requirements associated with independent verification, case file documentation, and providing notice to households of DMS match results.	Open
FNS	WASHINGTON'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0012-10	9/28/2017	01. Require WA DSHS review the two cases identified to determine if a decision letter, including the required elements, should still be sent to complainants in accordance with FNS-113 guidance.	Open
FNS	WASHINGTON'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0012-10	9/28/2017	02. Require WA DSHS review FNS-113 guidance and coordinate with FNS CRD to update State agency policies, procedures, and processes for handling discrimination complaints to ensure complaints are processed in accordance with FNS-113 requirements, including timely sending of acknowledgement and decision letters to complainants.	Open
FNS	WASHINGTON'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0012-10	9/28/2017	03. Review WA DSHS' SAVE Program after implementation to ensure WA DSHS has a fully implemented and operational immigration status verification system in place to satisfy the requirements of Public Law 113-79 and to ensure the documents provided by aliens applying for SNAP are verified for validity.	Open
FNS	WASHINGTON'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0012-10	9/28/2017	04. Require WA DSHS provide guidance and/or training to caseworkers and new employees to ensure compliance with 7 CFR §272.11 SAVE Program requirements.	Open
FNS	WASHINGTON'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0012-10	9/28/2017	05. Require WA DSHS to review the case identified where the individual was incarcerated for over 30 days to determine if additional improper payments exist and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	WASHINGTON'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0012-10	9/28/2017	06. Require WA DSHS provide guidance and/or training to case workers and new employees to ensure compliance with 7 CFR §272.13 requirements, with emphasis on the requirements associated with providing notice to the household of PVS match results and establishment of claims for individuals who have been incarcerated for over 30 days.	Open

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FNS	WASHINGTON'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0012-10	9/28/2017	07. Require WA DSHS to include the SSA database in their prisoner verification system to comply with 7 CFR §272.13 and ensure applicants or recipients are not also listed in the SSA PVS.	Open
FNS	WASHINGTON'S COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES (7 CFR, PART 272)	27601-0012-10	9/28/2017	08. Require WA DSHS review the five cases identified and determine if the alien documents provided are valid or if payments were improper and warrant establishment of a claim.	Open
FNS	COMPILATION REPORT OF STATES' COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES AUP	27601-0013-10	12/19/2017	01. Issue a clarification memorandum reiterating the importance of FNS and State agency compliance with FNS Instruction 113-1 Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement ? Nutrition Programs and Activities, with special emphasis on establishing requirements for timeliness and content of notifications to complainants for receipt and final decision of complaints.	Open
FNS	COMPILATION REPORT OF STATES' COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES AUP	27601-0013-10	12/19/2017	02. Review those 7 CFR Part 272 SNAP regulations identified in Appendix A of this report and related authoritative guidance to assess: • Viability - some sections appear obsolete (e.g., 7 CFR §272.10) • Consistency - ensure FNS regulations, and other authoritative guidance are current, consistent, and do not contradict laws or one another (e.g., 7 CFR §272.10, Handbook 901) Based on FNS' review, determine which sections and/or related guidance merit revision and initiate the process to revise, as deemed appropriate.	Open
FNS	COMPILATION REPORT OF STATES' COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES AUP	27601-0013-10	12/19/2017	03. Issue a clarification memorandum reiterating the importance of State compliance with 7 CFR §272.13, Prisoner Verification System, with an emphasis on the requirements associated with: • Monitoring and preventing individuals incarcerated for over 30 days from being included in a SNAP household (7 CFR §272.13 (a)) • Performing and documenting independent verification of PVS matches (7 CFR §272.13(b)(3)) • Notifying households of PVS match results (7 CFR §272.13(b)(4) and 7 CFR §273.12(c)(3)(iii)).	Open
FNS	COMPILATION REPORT OF STATES' COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES AUP	27601-0013-10	12/19/2017	04. Strengthen the 7 CFR §272.13 requirements in the FNS Management Evaluations, to ensure State agencies are properly performing PVS matches in compliance with 7 CFR §272.13 requirements.	Open

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FNS	COMPILATION REPORT OF STATES' COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES AUP	27601-0013-10	12/19/2017	05. Issue a clarification memorandum reiterating the importance of State compliance with 7 CFR §272.14, Deceased Matching System, with an emphasis on the requirements associated with: • Performing and documenting independent verification (7 CFR §272.14(c)(3)) • Notifying households of DMS match results (7 CFR §272.14(c)(4) and 7 CFR §273.12(c)(3)(iii)).	Open
FNS	COMPILATION REPORT OF STATES' COMPLIANCE WITH SNAP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES AUP	27601-0013-10	12/19/2017	06. Strengthen the 7 CFR §272.14 requirements in the FNS Management Evaluations, to ensure State agencies are properly performing DMS matches in compliance with 7 CFR §272.14 requirements.	Open
FNS	ILLINOIS' COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	27601-0014-10	9/28/2018	01. Require IL DHS ensure that the eight exempt retailer agreements that the contractor was unable to locate during our fieldwork are on file and verify that they contain all required content.	Open
FNS	ILLINOIS' COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	27601-0014-10	9/28/2018	02. Require IL DHS to maintain exempt retailer agreements such that agreements are obtainable within a reasonable time for inspection, audit, investigation, judicial proceedings, or other authorized purposes.	Open
FNS	ILLINOIS' COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	27601-0014-10	9/28/2018	03. Require IL DHS to ensure that the 17 exempt retailer agreements identified as noncompliant and all future exempt retailer agreements contain the minimum required content in the final executed agreement.	Open
FNS	IOWA'S COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASS	27601-0015-10	8/13/2018	01. Require IA DHS maintains exempt retailer agreements such that agreements are obtainable within a reasonable time for inspection, audit, investigation, judicial proceedings, or other authorized purposes.	Open
FNS	IOWA'S COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASS	27601-0015-10	8/13/2018	02. Require IA DHS ensure that all future exempt retailers with a name change, have a complete, compliant, and executed agreement on file.	Open
FNS	MARYLAND'S COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION	27601-0017-10	6/5/2018	01. Require MD DHS to maintain exempt retailer agreements such that agreements are obtainable within a reasonable time for inspection, audit, investigation, judicial proceedings, or other authorized purposes.	Open

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FNS	MARYLAND'S COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION	27601-0017-10	6/5/2018	02. Require MD DHS to ensure that the six exempt retailer agreements identified as noncompliant and all future exempt retailer agreements contain the minimum required content in the final executed agreement.	Open
FNS	COMPILATION REPORT OF STATES' COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUP	27601-0019-10	9/28/2018	01. Issue a clarification memorandum reiterating the importance of State compliance with 7 CFR §274.3, Retailer Management, with an emphasis that: • The State agency must have an executed agreement between the State, (or it's agent, the EBT Contractor) and each Exempt Retailer • The agreement must contain the minimum required content • A new agreement must be timely executed when there is a vendor name and/or FNS number change.	Open
FNS	COMPILATION REPORT OF STATES' COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUP	27601-0019-10	9/28/2018	02. Issue a clarification memorandum to reiterate that State agencies (and their EBT Contractors) shall keep such records as may be necessary to determine program compliance (e.g., exempt retailer agreements), and records shall be available for inspection and audit within a reasonable time.	Open
FNS	COMPILATION REPORT OF STATES' COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF SUP	27601-0019-10	9/28/2018	03. Review 7 CFR, Part 274 and associated guidance to identify areas that require update, revision, or improvement and based on FNS' review, determine which sections and/or related guidance merit revision and initiate the process to revise, as deemed appropriate.	Open
FNS	DETECTING POTENTIAL SNAP TRAFFICKING USING DATA ANALYSIS	27901-0002-13	1/5/2017	01. Review the list of 1,819 owners on the death master file to verify the identity of these owners, and take necessary action to correct data that is incorrect and remove any owners who are indeed no longer living.	Open
FNS	DETECTING POTENTIAL SNAP TRAFFICKING USING DATA ANALYSIS	27901-0002-13	1/5/2017	02. Design and implement a control to identify owners whose information matches that of deceased persons, and correct or update this information as needed.	Open

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				03. Review the list of 176 owners with reported birthdates making them under the age of 18. Take steps to ensure that FNS has correct birthdates. For the 61 retailers which reported no owner over the age of 18, ensure that FNS has correct birthdates on file, and has binding agreements with these owners that allow it to take legal action.	
FNS	DETECTING POTENTIAL SNAP TRAFFICKING USING DATA ANALYSIS	27901-0002-13	1/5/2017		Open
FNS	AUDIT OF FOOD, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES FY15 FIRM FIXED PRICE CONTRACT AWARD PRICE	81099-0001-12	8/30/2017	02. Train contracting staff to use the contract file management system.	Open
FNS	AUDIT OF FOOD, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES FY15 FIRM FIXED PRICE CONTRACT AWARD PRICE	81099-0001-12	8/30/2017	03. Formalize procedures and implement an internal file review process to verify contracting staff are making a fair and reasonable price determination and maintaining adequate documentation to support the fair and reasonable determination.	Open
Forest Service	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS	08003-0001-22	3/30/2018	01. Conduct an overall assessment of the impact of marijuana cultivation on the national forest ecosystem to include chemical runoff into watersheds, water diversion, wildlife damage (endangered species), deforestation, or other impacts.	Open
Forest Service	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS	08003-0001-22	3/30/2018	02. Develop a methodology for prioritizing grow sites for reclamation and rehabilitation based on grow sites that pose the highest risk. Begin to reclaim and rehabilitate marijuana grow sites, starting with those that pose the highest risk.	Open
Forest Service	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS	08003-0001-22	3/30/2018	03. Develop policies and procedures outlining how to reclaim and rehabilitate grow sites to ensure consistency across all of the national forests. This guidance should outline the responsibilities AUDIT REPORT 08003-0001-22 11 and the communication requirements of the various LEI and national forest staff in the reclamation and rehabilitation of the marijuana grow sites.	Open
Forest Service	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS	08003-0001-22	3/30/2018	04. Develop and implement a methodology for tracking the reclamation and cleanup status of all grow sites identified by FS.	Open

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Forest Service	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS	08003-0001-22	3/30/2018	05. Create and implement standardized guidance and an inventory sheet requiring national forests to document hazardous materials at grow sites, as well as the locations of those materials.	Open
Forest Service	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS	08003-0001-22	3/30/2018	06. Modify the Supplemental Incident Report Form FS-5300-2a and the LEIMARS to include an entry for a seizure date.	Open
Forest Service	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS	08003-0001-22	3/30/2018	07. Provide guidance to LEI officials to ensure future marijuana eradication data are recorded in the appropriate fiscal year.	Open
Forest Service	REVIEW OF FOREST SERVICE CONTROLS OVER EXPLOSIVES AND MAGAZINES	08016-0001-23	12/1/2017	01. Establish a permanent Washington-office-level position responsible for the Forest Service (FS) explosives program, with a position description that includes, at a minimum, duties and responsibilities to provide the necessary oversight of and guidance to regional officials to ensure explosives program requirements are followed.	Open
Forest Service	REVIEW OF FOREST SERVICE CONTROLS OVER EXPLOSIVES AND MAGAZINES	08016-0001-23	12/1/2017	02. Develop and implement a complete, accurate, and secure centralized database that tracks all magazines on FS land. In addition, FS Washington office needs to reconcile annually the property records and inventories to ensure that the database is accurate and current.	Open
Forest Service	REVIEW OF FOREST SERVICE CONTROLS OVER EXPLOSIVES AND MAGAZINES	08016-0001-23	12/1/2017	03. Require FS regional officials to visit every FS-owned magazine site on a defined periodic basis to verify the Lead Blasters have a process in place to perform an independent inventory of magazine contents. This process should include a review of whether unused product remained in the magazine for more than 1 year and require blasters to take appropriate corrective actions as needed.	Open
Forest Service	REVIEW OF FOREST SERVICE CONTROLS OVER EXPLOSIVES AND MAGAZINES	08016-0001-23	12/1/2017	04. Develop and implement a process to ensure that an authorized FS regional official reviews permittee-owned magazines and performs an annual inspection.	Open
Forest Service	REVIEW OF FOREST SERVICE CONTROLS OVER EXPLOSIVES AND MAGAZINES	08016-0001-23	12/1/2017	05. Develop and implement a process to ensure regional officials maintain an accurate and complete record of certified blasters for both the background checks and certifications.	Open

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Forest Service	REVIEW OF FOREST SERVICE CONTROLS OVER EXPLOSIVES AND MAGAZINES	08016-0001-23	12/1/2017	06. Amend current requirements to provide minimum standards for locks and keys that include a definite timeframe for replacement.	Open
Forest Service	REVIEW OF FOREST SERVICE CONTROLS OVER EXPLOSIVES AND MAGAZINES	08016-0001-23	12/1/2017	07. Update guidance requiring blasters to accurately document, track, and secure keys used to access explosives magazines.	Open
Forest Service	REVIEW OF FOREST SERVICE CONTROLS OVER EXPLOSIVES AND MAGAZINES	08016-0001-23	12/1/2017	08. Develop and implement a process to verify that 7-day and annual inspections are performed for both FS-owned and permittee-owned magazines.	Open
Forest Service	REVIEW OF FOREST SERVICE CONTROLS OVER EXPLOSIVES AND MAGAZINES	08016-0001-23	12/1/2017	09. Provide training to permit administrators to ensure they can effectively monitor and verify the requirements of a permittee's operating plan, including required magazine security provisions for applicable permittees.	Open
Forest Service	FS' PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE	08601-0005-41	8/7/2017	01. Develop outcome-based performance measures specific to climate change that adequately assess the agency's progress in meeting the Department's strategic goal for climate change.	Open
Forest Service	FS' PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE	08601-0005-41	8/7/2017	10. Issue guidance to ensure that national forests fully document their climate change considerations and analysis in the project files.	Open
Forest Service	FS' PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE	08601-0005-41	8/7/2017	02. Establish a monitoring system to track, assess, and report the agency's progress in meeting the Department's strategic goal for climate change using the outcome-based performance measures developed in Recommendation 1.	Open
Forest Service	FS' PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE	08601-0005-41	8/7/2017	03. Establish criteria that clearly define what should be included in the scorecard narratives.	Open
Forest Service	FS' PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE	08601-0005-41	8/7/2017	04. Establish criteria that clearly define what actions would be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of each scorecard element.	Open
Forest Service	FS' PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE	08601-0005-41	8/7/2017	05. Establish a tracking process to ensure that all FS staff required to take climate change related training actually received it.	Open
Forest Service	FS' PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE	08601-0005-41	8/7/2017	06. Establish a formal agreement and standard job description for regional climate change coordinators so they are allocated sufficient time and resources to perform their assigned duties.	Open

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Forest Service	FS' PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE	08601-0005-41	8/7/2017	07. Establish training specifically for the climate change coordinators so they are able to adequately prepare and review the scorecards.	Open
Forest Service	FS' PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE	08601-0005-41	8/7/2017	08. Implement a new scorecard that more fully documents FS' accomplishments relating to climate change.	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service Controls Over Service Contracts	08601-0007-41	12/22/2017	01. Require Forest Service (FS) regions to use the national contract for the L380 Fireline Leadership Training Course when it would result in a cost savings to the Government.	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service Controls Over Service Contracts	08601-0007-41	12/22/2017	07. Follow up during the Washington Office's Internal Process Reviews on all risk areas in acquisition management functions identified in the yearly national assessment.	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service Controls Over Service Contracts	08601-0007-41	12/22/2017	08. Implement the Internal Process Review Team's recommendation that the contract at the Southern California Acquisition Management (AQM) Service Area be immediately terminated and determine whether any further administrative actions should be taken regarding the contract.	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service Controls Over Service Contracts	08601-0007-41	12/22/2017	12. Monitor FS units to ensure they complete the reviews in compliance with the guidelines established in Recommendation 10.	Open
Forest Service	FS INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT	08601-0008-41	2/11/2019	01. Provide additional training and guidance to supervisors on the MSPB and OPM guidelines regarding their responsibility to provide complete and accurate information to hiring officials when asked for references on current and former FS employees seeking employment or promotions within FS. The training and guidance should also cover privacy and liability concerns when disclosing employee information.	Open

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Forest Service	FS INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT	08601-0008-41	2/11/2019	02. Add, to the standardized list of questions that hiring officials ask the supervisors of current and former FS employees applying for positions within the agency, questions about whether applicants have a prior history of serious misconduct, the nature of the misconduct, and their suitability for the position despite the misconduct.	Open
Forest Service	FS INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT	08601-0008-41	2/11/2019	03. Add, to the standardized list of questions that hiring officials ask the applicants applying for positions within FS, questions about whether applicants have a prior history of serious misconduct, the nature of the misconduct, and their suitability for the position despite the misconduct.	Open
Forest Service	FS INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT	08601-0008-41	2/11/2019	04. Establish guidelines for hiring officials to contact human resources management to determine whether current or former employees (including seasonal employees) applying for positions within FS have prior histories of serious misconduct and the nature of the misconduct.	Open
Forest Service	FS INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT	08601-0008-41	2/11/2019	05. Require FS supervisors and managers to formally acknowledge their responsibility to report all allegations of sexual harassment and sexual misconduct within the required 24-hour timeframe and record this acknowledgement.	Open
Forest Service	FS INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT	08601-0008-41	2/11/2019	06. Provide additional training and guidance to FS supervisors and managers on their roles and responsibilities regarding the 24-hour reporting requirement.	Open
Forest Service	FS INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT	08601-0008-41	2/11/2019	07. Establish guidelines to ensure that those FS supervisors and managers who do not timely report sexual harassment and sexual misconduct allegations within the required 24-hour timeframe are disciplined, when appropriate.	Open
Forest Service	FS INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT	08601-0008-41	2/11/2019	08. Establish internal guidelines that will ensure FS officials document in the case file their justification when deviating from the recommended penalty.	Open

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Forest Service	Forest Service Initiatives to Address Workplace Misconduct - Interim Report	08601-0008-41(1)	3/5/2018	4. At the end of the trial period, assess the overall effectiveness of using only contract investigators or investigators from other Federal agencies to investigate sexual harassment and sexual misconduct cases and whether the practice should be made permanent.	Open
Forest Service	FS CONTROLS OVER ITS CONTRACT CLOSEOUT PROCESS	08601-0009-41	12/18/2018	01. Develop and implement a mechanism to nationally track FS' contract closeout and deobligation status.	Open
Forest Service	FS CONTROLS OVER ITS CONTRACT CLOSEOUT PROCESS	08601-0009-41	12/18/2018	02. Incorporate supervisory reviews of contracting officers' compliance with required contract closeout and deobligation time standards in the supervisory review process the agency agreed to implement in response to OIG's Audit 08601-0007-41, dated December 22, 2017.	Open
Forest Service	FS CONTROLS OVER ITS CONTRACT CLOSEOUT PROCESS	08601-0009-41	12/18/2018	03. Determine whether the sampled contract where the period of performance ended in May 2015, should be closed and deobligate excess funds, if warranted.	Open
Forest Service	FS CONTROLS OVER ITS CONTRACT CLOSEOUT PROCESS	08601-0009-41	12/18/2018	04. Provide nationwide training to contracting officers on USDA Procurement Advisory 93, the use of the standardized national checklists developed by the WO, and the contract closeout documents required in the contract files.	Open
Forest Service	FS CONTROLS OVER ITS CONTRACT CLOSEOUT PROCESS	08601-0009-41	12/18/2018	05. Provide mandatory periodic training sessions on contract closeout documentation required in the contract files.	Open
Forest Service	FS CONTROLS OVER ITS CONTRACT CLOSEOUT PROCESS	08601-0009-41	12/18/2018	06. Incorporate a review of contract closeout, including required closeout documentation, in FS' Internal Process Reviews.	Open
Forest Service	FS CONTROLS OVER ITS CONTRACT CLOSEOUT PROCESS	08601-0009-41	12/18/2018	07. Incorporate supervisory reviews of contracting officers' compliance with required contract closeout documentation in the supervisory review process the agency agreed to implement in response to OIG's Audit 08601-0007-41, dated December 22, 2017.	Open
FSA	1993 CROP DISASTER PAYMENTS - BROOKS/JIM HOGG COS., TX	03006-0001-TE	1/2/1996	01A. Coordinate with OIG-Investigations before taking administrative action regarding the cited 27 producers whose eligibility we questioned. Take administrative action to recover payments on cases that are not handled through the legal system.	Open

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FSA	PAYMENT LIMITATION REVIEW IN LOUISIANA	03099-0181-TE	5/8/2008	02. If an adverse determination is made for Recommendation 1, collect program payments subject to limitation for each year for which a scheme or device was adopted and for the subsequent year. (The producers' payments subject to limitation totaled over \$1.4 million for the 2000 through 2002 crop years. See exhibit E.)	Open
FSA	REVIEW OF FARM SERVICE AGENCY'S INITIATIVE TO MODERNIZE AND INNOVATE THE DELIVERY OF AGRIC	03501-0001-12	5/26/2015	03. Work with the Department to update State and county office communications infrastructure in order to more effectively support the business enterprise solution called Modernize and Innovate the Delivery of Agricultural Systems (MIDAS) and any future web-based technology solution.	Open
FSA	FARM SERVICE AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES	03601-0001-22	7/31/2014	01. Develop and implement an integrated compliance strategy to ensure that FSA's compliance activities are efficient and effective in reducing the potential for fraud, waste, and abuse.	Open
FSA	FARM SERVICE AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES	03601-0001-22	7/31/2014	02. Ensure that each of FSA's compliance activities has a clearly defined goal that contributes to FSA's overall compliance strategy and that each activity is effectively designed to achieve that purpose.	Open
FSA	FARM SERVICE AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES	03601-0001-22	7/31/2014	03. Revise the NCR process to ensure that it focuses on producer compliance and identifies the cause of errors or noncompliance.	Open
FSA	FARM SERVICE AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES	03601-0001-22	7/31/2014	04. Ensure that county offices are completing and accurately documenting all NCR results.	Open
FSA	FARM SERVICE AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES	03601-0001-22	7/31/2014	05. Revise the reporting process to ensure that FSA is capturing useful information from NCRs so that FSA can identify potential systemic issues and develop appropriate corrective actions.	Open
FSA	ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE TO USERS OF UPLAND COTTON	03601-0002-22	7/31/2014	05. Amend the EAAP user agreement to require any user exiting the program to undergo a closeout examination after all transactions have been completed, including a review to determine if any payments transferred to another user are proper.	Open

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FSA	AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-31	9/20/2018	01. Coordinate with RMA, OCE, and TFAA to accurately describe the goal of ARC-CO and, if necessary, revise program guidance and related materials to ensure that this information is accurately presented and all interested stakeholders are properly re-educated.	Open
FSA	AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-31	9/20/2018	02. Establish a process to coordinate with RMA, OCE, and TFAA in the future when implementing programs to ensure program goals are accurately presented and all interested stakeholders are properly educated.	Open
FSA	AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-31	9/20/2018	03. Reassess whether issuing payments based on a farm's physical location would be a more reasonable approach than using administrative county when implementing the next Farm Bill.	Open
FSA	AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-31	9/20/2018	04. Review and correct the 10 PLC yields we found to be incorrect.	Open
FSA	AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-31	9/20/2018	05. Review and recover improper overpayments of \$107,794 due to incorrect PLC yields.	Open
FSA	AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-31	9/20/2018	07. Revise the current spot check process utilized for reviewing PLC yields. In particular, FSA could consider including retained payment yields in the review process and/or requiring a mandatory review of any PLC yield that appears unusually high, as defined by the agency.	Open
FSA	AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE PROGRAMS	03601-0002-31	9/20/2018	06. Review and issue improper underpayments of \$1,786 due to incorrect PLC yields.	Open
FSA	EMERGENCY FEED PROGRAM IN TEXAS	03601-0007-TE	9/8/1996	04A. Instruct the Reeves County CED to recover the cited ineligible benefits from Procuducer A (\$30.73) and Producer B (\$21,620).	Open
FSA	EMERGENCY FEED PROGRAM IN TEXAS	03601-0007-TE	9/8/1996	05B. If the COC determines a scheme or device was used to defeat the purpose of the EFP, instruct the REEVES County CED to recover the \$70,529 in benefits paid this producer for crop years 1994 and 1995 and cancel the \$12, 350 in benefits which otherwise are available for the 1995 crop year. (NOTE \$30, 773 of this amount is also included in Recommendation No. 4)	Open

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FSA	EMERGENCY FEED PROGRAM IN TEXAS	03601-0007-TE	9/8/1996	06A. Instruct the Reeves County COC to review the validity of the 1994 EFP form CCC-651 for Producer B and determine the eligibility of the producer and the \$32,546 in benefits paid for crop year 1994. (NOTE: \$21,620 of this amount is also included in Recommendation No. 4)	Open
FSA	TOBACCO TRANSITION PAYMENT PROGRAM - QUOTA HOLDER PAYMENTS AND FLUE-CURED TOBACCO QUOTAS	03601-0012-AT	9/26/2007	02. Instruct Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia to require the 5 COs to review the 14 contracts where applicants did not meet FSA's eligibility requirements and take appropriate recovery actions to collect \$119,568 of improper payments made in FYs 2005, 2006, and 2007.	Open
FSA	TOBACCO TRANSITION PAYMENT PROGRAM - QUOTA HOLDER PAYMENTS AND FLUE-CURED TOBACCO QUOTAS	03601-0012-AT	9/26/2007	06. Review the two transfers with overstated base quota level (BQL) data, correct the BQL data, and recompute the Tobacco Transition Payment Program contracts and associated payments to correct overstated contracts totaling \$26,992. In addition, review and correct the contracts associated with the remaining six common ownership transfers in Virginia in which errors were originally found.	Open
FSA	HURRICANE RELIEF INITIATIVES: LIVESTOCK AND FEED INDEMNITY PROGRAMS	03601-0023-KC	2/2/2009	04. For each application for which it is determined (under Recommendation 3) that the third-party statements and/or beginning inventory documentation omitted from the application did not meet program requirements, recover resultant overpayments.	Open
FSA	BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: COLLECTION, HARVEST, STORAGE, AND TRANSPORTATION MATCHING	03601-0028-KC	5/30/2012	16. Require the field office in Johnson County, Missouri, to (1) review all delivery documents submitted by participating owners in support of disbursed matching payments; (2) identify all improperly established dry weight ton equivalents of biomass material eligible for matching payments (i.e., all those not reduced to zero percent moisture); and (3) recover all associated improper payments.	Open
FSA	BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: COLLECTION, HARVEST, STORAGE, AND TRANSPORTATION MATCHING	03601-0028-KC	5/30/2012	21. Require, through direction to the appropriate State offices, that county offices recover the improperly issued matching payments associated with deliveries of biomass material completed prior to approval of the owners' CHST applications.	Open

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FSA	BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: COLLECTION, HARVEST, STORAGE, AND TRANSPORTATION MATCHING	03601-0028-KC	5/30/2012	24. Based on the determinations reached regarding scheme or device, initiate appropriate administrative actions including the termination of any violated facility agreements and the recovery of any improperly disbursed matching payments plus interest. Coordinate with OIG Investigations prior to initiating any administrative actions.	Open
FSA	LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM	03702-0001-32	12/10/2014	02. Review and recover improper overpayments of \$358,956 due to errors in calculating Livestock Forage Program (LFP) payments.	Open
FSA	LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM	03702-0001-32	12/10/2014	01. Establish an automated process to calculate the total acres eligible to be claimed for payment in order to reduce errors resulting from manually inputting acreage data into the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) application system.	Open
FSA	LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM	03702-0001-32	12/10/2014	10. Develop and implement a tracking system for the required DD reviews in each State in order to ensure DD reviews are done timely and a report is filed with the State Executive Director (SED) within the required timeframe.	Open
FSA	LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM	03702-0001-32	12/10/2014	05. Revise guidance to better define the required elements for eligible leased land.	Open
FSA	LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM	03702-0001-32	12/10/2014	06. Clarify guidance to ensure that multi-county producers whose same covered livestock graze multiple counties are administered consistently and equitably throughout all States.	Open
FSA	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015 AND 2014	06401-0005-11	2/12/2016	16. Accounting for Recoveries of Prior Year Unpaid Obligations and Obligations - Implement the necessary functionality within the financial management systems to automatically deobligate undelivered orders at the time of payment.	Open
FSA	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015 AND 2014	06401-0005-11	2/12/2016	18. Funds Control - Continue the implementation of automated funds control of all obligations and expenditures at the transaction level within the core financial system. Further, implement necessary compensating controls until such automated controls are fully implemented.	Open

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FSA	COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015 AND 2014	06401-0005-11	2/12/2016	19. We recommend that management implement the recommendations presented in Exhibit I, to resolve the instances of noncompliance with FFMIA.	Open
FSA	CROP BASES ON LANDS WITH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS	50099-0011-SF	8/27/2007	02. Direct FSA's California State office to remove crop bases from the 33 easement-encumbered lands, and recover \$1,290,147 in improper payments.	Open
FSA	CROP BASES ON LANDS WITH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS	50099-0011-SF	8/27/2007	06. Direct the California FSA State office to remove crop bases from GRP easement-encumbered lands, and recover \$20,818 in improper payments from producers who received farm subsidy payments.	Open
FSA	COORDINATION OF USDA FARM PROGRAM COMPLIANCE - FSA, RMA, AND NRCS	50601-0003-22	1/27/2017	02. With guidance from the assigned Department-level entity, FSA, RMA, and NRCS need to revise the plan, with a timeline, to show when and how ACRSI will be fully implemented to include the ability of producers in all States to report acreage data, geospatial data, and production data for all crops.	Open
FSA	HURRICANE INDEMNITY PROGRAM - INTEGRITY OF DATA PROVIDED BY RMA	50601-0015-AT	3/31/2010	05. FSA should recover the \$815,612 in HIP overpayments that have been identified, and recover any other overpayments resulting from RMA's review of the AIPs' changes to cause of loss and date of damage	Open
FSA	TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS PROGRAM PHASE II	50703-0001-23	10/18/2013	09. Collect TAAF Program payments, totaling \$84,000, from those producers whose self-certification was not supported by their records.	Open
FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FOLLOWUP ON THE 2007 AND 2008 AUDIT INITIATIVES	24016-0001-23	6/7/2017	12. Develop and implement procedures for district officials to follow and document when performing oversight and monitoring of front-line supervisors' activities.	Open
FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FOLLOWUP ON THE 2007 AND 2008 AUDIT INITIATIVES	24016-0001-23	6/7/2017	13. Develop and implement a policy that requires front-line supervisors to document their monitoring and oversight activities (separate from the twice per year IPPS review requirement) at assigned establishments on a periodic basis.	Open
FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FOLLOWUP ON THE 2007 AND 2008 AUDIT INITIATIVES	24016-0001-23	6/7/2017	17. Develop and implement policies and procedures that detail when edits can be made to HATS data and indicate that these edits can only be made by certain officials with justifications approved by headquarters.	Open
FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FOLLOWUP ON THE 2007 AND 2008 AUDIT INITIATIVES	24016-0001-23	6/7/2017	02. Require district offices to enhance their controls to ensure that district veterinary medical specialist reviews are completed within the required timeframe.	Open

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FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FOLLOWUP ON THE 2007 AND 2008 AUDIT INITIATIVES	24016-0001-23	6/7/2017	03. Develop and implement a process to monitor and track the completion of all of the required elements and sub-elements of employees' In-Plant Performance System (IPPS) reviews. This process should include procedures for FSIS management to verify that all the required elements and sub elements for an IPPS review are completed.	Open
FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FOLLOWUP ON THE 2007 AND 2008 AUDIT INITIATIVES	24016-0001-23	6/7/2017	04. Make improvements to the AssuranceNet system, as necessary, to ensure data reliability.	Open
FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FOLLOWUP ON THE 2007 AND 2008 AUDIT INITIATIVES	24016-0001-23	6/7/2017	05. Require district offices to improve their controls to ensure supervisors adequately monitor completion of SRM tasks and implement appropriate corrective actions when those tasks are not completed.	Open
FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE FOLLOWUP ON THE 2007 AND 2008 AUDIT INITIATIVES	24016-0001-23	6/7/2017	07. Implement a process that requires FSIS inspectors to receive annual recertification on humane handling requirements. This process should require specific ongoing training to all staff including front line supervisors on current and new program requirements and the applicable directives, including examples of how to apply those requirements at the district and establishment levels. This recertification training should also include guidance on issuing the various disciplinary tools (e.g., noncompliance records and notice of intended enforcement (NOIE)).	Open
FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE'S OVERSIGHT OF THE NEW POULTRY INSPECTION SYSTEM	24601-0006-31	12/19/2018	01. Clarify the term fully implemented on a wide-scale to facilitate evaluations of NPIS.	Open
FSIS	FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE'S OVERSIGHT OF THE NEW POULTRY INSPECTION SYSTEM	24601-0006-31	12/19/2018	02. Develop a plan with a prescribed timeline and associated milestones that clarifies when FSIS will continue to conduct interim analyses and present relevant findings, with the ultimate goal of collecting sufficient data to evaluate and externally report the overall effectiveness of NPIS in meeting its stated programmatic objectives.	Open
FSIS	FSIS' PROCESS FOR HANDLING VEHICLE MISUSE COMPLAINTS	50099-0002-21	3/27/2017	02. Develop and implement specific and approved procedures for supervisors to follow when investigating complaints forwarded to them by FSIS? fleet manager.	Open

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FSIS	ASSESSMENT OF USDA'S CONTROLS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH BEEF EXPORT REQUIREMENTS	50601-0006-HY	7/15/2009	02. Implement procedures to ensure the data captured is complete and consistently recorded.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	01. Review and revise existing policy for monitoring CIG projects at both the national and State levels to include tracking receipt of performance reports and ensuring grantees have NRCS contacts available for assistance during the entire performance period.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	02. Establish a process for withholding payments from grantees who violate the reporting terms and conditions outlined in the CIG grant agreement.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	03. Obtain and assess missing quarterly and semiannual reports from the 35 CIGs reviewed and determine if \$4,366,090 in CIG funds were paid out appropriately or if funds should be recovered. If CIG funds should be recovered, begin the recovery process.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	04. Develop a process to conduct and document periodic reviews of the grantees' records, at the national and State level, to verify third party matching contributions, i.e. cash and/or in-kind, obtained and utilized during CIG projects.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	05. Reinforce the provisions of the terms and conditions in the CIG agreement relating to maintaining supporting documentation, including documentation for matching funds.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	06. Ensure the identified \$1,271,659 of insufficiently supported matching funds is verified and reconciled. NRCS should take appropriate action where applicable.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	07. Define the roles and responsibilities of the national office staff responsible for monitoring the State CIG program.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	08. Revise existing procedures requiring State offices to provide information on the State's CIG program to the national office annually. The updated procedures should detail the information the national office expects in each report to ensure accurate reporting to Congress.	Open

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NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	09. Ensure the December 2018 report to Congress includes CIG project funding and results from the State awarded CIGs, to include current year and historical data omitted from prior reports, including but not limited to the 129 CIG State awarded projects we identified totaling \$8.2 million.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	10. Develop policies that establish timeframes for each part of the CIG payment process, from receipt and review of the payment request and supporting documents through submission of the application to the Accounts Payable Branch.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	11. Develop a system for tracking CIG payment requests to ensure payments are made within 30 days after receipt of the request.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	12. Review and revise current policy to require all officials involved in the CIG administrative review and approval process to complete and submit a Confidentiality and Non-Conflict of Interest Statement form to comply with current Federal regulations concerning conflicts of interest policies for Federal awards.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS	10099-0001-23	9/11/2018	13. Update existing CIG policy to ensure that all completed non-conflict of interest forms are maintained for each panel review.	Open
NRCS	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE'S BALANCE SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017	10401-0009-11	11/13/2017	01. We recommend that management of the NRCS: A. Enhance processes and NRCS feeder systems to improve monitoring of activity in U.S. Standard General Ledger (USSGL) 4871 and 4881 and ensure that invalid upward and downward adjustments are identified and corrected in a timely manner and that balances are appropriate; and B. Develop and implement a process that tracks agreement progress to ensure all signed agreements have been recorded in the financial system.	Open

NRCS	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE'S BALANCE SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017	10401-0009-11	11/13/2017	03. We recommend that NRCS management appropriately align knowledgeable resources to evaluate the roles of service organizations, assess controls at those service organizations, and identify and assess the CUECs of those service organizations. Identification and assessment of CUECs should address the following: Are there any CUECs identified by the service organization that are relevant to the entity? Are the CUECs identified, implemented and operating effectively at NRCS? If the service auditor's report cannot be relied on (i.e., if there is an uncovered subservice organization), what compensating controls, if any, are needed?	Open
NRCS	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE'S BALANCE SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	10403-0001-11	11/15/2018	02. We recommend, specifically related to the entity-wide corporate accrual process, that NRCS management: A. Design, implement, and document policies and procedures that include documented internal controls which provide support that NRCS has reviewed the transactional data and assumptions used in its entity-wide expenses accrual process. B. Design, implement, and document policies and procedures that include documented internal controls which provide support that NRCS has reviewed all expenses excluded from its entity-wide accrual policy and evaluate the need for any additional accruals. C. Provide additional guidance and/or training to employees over the recording of transactions with future economic benefits.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER THE CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM	10601-0001-32	9/27/2016	16. For each of the 29 contracts on which the participants claimed payment shares inconsistent with their reported member shares of the operation, recover any overpayments and liquidated damages resulting from operational adjustments to, or termination of, the contracts. For any cases in which the State Conservationist determines the participants engaged in any misrepresentation, scheme, or device, recover any overpayments and liquidated damages resulting from termination of the participants' interests in all other CSP contracts.	Open

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NRCS	CONTROLS OVER THE CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM	10601-0001-32	9/27/2016	20. Direct the Arkansas State NRCS Office to make operational adjustment modifications to, or cancel, as appropriate, each of the 15 contracts identified as containing incompatible enhancements that occupy, or may occupy, the same space. Deobligate funds for the contracts as appropriate.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER THE CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM	10601-0001-32	9/27/2016	21. Require the Arkansas State NRCS Office to recover any improper payments on each contract NRCS has determined (under Recommendation 20) includes incompatible enhancements that occupy the same space.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER THE CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM	10601-0001-32	9/27/2016	25. For the 21 contracts for which participants were unable to provide required job sheet documentation to demonstrate effective and timely implementation of enhancements, direct the State Conservationists to make operational adjustment modifications to the contracts and/or terminate the contracts and deobligate funds, as appropriate.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER THE CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM	10601-0001-32	9/27/2016	26. For the 21 contracts for which participants were unable to provide required job sheet documentation to demonstrate effective and timely implementation of enhancements, direct the State Conservationists to recover any overpayments and liquidated damages resulting from operational adjustment modifications to, or termination of, the contracts.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER THE CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM	10601-0001-32	9/27/2016	05. For the five contracts in which the agricultural operations were not substantially separate from other agricultural operations, require the State Conservationist to (1) coordinate with FSA to determine the proper delineation and (2) determine if the participants engaged in any misrepresentation, scheme, or device for CSP purposes. If the State Conservationist determines the participants engaged in misrepresentation, scheme, or device, terminate the participants' interests in all CSP contracts and determine whether there is cause for consideration of suspension and debarment for the participants. If participants did not engage in misrepresentation, scheme, or device, modify or terminate the contract and deobligate funds, as appropriate.	Open

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NRCS	CONTROLS OVER THE CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM	10601-0001-32	9/27/2016	06. For the remaining six contracts in which the agricultural operations were inconsistently delineated, direct the Arkansas and Oklahoma State Conservationists to modify and/or terminate the contracts and to deobligate funds, as appropriate.	Open
NRCS	CONTROLS OVER THE CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM	10601-0001-32	9/27/2016	07. Direct the Arkansas and Oklahoma State Conservationists to recover any overpayments and liquidated damages resulting from the modifications or terminations of the contracts on which the participant(s) inconsistently delineated their agricultural operations.	Open
NRCS	NRCS CONSERVATION EASEMENT COMPLIANCE	10601-0002-31	7/31/2014	01. Add a place on the annual monitoring worksheet to document the expiration date for a Compatible Use Authorization (CUA), and instruct the monitors to include this information as part of their review process.	Open
NRCS	NRCS CONSERVATION EASEMENT COMPLIANCE	10601-0002-31	7/31/2014	10. Develop procedures giving State offices clear time frames or expectations for when landowners should be notified regarding noncompliant activities on their easements. Additionally, NRCS needs to improve its existing procedures to ensure that all noncompliant activity on easements is timely resolved.	Open
NRCS	NRCS CONSERVATION EASEMENT COMPLIANCE	10601-0002-31	7/31/2014	05. Develop procedures for States to perform annual outreach to landowners on the terms of their easement agreements and ensure the States use the newly developed name and address report from NEST.	Open
NRCS	NRCS REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONTROLS	10601-0004-31	6/28/2018	01. Develop and implement guidance, policies, and procedures to ensure consistent administration of RCPP.	Open
NRCS	NRCS REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONTROLS	10601-0004-31	6/28/2018	02. Develop and implement a formal national oversight process to assess State and partner compliance with the RCPP guidance, policies, and procedures established in response to Recommendation 1.	Open
NRCS	NRCS REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONTROLS	10601-0004-31	6/28/2018	03. Obtain and review additional supporting documentation for the questioned \$632,687 in RCPP payments made without adequate documentation and recover any payments that are determined to be ineligible for technical assistance expenses.	Open

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NRCS	NRCS REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONTROLS	10601-0004-31	6/28/2018	04. Request the return of previously issued RCPP technical assistance payments of \$60,357 to partners for ineligible expenses.	Open
NRCS	NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program Controls - (Interim Report)	10601-0004-31(2)	11/13/2017	01. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) should issue guidance to the Oregon State Office to discontinue making Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) payments when supporting documentation does not identify the land and producer for which the technical assistance was provided.	Open
NRCS	NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program Controls - (Interim Report)	10601-0004-31(2)	11/13/2017	02. NRCS should request the RCPP partner to provide supporting documentation that includes the land and producer information for all previously made payments. NRCS should review any additional documentation provided and, if the partner does not provide the unredacted documentation, then NRCS should request a return of the previous payments.	Open
OCFO	IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT TOOLS IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	50016-0001-23	9/28/2017	01. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) should ensure that the language in DR 2280-001 requires disqualifications to be listed in the System for Award Management (SAM) as requested by Recommendation 6 of the prior 2010 report.	Open
OCFO	IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT TOOLS IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	50016-0001-23	9/28/2017	06. OCFO should amend DR 2280-001 to clearly define the roles and responsibilities for Suspension and Debarment Council members with respect to the implementation and oversight of the agency's suspension and debarment program.	Open
OCFO	IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT TOOLS IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	50016-0001-23	9/28/2017	08. OCFO should issue a reminder to all agencies clarifying that individuals participating in a not-covered transaction are eligible for suspension and debarment action(s), and that individuals or entities convicted of felony fraud offenses must be permanently debarred from all USDA programs.	Open
OCFO	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017	50401-0013-11	11/15/2017	01. Provide additional oversight to ensure that financial reporting controls over ULOs are strengthened and maintained.	Open

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OCFO	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018	50401-0016-11	11/15/2018	01. Develop an ULO Aging Report in FMFI that reconciles to the general ledger to help ensure that the ULO populations that agencies certify to the Office of Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) are consistent, accurate and complete.	Open
OCFO	USDA WEBTA EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	50601-0007-31	9/28/2017	01. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) should periodically obtain a report from the webTA vendor detailing individual reimbursements claimed through webTA for the current fiscal year and periodically thereafter.	Open
OCFO	USDA WEBTA EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	50601-0007-31	9/28/2017	02. OCFO should establish a procedure or control to analyze individual reimbursements for questionable transactions and to refer suspect transactions to the applicable agency for review and determination of the appropriateness of the transaction.	Open
OCIO	FY 2011 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ACT REPORT (FISMA)	50501-0002-12	11/15/2011	01. Develop and implement an effective plan to mitigate the IT material weaknesses within the Department in cooperation with the agencies. Ensure the plan includes prioritized tasks, defined goals, and realistic timeframes. The Department and its agencies, working in cooperation, should define and accomplish one or two critical objectives prior to proceeding on to the next set of priorities.	Open
OCIO	FY 2012 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ACT REPORT (FISMA)	50501-0003-12	11/15/2012	02. The Department should deploy adequate/appropriate technology on the necessary routers to capture all network traffic.	Open
OCIO	FY 2012 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ACT REPORT (FISMA)	50501-0003-12	11/15/2012	03. The Department should finalize the deployment of its security tools in order to correlate incidents across the networks.	Open
OCIO	FY 2012 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ACT REPORT (FISMA)	50501-0003-12	11/15/2012	05. Develop and implement an effective process for making sure interface connections are documented, and that Interconnections Agreements accurately reflect all connections to the systems. The Department needs to review interfaces during the annual testing processes.	Open
OCIO	FY 2012 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ACT REPORT (FISMA)	50501-0003-12	11/15/2012	06. Incorporate a review of line items in the annual Capital Planning cycle to verify that information security resources requested by the agencies are accompanied by required supporting documentation.	Open

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OCIO	CIGIE CLOUD COMPUTING INITIATIVE - STATUS OF CLOUD-COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE USDA	50501-0005-12	9/26/2014	03. OCIO needs to develop and implement a guide for procuring cloud systems that details specifications and security requirements to include in the contracts.	Open
OCIO	FY 2015 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ACT (FISMA) AUDIT	50501-0008-12	11/10/2015	01. Perform an assessment of the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to effectively implement an ISCM program.	Open
OCIO	FY 2016 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT (FISMA) AUDIT	50501-0012-12	11/10/2016	01. Implement a governance structure in accordance with the Risk Management Framework, utilizing tools that exist and have been implemented, as well as those under development.	Open
OCIO	Security Protocols and Connections for USDA's Public-Facing Websites	50501-0012-12(2)	11/9/2016	01. Ensure agencies/entities upgrade existing websites to the required encryption level, and when developing new websites, ensure only secure encryption is used.	Open
OCIO	FY 2009 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ACT REPORT	50501-0015-FM	11/18/2009	08. Implement all requirements of the OMB Privacy memos.	Open
OCIO	SECURITY OVER SELECT USDA AGENCIES' NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS FY 2018	50501-0017-12	9/28/2018	01. Identify all USDA systems and devices that cannot fully utilize automated security tools and either update to a more compatible system or implement compensating controls.	Open
OCIO	SECURITY OVER SELECT USDA AGENCIES' NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS FY 2018	50501-0017-12	9/28/2018	02. Develop and implement internal policy or procedures to require entities to use existing tools, such as IBM's® BigFix®, to verify that entities are consistently following mandated baselines for servers.	Open
OCIO	SECURITY OVER SELECT USDA AGENCIES' NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS FY 2018	50501-0017-12	9/28/2018	03. Implement Department-wide network configuration management tools and processes to consistently enforce and maintain mandated security baselines for USDA network devices.	Open
OCIO	FY 2018 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT AUDIT	50501-0018-12	10/12/2018	01. OBPA should appoint a CRO executive and develop ERM policies and procedures in accordance with the ERM Playbook: Enterprise Risk Management for the U.S. Federal Government.	Open

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OCIO	FY 2018 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT AUDIT	50501-0018-12	10/12/2018	02. OCIO should document its plan to continue to implement technologies to improve hardware and software asset management within the USDA IT enterprise. Additionally, OCIO should document its internal processes for hardware and software inventory verification and reconciliation by agencies against the Department's centralized enterprise-wide asset management and systems inventory solutions.	Open
OCIO	FY 2018 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT AUDIT	50501-0018-12	10/12/2018	03. OCIO should verify and reconcile listings of cloud and third-party (contractor) systems against agency records.	Open
OCIO	FY 2018 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT AUDIT	50501-0018-12	10/12/2018	04. OCIO should update the Department policy for vulnerability management to specify time constraints for resolving high vulnerabilities.	Open
OCIO	FY 2018 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT AUDIT	50501-0018-12	10/12/2018	05. OCIO should develop, document and implement enterprise-wide procedures and processes for vulnerability management to regularly scan and patch vulnerabilities and upgrade software to address security deficiencies identified during the agency scans. This plan should include a reconciliation of scans performed by the Department and the scans performed by the agencies. Additionally, import scanning results from agencies into the Department's centralized and enterprise-wide vulnerability scanning solution (if technical functionality exists).	Open
OCIO	FY 2018 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT AUDIT	50501-0018-12	10/12/2018	06. OCIO should design and implement a strategic Department-wide plan to address unsupported software which are no longer supported by the vendor.	Open
OCIO	FY 2018 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT AUDIT	50501-0018-12	10/12/2018	07. The Department should develop privacy policies and procedures in accordance with NIST and OMB A-130 requirements. In addition, OCIO and the Chief Privacy Officer should conduct a thorough gap analysis of existing USDA policy, procedures and guidance, and publish an updated Privacy Act Compliance Departmental Directive to include current NIST and OMB Privacy Act related guidance and requirements.	Open

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OCIO	FY 2018 FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT AUDIT	50501-0018-12	10/12/2018	08. The Department should design and implement the necessary oversight and enforcement mechanisms and controls to ensure all system contingency plans are tested annually and the results of all tests are reviewed annually to ensure corrective actions can be initiated, as necessary.	Open
OCIO	Improper Usage of USDA's Information Technology Resources 50501-0020-12(1)	50501-0020-12(1)	6/26/2018	1. Restrict web browsers' ability to deploy tools that could be used for nefarious purposes or restrict the use of extraneous web browsers outright.	Open
OCIO	Improper Usage of USDA's Information Technology Resources 50501-0020-12(1)	50501-0020-12(1)	6/26/2018	2. Block applications that can circumvent the administrative rights requirement to install an application.	Open
OCIO	Improper Usage of USDA's Information Technology Resources 50501-0020-12(1)	50501-0020-12(1)	6/26/2018	3. Restrict non-business related websites and applications.	Open
OCIO	Improper Usage of USDA's Information Technology Resources 50501-0020-12(1)	50501-0020-12(1)	6/26/2018	4. Develop a waiver process to grant exceptions to the rules based on business cases, when necessary.	Open
OCIO	Improper Usage of USDA's Information Technology Resources 50501-0020-12(1)	50501-0020-12(1)	6/26/2018	5. Implement the capability to decrypt and analyze network traffic for potential inappropriate and/or nefarious content.	Open
OCIO	Improper Usage of USDA's Information Technology Resources 50501-0020-12(1)	50501-0020-12(1)	6/26/2018	6. Restrict access to BIOS settings to prevent reconfiguring of the boot order.	Open
OCIO	Improper Usage of USDA's Information Technology Resources 50501-0020-12(1)	50501-0020-12(1)	6/26/2018	7. Properly secure extraneous capabilities of mobile devices to mitigate the risk of extraneous and possibly nefarious activity.	Open
OCIO	AUDIT OF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER'S FYS 2010 AND 2011 FUNDING RECEIVED FOR	88401-0001-12	8/2/2012	01. Document the prioritization of projects Departmentwide to ensure the most critical projects take a higher precedence than other, non-critical projects.	Open
OCIO	AUDIT OF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER'S FYS 2010 AND 2011 FUNDING RECEIVED FOR	88401-0001-12	8/2/2012	02. Designate sufficient resources to adequately configure and monitor the security sensor array in order to defend USDA's information system against external and internal threats.	Open
OCS	REVIEWING THE INTEGRITY OF USDA'S SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM	50601-0006-31	2/28/2018	01. The Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) should coordinate with each agency to determine the best method to identify why some scientists perceive that there are inappropriate influences that might hinder them from performing all elements of their research.	Open

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OCS	REVIEWING THE INTEGRITY OF USDA'S SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM	50601-0006-31	2/28/2018	02. Based on responses to Recommendation 1, OCS should coordinate with each agency to share with other agencies any recognized potential issues or hindrances dealing with scientific integrity, identify any common or systemic problems, and work to develop resolutions that can be implemented across all agencies.	Open
OCS	REVIEWING THE INTEGRITY OF USDA'S SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM	50601-0006-31	2/28/2018	03. OCS should coordinate with each agency to determine a methodology of outreach that best communicates the importance of supervisors and agencies emphasizing and promoting a culture of scientific integrity.	Open
OCS	REVIEWING THE INTEGRITY OF USDA'S SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM	50601-0006-31	2/28/2018	04. OCS should evaluate methods of outreach to the Department's scientists to determine the most effective type of training, i.e. AgLearn, classroom, webinar, etc. for USDA scientists so that they can best enhance their understanding of key Scientific Integrity Policy (SIP) elements. OCS should coordinate with the agencies to make a determination on how best to implement these methods.	Open
OCS	REVIEWING THE INTEGRITY OF USDA'S SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM	50601-0006-31	2/28/2018	05. OCS should coordinate with the agencies to ensure their scientists subject to the SIP complete the updated 2016 AgLearn training on the SIP and receive refresher training as necessary or on a regular basis.	Open
OHS	Agroterrorism, Prevention, Detection and Response	61701-0001-21	3/27/2017	01. Develop and implement a written process for how OHSEC oversees and coordinates USDA's agroterrorism prevention, detection, and response activities. At a minimum, this process should include steps to: (a) perform a USDA-wide vulnerability assessment for agroterrorism preparedness every two years, and (b) integrate, coordinate, and communicate response plans for agricultural disease emergencies and agroterrorist acts.	Open
OHS	Agroterrorism, Prevention, Detection and Response	61701-0001-21	3/27/2017	02. Obtain information from agencies about the purpose, frequency, and outcomes of exercises related to agroterrorism. Review after-action reports from agency exercises to: (a) identify lessons learned and best practices and distribute them to other appropriate USDA agencies, and (b) ensure that agencies implement corrective actions in a timely manner to resolve identified weaknesses.	Open

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OHS	Agroterrorism, Prevention, Detection and Response	61701-0001-21	3/27/2017	05. Develop and implement a written process to maintain a USDA website to provide useful resources related to agroterrorism that is readily available to all USDA constituents. As a part of this process, conduct an analysis to identify agroterrorism prevention, detection, and response information available on USDA and other Federal websites that can be included on this website.	Open
OHS	Agroterrorism, Prevention, Detection and Response	61701-0001-21	3/27/2017	13. Request updates or negative responses from all USDA agencies to update the SSP.	Open
DA	CIGIE PURCHASE CARD INITIATIVE - USDA CONTROLS OVER PURCHASE CARD USE	50024-0001-22	3/8/2018	03. OPFM should require the agencies to review and either ratify the four split transactions OIG identified or seek reimbursement for the purchases from the approving official if the transactions cannot be ratified.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	01. OPFM should implement timeframes and require all USDA agencies to annually justify or dispose, share, or re-assign underutilized vehicles as defined by the criteria set forth in AGPMR Advisory 17-01.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	02. OPFM should reconcile vehicle inventory counts on an annual basis with all USDA agencies, but specifically with any agencies, such as FS, that may continue to use their own vehicle management information systems to record inventory, cost, and operational data.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	03. OPFM should immediately conduct a data call to all USDA agencies, request all active, certified home-to-work authorizations, and immediately update the quarterly home-to-work determinations sent to Congress.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	04. OPFM should identify a tool (such as SharePoint) to collect and review home-to-work authorization forms so that OPFM can periodically review eligibility for more accurate reporting to satisfy quarterly Congressional home-to-work reporting requirements.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	05. OPFM should coordinate with each USDA agency to identify an employee misconduct investigative unit, and route all complaints of employee vehicle misuse to that unit for assessment.	Open

DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	06. OPFM should require each agency's employee misconduct investigative unit to assess misuse allegations submitted by the public. The assessment should include identifying risk factors, such as repeat offenders, employee time and attendance records, questionable driving histories, and prior disciplinary actions, and conclude whether the employee misconduct investigative unit should further investigate the complaint or allow the agency to process it.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	07. OPFM should develop procedures for agencies to follow when investigating complaints referred to them by their perspective employee misconduct investigative units. Guidance should include, at a minimum: (1) expected timeframes to address and resolve the complaints, (2) recommended courses of action for each complaint type, and (3) documentation to provide to OPFM supporting that corrective actions adequately address the complaints.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	08. OPFM should develop procedures for OPFM personnel to follow when receiving, recording, distributing, and resolving complaints received from the public. This guidance, at a minimum, should include: (1) information to be recorded by OPFM personnel, (2) expected timeframes for agencies to address and resolve complaints once the investigating body is determined, (3) documentation necessary to obtain during the complaint process, and (4) closeout procedures once a complaint has been resolved.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	09. OPFM should require each agency to log and track relevant data (such as employee name, time and attendance records, accident history, repeat allegations, and prior disciplinary actions) to help the employee misconduct investigative unit select complaints for further investigation.	Open

DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	10. OPFM should develop and implement procedures for all USDA agencies to consistently review driver authorizations and qualifications. Specifically, these procedures should require agencies to annually review employee records and annually certify that employees have: (1) authorization to operate a vehicle, (2) a valid driver's license, (3) an acceptable driving history, (4) met training requirements, and (5) certified their authorization forms.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	11. OPFM should require all USDA agencies to update their policies and establish an effective monitoring system to ensure that procedures described in Recommendation 10 are followed.	Open
DA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S MANAGEMENT OVER THE MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES	50099-0003-21	9/18/2018	12. OPFM should establish procedures to monitor and periodically review, at its discretion, agency certifications described in Recommendation 10.	Open
DA	OSDBU'S CONTROLS OVER THE ELIGIBILITY OF CONTRACT RECIPIENTS	50601-0003-23	9/28/2018	01. Inform GSA and SBA officials of the issues OIG found during this audit, including details on the specific contracts.	Open
DA	OSDBU'S CONTROLS OVER THE ELIGIBILITY OF CONTRACT RECIPIENTS	50601-0003-23	9/28/2018	02. Work with the USDA agencies to determine what actions need to be taken against the four businesses that could not support their disadvantaged status. Consider taking suspension and debarment actions to prevent other USDA agencies and other Federal Departments from contracting with those businesses.	Open
DA	OSDBU'S CONTROLS OVER THE ELIGIBILITY OF CONTRACT RECIPIENTS	50601-0003-23	9/28/2018	03. Develop and implement a process to review a sample of contracts at least annually to see if there is documentation to support small business and disadvantaged business status. Also, develop a process to periodically notify GSA and SBA officials regarding any businesses that USDA finds with inaccurate status information in SAM, or when information in FPDS and SAM does not match.	Open

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RD	RURAL HOUSING SERVICES CONTROLS OVER ORIGINATING AND CLOSING SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING DIRECT	04601-0001-22	12/18/2017	02. Review all leveraged loans not included in OIG's sample in the Morehead and London, Kentucky field offices for FYs 2013-2017 to determine if RHS has secured the proper lien position. If RHS is not the first lien holder, secure the proper lien position through a subrogation agreement with the other lenders. Develop and implement a plan to review a sample of leveraged loans in the other Kentucky field offices to determine if RHS has secured the proper lien position.	Open
RD	RURAL HOUSING SERVICES CONTROLS OVER ORIGINATING AND CLOSING SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING DIRECT	04601-0001-22	12/18/2017	04. Require Kentucky Rural Development officials to meet with primary lending partners and discuss requirements for leveraged lending. The discussion should include consideration of entering into Memoranda of Understanding and the use of subrogation clauses to ensure that proper lien positions are established when leveraged lending occurs.	Open
RD	RURAL HOUSING SERVICES CONTROLS OVER ORIGINATING AND CLOSING SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING DIRECT	04601-0001-22	12/18/2017	09. Evaluate staffing levels at all field offices responsible for administering the SFH Direct Loan Program. Develop and implement strategies to deliver the SFH Direct Loan Program in offices that encounter staffing shortages.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service's Controls over Originating and Closing Single Family Housing Direct Loans - Interim Report	04601-0001-22(1)	9/20/2016	01. Credit the borrower's outstanding loan balance by \$11,343 plus interest accrued for the payment provided to the contractor.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service's Controls over Originating and Closing Single Family Housing Direct Loans - Interim Report	04601-0001-22(1)	9/20/2016	02. Consult with USDA's Office of the General Counsel to determine the appropriateness of writing off or forgiving the remaining balance of the loan and releasing the lien on the borrower's property, thereby relieving the borrower of all obligations to RHS.	Open
RD	RURAL BUSINESS COOPERATIVE SERVICE'S - INTERMEDIARY RE-LENDING PROGRAM	34601-0006-AT	6/25/2010	01. Recover \$7.9 million from intermediaries that made loans to borrowers for ineligible purposes, amounts, and non-rural areas.	Open
RHS	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program - Liquidation Value Appraisals - Interim Rep	04601-0001-23(1)	9/5/2018	2. Recover approximately \$768,722 in funds due to Rural Development from lenders.	Open
RMA	FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION/RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCA	05401-0009-11	11/8/2017	01. Establish an effective disaster recovery program, failover system and alternate processing facility.	Open

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RMA	FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION/RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCA	05401-0009-11	11/8/2017	02. Perform annual testing of the contingency plan.	Open
RMA	FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION/RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL	05401-0010-11	11/8/2018	01. We recommend that management develop change controls over the program production model used to calculate actuarial projections to avoid inadvertent modifications to the model.	Open
RMA	RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY INDEMNITY PAYMENTS TO PISTACHIO PRODUCERS	05601-0001-41	2/20/2018	01. Ensure the Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) includes adequate evidence to support post-harvest field inspections and evidence that all trees were completely harvested for these claims. If adequate supporting evidence is not available, recover from the AIP \$7,667,067 in indemnities paid to the four producers.	Open
RMA	ACTUAL REVENUE HISTORY UNDERWRITING FOR SWEET CHERRIES	05601-0003-22	4/9/2018	01. Require the AIPs to make the necessary corrections for the ARH errors we identified.	Open
RMA	ACTUAL REVENUE HISTORY UNDERWRITING FOR SWEET CHERRIES	05601-0003-22	4/9/2018	02. For the four policies we were unable to review, determine whether the producers are currently participating in the crop insurance program. If so, perform an ARH verification or apply the appropriate yield adjustments.	Open
RMA	ACTUAL REVENUE HISTORY UNDERWRITING FOR SWEET CHERRIES	05601-0003-22	4/9/2018	03. Develop and implement a process to routinely review a targeted sample of ARH policies to ensure that revenue has been reported accurately by the producers.	Open
RMA	RMA'S UTILIZATION OF CONTRACTED DATA MINING RESULTS	05601-0005-31	12/19/2017	01. Develop and implement a process to obtain more detailed, actionable data from AIP conducted spot check list reviews.	Open
RMA	RMA'S UTILIZATION OF CONTRACTED DATA MINING RESULTS	05601-0005-31	12/19/2017	02. Develop and implement a process to analyze the data from Recommendation 1 to identify potential problem areas and weaknesses. Design and implement controls to mitigate identified problem areas and weaknesses.	Open
RMA	RMA'S UTILIZATION OF CONTRACTED DATA MINING RESULTS	05601-0005-31	12/19/2017	03. Update guidance by publishing clear expectations of what actions AIPs are to perform regarding the ARPA List data mining reviews. This includes the specific actions AIPs are to take with respect to agents and adjusters identified on ARPA Lists and how those actions, along with the results of those actions, are reported to RMA.	Open

RMA	RMA'S UTILIZATION OF CONTRACTED DATA MINING RESULTS	05601-0005-31	12/19/2017	04. Ensure all identified anomalous agents or loss adjusters are reviewed to determine whether the higher loss claims associated with the agents or the higher number of accepted or denied claims associated with the loss adjusters are the results of fraud, waste, and abuse.	Open
RMA	RMA'S UTILIZATION OF CONTRACTED DATA MINING RESULTS	05601-0005-31	12/19/2017	05. Ensure that appropriate remedial action is taken if fraud, waste, and abuse is identified during the agent or loss adjuster reviews.	Open
RMA	CROP LOSS AND QUALITY ADJUSTMENTS FOR AFLATOXIN INFECTED CORN	05601-0015-TE	9/30/2008	01. Issue administrative findings to recover the improper payments resulting from the approximately \$15,951,016 in crop year 2005 Aflatoxin-infected corn claims for Texas that were calculated using market values of \$.25 or less per bushel.	Open

**GAO RECOMMENDATIONS***Table GAO-IG Act-2. Open GAO Audit Recommendations*

<u>Agency/ Staff Office</u>	<u>Audit Title</u>	<u>Audit Number</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Status</u>
AMS	U.S. Department of Agriculture: Additional Data Analysis Could Enhance Monitoring of U.S. Cattle Market	GAO-18- 296	4/10/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the AMS administrator to ensure that P&SP routinely conducts in-depth analysis of the transaction data that it collects. Such analysis could include but not be limited to examining competition levels in different areas of the country. (Recommendation 2)	Open
AMS	Agricultural Promotion Programs: USDA Could Build on Existing Efforts to Further Strengthen Its Oversight	GAO-18-54	11/21/2017	The Administrator of AMS should revise the standard operating procedures for AMS's check-off programs to state that management reviews include a sample of subcontracts for review. (Recommendation 1)	Open
AMS	Agricultural Promotion Programs: USDA Could Build on Existing Efforts to Further Strengthen Its Oversight	GAO-18-54	11/21/2017	The Administrator of AMS should establish a mechanism for documenting and tracking follow-up with check-off boards on the implementation of management review recommendations. (Recommendation 2)	Open
AMS	Agricultural Promotion Programs: USDA Could Build on Existing Efforts to Further Strengthen Its Oversight	GAO-18-54	11/21/2017	The Administrator of AMS should ensure that annual independent audits include the five statements of assurance as outlined in the standard operating procedures. (Recommendation 3)	Open
AMS	Agricultural Promotion Programs: USDA Could Build on Existing Efforts to Further Strengthen Its Oversight	GAO-18-54	11/21/2017	The Administrator of AMS should include in the guidelines and standard operating procedures that key check-off board documents, such as bylaws and policy statements, annual reports, and independent evaluations of economic effectiveness are posted on the check-off programs' websites. (Recommendation 4)	Open
AMS	Agricultural Promotion Programs: USDA Could Build on Existing Efforts to Further Strengthen Its Oversight	GAO-18-54	11/21/2017	The Administrator of AMS should develop criteria by which to assess the methodology and results of independent evaluations and document those reviews to ensure that the standard operating procedures are met. (Recommendation 5)	Open

APHIS	Foot-and-Mouth Disease: USDA's Efforts to Prepare for a Potential Outbreak Could Be Strengthened	GAO-19-103	3/12/2019	The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service should follow the agency's standard operating procedures (SOP) to prioritize corrective actions for FMD preparedness. (Recommendation 1)	Open
APHIS	Foot-and-Mouth Disease: USDA's Efforts to Prepare for a Potential Outbreak Could Be Strengthened	GAO-19-103	3/12/2019	The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service should follow the agency's SOP to monitor progress and track completion of corrective actions for FMD preparedness. (Recommendation 2)	Open
APHIS	Animal Use in Federal Research: Agencies Share Information, but Reporting and Data Quality Could Be Strengthened	GAO-18-459	5/31/2018	The Administrator of APHIS should develop a timeline for (1) defining birds that are not bred for research and that are covered by the Animal Welfare Act, and (2) requiring that research facilities report to APHIS their use of birds covered by the act. (Recommendation 1)	Open
APHIS	Animal Use in Federal Research: Agencies Share Information, but Reporting and Data Quality Could Be Strengthened	GAO-18-459	5/31/2018	The Administrator of APHIS should instruct federal agencies to report their use of animals covered by the Animal Welfare Act in federal facilities located outside of the United States. (Recommendation 2)	Open
APHIS	Animal Use in Federal Research: Agencies Share Information, but Reporting and Data Quality Could Be Strengthened	GAO-18-459	5/31/2018	In developing the definition of field studies, the Administrator of APHIS should provide research facilities with clear criteria for identifying field studies that are covered by the Animal Welfare Act's regulations and that facilities should report to APHIS as well as field studies that facilities should not report. (Recommendation 3)	Open
APHIS	Animal Use in Federal Research: Agencies Share Information, but Reporting and Data Quality Could Be Strengthened	GAO-18-459	5/31/2018	The Administrator of APHIS should ensure APHIS fully describes on its website how the agency compiles annual report data from research facilities, what the data represent, and any potential limitations to the data's completeness and accuracy. (Recommendation 4)	Open
APHIS	High-Containment Laboratories: Coordinated Actions Needed to Enhance the Select Agent Program's Oversight of Hazardous Pathogens	GAO-18-145	10/19/2017	To improve independence, the APHIS director of the Select Agent Program should regularly assess the potential risks posed by the program's structure and the effectiveness of its mechanisms to address those risks, such as by commissioning external reviews, and take actions as necessary to ensure any identified risks are addressed so that impairments to independence do not affect its ability to achieve its objectives. (Recommendation 5)	Open

APHIS	High-Containment Laboratories: Coordinated Actions Needed to Enhance the Select Agent Program's Oversight of Hazardous Pathogens	GAO-18- 145	10/19/2017	To improve the ability to perform reviews, the APHIS director of the Select Agent Program should work with CDC to develop and implement a plan to identify which laboratory activities carry the highest biological safety and security risks and to respond to those risks by aligning inspections and other oversight efforts to target those activities. (Recommendation 7)	Open
APHIS	High-Containment Laboratories: Coordinated Actions Needed to Enhance the Select Agent Program's Oversight of Hazardous Pathogens	GAO-18- 145	10/19/2017	To improve technical expertise and overcome fragmentation, the APHIS director of the Select Agent Program should work with CDC to develop a joint workforce plan that assesses workforce and training needs for the program as a whole. This assessment should be done in conjunction with the development of the strategic plan. (Recommendation 11)	Open
APHIS	Avian Influenza: USDA Has Taken Actions to Reduce Risks but Needs a Plan to Evaluate Its Efforts	GAO-17- 360	4/13/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to develop a plan for evaluating completed corrective actions to determine their effectiveness and, as appropriate, consider whether any completed corrective actions require validation through simulations or exercises.	Open
APHIS	Antibiotic Resistance: More Information Needed to Oversee Use of Medically Important Drugs in Food Animals	GAO-17- 192	3/2/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of APHIS and the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service to work with the Director of CDC to develop a framework for deciding when on-farm investigations are warranted during outbreaks.	Open
APHIS	High-Containment Laboratories: Improved Oversight of Dangerous Pathogens Needed to Mitigate Risk	GAO-16- 642	8/30/2016	To increase scientific information on inactivation and viability testing, the Secretaries of Health and Human Services and Agriculture should coordinate research efforts and take actions to help close gaps in the science of inactivation and viability testing across high-containment laboratories.	Open

APHIS	High-Containment Laboratories: Comprehensive and Up-to-Date Policies and Stronger Oversight Mechanisms Needed to Improve Safety	GAO-16- 305	3/21/2016	To ensure that federal departments and agencies have comprehensive and up-to-date policies and stronger oversight mechanisms in place for managing hazardous biological agents in high-containment laboratories and are fully addressing weaknesses identified after laboratory safety lapses, the Secretary of Agriculture should revise existing department policies for managing hazardous biological agents in high-containment laboratories to contain specific requirements for reporting laboratory incidents to senior department officials, including the types of incidents that should be reported, to whom, and when, and direct the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service to develop agency policies that contain these requirements.	Open
APHIS	High-Containment Laboratories: Comprehensive and Up-to-Date Policies and Stronger Oversight Mechanisms Needed to Improve Safety	GAO-16- 305	3/21/2016	To ensure that federal departments and agencies have comprehensive and up-to-date policies and stronger oversight mechanisms in place for managing hazardous biological agents in high-containment laboratories and are fully addressing weaknesses identified after laboratory safety lapses, the Secretary of Agriculture should review and update outdated department policies for managing hazardous biological agents in high-containment laboratories and direct the Administrators of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Agricultural Research Service to update their policies and, in the case of APHIS, establish a regular review schedule.	Open
APHIS	High-Containment Laboratories: Comprehensive and Up-to-Date Policies and Stronger Oversight Mechanisms Needed to Improve Safety	GAO-16- 305	3/21/2016	To ensure that federal departments and agencies have comprehensive and up-to-date policies and stronger oversight mechanisms in place for managing hazardous biological agents in high-containment laboratories and are fully addressing weaknesses identified after laboratory safety lapses, the Secretary of Agriculture should routinely analyze results of the department's laboratory inspections and incident reports to identify potential trends that may highlight recurring laboratory safety or security issues and share lessons learned with laboratory personnel.	Open

APHIS	High-Containment Laboratories: Comprehensive and Up-to-Date Policies and Stronger Oversight Mechanisms Needed to Improve Safety	GAO-16- 305	3/21/2016	To ensure that federal departments and agencies have comprehensive and up-to-date policies and stronger oversight mechanisms in place for managing hazardous biological agents in high-containment laboratories and are fully addressing weaknesses identified after laboratory safety lapses, the Secretary of Agriculture should require routine reporting of the results of department, agency, and select agent laboratory inspections to senior department officials.	Open
APHIS	High-Containment Laboratories: Comprehensive and Up-to-Date Policies and Stronger Oversight Mechanisms Needed to Improve Safety	GAO-16- 305	3/21/2016	To ensure that federal departments and agencies have comprehensive and up-to-date policies and stronger oversight mechanisms in place for managing hazardous biological agents in high-containment laboratories and are fully addressing weaknesses identified after laboratory safety lapses, the Secretary of Agriculture should require routine reporting of incidents at agency laboratories to senior department officials.	Open
APHIS	Genetically Engineered Crops: USDA Needs to Enhance Oversight and Better Understand Impacts of Unintended Mixing with Other Crops	GAO-16- 241	3/15/2016	To improve USDA's ability to oversee GE crops, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to develop a timeline, with milestones and interim steps, for updating its existing regulations to cover GE crops developed with alternative technologies that either do not use plant pests or use plant pests but do not result in plant pest deoxyribonucleic acid in the crop developed.	Open
APHIS	Genetically Engineered Crops: USDA Needs to Enhance Oversight and Better Understand Impacts of Unintended Mixing with Other Crops	GAO-16- 241	3/15/2016	To improve USDA's ability to better understand the economic impacts of unintended mixing of GE and other crops, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to work with all relevant USDA stakeholders, including APHIS and the Organic Working Group, to determine what additional information should be sought in future organic surveys, such as the costs of reshipping and re-storing shipments rejected because of unintended GE presence, as well as the costs associated with finding new buyers for such shipments.	Open

APHIS	Genetically Engineered Crops: USDA Needs to Enhance Oversight and Better Understand Impacts of Unintended Mixing with Other Crops	GAO-16-241	3/15/2016	To improve USDA's ability to better understand the economic impacts of unintended mixing of GE and other crops, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of NASS to include producers, growing identity-preserved crops, in addition to organic producers in USDA's survey efforts.	Open
DA	Federally Owned Vehicles: Agencies Should Improve Processes to Identify Underutilized Vehicles	GAO-17-426	4/25/2017	To enhance awareness of NRCS's utilization assessment process and facilitate the elimination of unnecessary vehicles, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture should communicate USDA's policy on vehicle utilization to USDA's fleet management staff to ensure staff are aware of USDA policy. This communication could include redistributing the 2012 utilization policy memo.	Open
DA	USDA Administrative Services: Streamlining Efforts Ongoing, but Actions Needed to Monitor Progress, Identify Benefits, and Share Lessons Learned	GAO-16-168	3/15/2016	To strengthen USDA's ability to better manage and monitor the progress of the Blueprint, including efforts to streamline and improve administrative services, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Assistant Secretary for Administration to develop a complete list identifying all of the Blueprint efforts under way and document key information needed to monitor their progress, such as status of implementation, time frames for completion, and related performance measures.	Open
DA	USDA Administrative Services: Streamlining Efforts Ongoing, but Actions Needed to Monitor Progress, Identify Benefits, and Share Lessons Learned	GAO-16-168	3/15/2016	To strengthen USDA's ability to better manage and monitor the progress of the Blueprint, including efforts to streamline and improve administrative services, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Assistant Secretary for Administration to reexamine the adequacy of the staff and budget resources committed to the day-to-day management of the Blueprint, and further leverage existing departmental resources as needed.	Open
DA	USDA Administrative Services: Streamlining Efforts Ongoing, but Actions Needed to Monitor Progress, Identify Benefits, and Share Lessons Learned	GAO-16-168	3/15/2016	To improve USDA's efforts to identify and track the benefits of the Blueprint, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Assistant Secretary for Administration to document the methodologies used to calculate any savings claimed for the Blueprint effort to ensure any such estimate is based on quality information.	Open

DA	USDA Administrative Services: Streamlining Efforts Ongoing, but Actions Needed to Monitor Progress, Identify Benefits, and Share Lessons Learned	GAO-16- 168	3/15/2016	To improve USDA's efforts to identify and track the benefits of the Blueprint, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief Financial Officer to develop a cost-effective method, using existing data systems, to collect and track USDA's spending on administrative services to identify baseline spending and target areas for future cost savings.	Open
DA	USDA Administrative Services: Streamlining Efforts Ongoing, but Actions Needed to Monitor Progress, Identify Benefits, and Share Lessons Learned	GAO-16- 168	3/15/2016	To improve USDA's efforts to identify and track the benefits of the Blueprint, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Assistant Secretary for Administration to systematically identify and track nonfinancial benefits from USDA's Blueprint efforts to better gauge the Blueprint's progress and more fully report its results.	Open
DA	USDA Administrative Services: Streamlining Efforts Ongoing, but Actions Needed to Monitor Progress, Identify Benefits, and Share Lessons Learned	GAO-16- 168	3/15/2016	To enhance USDA's efforts to share lessons learned from the Blueprint, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Assistant Secretary for Administration to maintain and promote existing web-based collaboration tools, including keeping information in these tools current, for agencies and staff offices to report their experiences and lessons learned from their Blueprint efforts to help strengthen internal information sharing and inform future efforts.	Open
DA	Hazardous Waste: Agencies Should Take Steps to Improve Information on USDA's and Interior's Potentially Contaminated Sites	GAO-15-35	1/16/2015	To ensure that USDA has the information needed to better identify potentially contaminated sites--particularly abandoned mines--on properties it manages and, thereby, help minimize possible risks to human health and the environment, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the heads of the department's land management agencies to develop plans and procedures for completing their inventories of potentially contaminated sites.	Open

DA	U.S. Department of Agriculture: Workforce Decisions Could Benefit from Better Linkage to Missions and Use of Leading Practices	GAO-14- 288	3/31/2014	To ensure appropriate levels of employees' supervision and guidance for the workforces of USDA's service center agencies, consistent with OPM guidance, the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief Human Capital Officer, should revise departmental policy targeting a uniform supervisory ratio so that the service center agencies can identify appropriate supervisory ratios based on a documented analysis of their specific customer needs and workload distribution.	Open
FAS	Tobacco Exports: Agencies Have Implemented Restrictions on Promoting Tobacco Overseas but Additional Actions Could Strengthen Their Efforts	GAO-19- 124	12/6/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should include information about the funding restrictions and relevant guidance on promoting the sale or export of tobacco or tobacco products in training materials for employees conducting export promotion activities overseas. (Recommendation 2)	Open
FAS	Inter-American Organizations: U.S. Agencies Support Oversight Mechanisms but Could Enhance Their Monitoring of U.S. Assistance Agreements	GAO-18- 219	12/29/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that USDA includes all key monitoring provisions specified by applicable guidance as part of agreements with inter-American organizations. (Recommendation 2)	Open
FAS	Inter-American Organizations: U.S. Agencies Support Oversight Mechanisms but Could Enhance Their Monitoring of U.S. Assistance Agreements	GAO-18- 219	12/29/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that USDA officials have full documentation of required monitoring activities in agreements with inter-American organizations. (Recommendation 3)	Open
FAS	International Food Assistance: Agencies Should Ensure Timely Documentation of Required Market Analyses and Assess Local Markets for Program Effects	GAO-17- 640	7/13/2017	To ensure the transparency and accountability of USDA's selection of countries to receive in-kind food aid, the Secretary of Agriculture should develop guidance to require documentation of the reasons for providing funding to countries that were not on the priority list.	Open
FAS	International Food Assistance: Agencies Should Ensure Timely Documentation of Required Market Analyses and Assess Local Markets for Program Effects	GAO-17- 640	7/13/2017	To help ensure that, consistent with the Bellmon amendment, the provision of U.S. in-kind food aid does not result in a substantial disincentive to, or interference with, domestic production or marketing in countries receiving in-kind food aid, the Secretary of Agriculture should monitor markets during implementation of McGovern-Dole projects to identify any potential negative effects, such as unusual changes in prices.	Open

FAS	International Food Assistance: Agencies Should Ensure Timely Documentation of Required Market Analyses and Assess Local Markets for Program Effects	GAO-17-640	7/13/2017	To help ensure that, consistent with the Bellmon amendment, the provision of U.S. in-kind food aid does not result in a substantial disincentive to, or interference with, domestic production or marketing in countries receiving in-kind food aid, the Secretary of Agriculture should evaluate markets after the completion of McGovern-Dole and Food for Progress projects to determine whether markets were negatively affected during project implementation or after project completion.	Open
FAS	Foreign Assistance: Agencies Can Improve the Quality and Dissemination of Program Evaluations	GAO-17-316	3/3/2017	To improve the reliability and usefulness of program evaluations for agency program and budget decisions, the Chief Executive Officer of MCC, the Administrator of USAID, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in cooperation with State's Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy) should each develop a plan for improving the quality of evaluations for the programs included in our review, focusing on areas where our analysis has shown the largest areas for potential improvement.	Open
FAS	Foreign Assistance: Agencies Can Improve the Quality and Dissemination of Program Evaluations	GAO-17-316	3/3/2017	To better ensure that the evaluation findings reach their intended audiences and are available to facilitate incorporating lessons learned into future program design or budget decisions, the Secretary of Agriculture should implement guidance and procedures for making FAS evaluations available online and searchable on a single website that can be accessed by the general public.	Open
FAS	International Food Aid: Better Agency Collaboration Needed to Assess and Improve Emergency Food Aid Procurement System	GAO-14-22	3/26/2014	To improve the efficiency and accountability of the emergency food aid procurement process, the Secretary of Agriculture and Administrator of USAID should direct their staffs to work together to take steps to improve USDA's ability to account for U.S. government funds by ensuring that USAID provides USDA with accurate prepositioned commodity inventory data that USDA can independently verify.	Open

FNS	Food Insecurity: Better Information Could Help Eligible College Students Access Federal Food Assistance Benefits	GAO-19-95	12/21/2018	The Administrator of FNS should make information on their website regarding student SNAP eligibility requirements easier to understand and more accessible, as a resource for colleges and state SNAP agencies. (Recommendation 1)	Open
FNS	Food Insecurity: Better Information Could Help Eligible College Students Access Federal Food Assistance Benefits	GAO-19-95	12/21/2018	The Administrator of FNS should coordinate with its regional offices to collect and review information about existing SNAP flexibilities and examples of approaches state SNAP agencies are taking to assist eligible college students to access SNAP benefits, and share such information with state SNAP agencies. (Recommendation 2)	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Actions Needed to Better Measure and Address Retailer Trafficking	GAO-19-167	12/14/2018	The Administrator of FNS should present the uncertainty around its retailer trafficking estimates in future reports by, for example, including the full range of the estimates in the report body and executive summary. (Recommendation 1)	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Actions Needed to Better Measure and Address Retailer Trafficking	GAO-19-167	12/14/2018	The Administrator of FNS should continue efforts to improve the agency's retailer trafficking estimates by evaluating (1) whether the factors used to identify stores for possible investigation could help address the bias in its sample, and (2) the accuracy of its assumption of the percentage of SNAP benefits that are trafficked by different types of stores. (Recommendation 2)	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Actions Needed to Better Measure and Address Retailer Trafficking	GAO-19-167	12/14/2018	The Administrator of FNS should assess the benefits and costs of reauthorizing a sample of high-risk stores more frequently than other stores, use the assessment to determine the appropriate scope and time frames for reauthorizing high-risk stores moving forward, and document this decision in policy and on its website. (Recommendation 3)	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Actions Needed to Better Measure and Address Retailer Trafficking	GAO-19-167	12/14/2018	The Administrator of FNS should move forward with plans to increase penalties for retailer trafficking. (Recommendation 4)	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Actions Needed to Better Measure and Address Retailer Trafficking	GAO-19-167	12/14/2018	The Administrator of FNS should establish performance measures for its trafficking prevention activities. (Recommendation 5)	Open

FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: More Complete and Accurate Information Needed on Employment and Training Programs	GAO-19-56	11/20/2018	The Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) should identify and disseminate strategies to states and service providers for increasing the participation of SNAP recipients referred to the SNAP E&T program. (Recommendation 1)	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: More Complete and Accurate Information Needed on Employment and Training Programs	GAO-19-56	11/20/2018	The Administrator of FNS should take additional steps to address data reliability issues in the state-reported data on SNAP E&T participant characteristics and outcomes, including steps to address imprecise instructions on data collection forms and staff confusion at the state level. (Recommendation 2)	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: More Complete and Accurate Information Needed on Employment and Training Programs	GAO-19-56	11/20/2018	The Administrator of FNS should determine and communicate to states how the agency will use newly reported outcome and participant characteristics data to assess the effectiveness of state SNAP E&T programs. (Recommendation 3)	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: More Complete and Accurate Information Needed on Employment and Training Programs	GAO-19-56	11/20/2018	The Administrator of FNS should take additional steps to assist states in leveraging available workforce development system resources. Such steps should include ensuring that state SNAP E&T plans provide the agency with sufficient information to verify that states have assessed available workforce development system providers. (Recommendation 4)	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Disseminating Information on Successful Use of Data Analytics Could Help States Manage Fraud Risks	GAO-19-115	10/2/2018	Building on ongoing efforts, the Administrator of FNS should develop and implement additional methods to widely distribute information to state agencies on an ongoing basis about successful efforts to adopt data analytics and strategies to leverage existing data, technology, and staff resources to enhance data analytics. (Recommendation 1)	Open
FNS	Summer Meals: Actions Needed to Improve Participation Estimates and Address Program Challenges	GAO-18-369	5/31/2018	The Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) should improve its estimate of children's participation in the SFSP by focusing on addressing, at a minimum, data reliability issues caused by variations in the number of operating days of meal sites and in the months in which states see the greatest number of meals served. (Recommendation 1)	Open

FNS	Summer Meals: Actions Needed to Improve Participation Estimates and Address Program Challenges	GAO-18-369	5/31/2018	The Administrator of FNS should communicate to all SFSP stakeholders the circumstances it considers in approving requests for flexibility with respect to the requirement that children consume SFSP meals on-site in areas that have experienced crime and violence, taking into account the feasibility of accessing data needed for approval, to ensure safe delivery of meals to children. (Recommendation 2)	Open
FNS	Summer Meals: Actions Needed to Improve Participation Estimates and Address Program Challenges	GAO-18-369	5/31/2018	The Administrator of FNS should evaluate and annually report to Congress, as required by statute, on its use of waivers and demonstration projects to grant states and sponsors flexibility with respect to the requirement that children consume SFSP meals on-site in areas experiencing crime or violence, to improve its understanding of the use and impact of granting these flexibilities on meeting program goals. (Recommendation 3)	Open
FNS	Summer Meals: Actions Needed to Improve Participation Estimates and Address Program Challenges	GAO-18-369	5/31/2018	The Administrator of FNS should disseminate information about existing flexibilities available to state agencies to streamline administrative requirements for sponsors participating in the SFSP and other child nutrition programs to help lessen the administrative burden. For example, FNS could re-distribute existing guidance to state agencies that explains available flexibilities and encourage information sharing. (Recommendation 4)	Open
FNS	Single Audits: Improvements Needed in Selected Agencies' Oversight of Federal Awards	GAO-17-159	2/16/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services to design policies and procedures to reasonably assure that all award recipients required to submit single audit reports do so in accordance with OMB guidance.	Open
FNS	Single Audits: Improvements Needed in Selected Agencies' Oversight of Federal Awards	GAO-17-159	2/16/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services to revise policies and procedures to reasonably assure that management decisions contain the required elements and are issued timely in accordance with OMB guidance.	Open

FNS	Single Audits: Improvements Needed in Selected Agencies' Oversight of Federal Awards	GAO-17-159	2/16/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services to design and implement policies and procedures for identifying and managing high-risk and recurring single audit findings using a risk-based approach.	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: More Information on Promising Practices Could Enhance States' Use of Data Matching for Eligibility	GAO-17-111	10/19/2016	The Secretary of Agriculture should take additional steps to collect and disseminate information on promising practices that could help improve data matching processes among state SNAP agencies, including broad and timely dissemination of information on results of recent relevant pilots or demonstrations.	Open
FNS	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: More Information on Promising Practices Could Enhance States' Use of Data Matching for Eligibility	GAO-17-111	10/19/2016	The Secretary of Agriculture should work with the Department of Health and Human Services (as appropriate) to analyze spending and understand data needs for SNAP across federal and state contracts and in relation to other programs as FNS explores ways to potentially reduce the costs of using commercial data services.	Open
FNS	Improper Payments: CFO Act Agencies Need to Improve Efforts to Address Compliance Issues	GAO-16-554	6/30/2016	To help fulfill the IPERA and OMB requirements to submit proposals to Congress when agencies reach 3 or more consecutive years of noncompliance with IPERA criteria, the Secretary of Agriculture or a designee should submit a letter to Congress detailing proposals for reauthorization or statutory changes in response to 3 consecutive years of noncompliance as of fiscal year 2014 for its (1) Child and Adult Care Food Program; (2) School Breakfast Program; (3) National School Lunch Program; and (4) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. To the extent that reauthorization or statutory changes are not considered necessary to bring a program into compliance, the Secretary or designee should state so in the letter.	Open

FNS	Nutrition Assistance: Additional Guidance Could Assist States in Reducing Risk of Online Sale of Infant Formula	GAO-15-94	12/11/2014	To better ensure that WIC participants are aware of the prohibition against selling WIC formula, and to assist states' efforts to prevent and address online formula sales, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of FNS to require state agencies to articulate their procedures for identifying attempted sales of WIC food benefits in their WIC state plans and analyze the information to ascertain the national extent of state efforts.	Open
FNS	Nutrition Assistance: Additional Guidance Could Assist States in Reducing Risk of Online Sale of Infant Formula	GAO-15-94	12/11/2014	To better ensure that WIC participants are aware of the prohibition against selling WIC formula, and to assist states' efforts to prevent and address online formula sales, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of FNS to collect information to help assess the national extent of attempted online sales of WIC formula benefits and determine cost-effective techniques states can use to monitor online classified advertisements.	Open
Forest Service	Federal Timber Sales: Forest Service and BLM Should Review Their Regulations and Policies Related to Timber Export and Substitution	GAO-18-593	8/15/2018	The Chief of the Forest Service should determine whether new regulations governing timber export and substitution are appropriate. If the agency determines new regulations are appropriate, it should issue them in accordance with the 1997 act, in consultation with BLM. Otherwise, the agency should seek legislative relief from the act's requirement. (Recommendation 1)	Open
Forest Service	Federal Timber Sales: Forest Service and BLM Should Review Their Regulations and Policies Related to Timber Export and Substitution	GAO-18-593	8/15/2018	The Chief of the Forest Service should review agency policies for continued relevance and effectiveness in addressing the risk of illegal timber export and substitution, and based on that review--and in accordance with applicable regulations--should issue new policies as necessary. (Recommendation 3)	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should (1) revise its process and (2) design, document, and implement related control activities to reasonably assure that amounts designated in appropriations acts for specific purposes are properly used for the purposes specifically designated. (Recommendation 1)	Open

Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should (1) develop a process and (2) design, document, and implement related control activities to reasonably assure that unobligated no-year funds from prior years are reviewed for continuing need. (Recommendation 2)	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should (1) design, document, and implement a comprehensive system for administrative control of funds and (2) submit it for review and approval by USDA before issuance, as required by the <i>USDA Budget Manual</i>. (Recommendation 3)	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should design, document, and implement control activities over the preparation and approval of a fire suppression fund transfers strategy, to specify all appropriate factors to be considered in developing and documenting the strategy, and incorporate these control activities into the Directive System. (Recommendation 4)	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should design, document, and implement processes and related control activities for its fire incident cooperative agreements to reasonably assure efficient and effective operations and timely and reliable reporting of reimbursable receivables related to fire incident cooperative agreements, and incorporate them in the Directive System. (Recommendation 5)	Open

Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should update the reimbursable and advanced collection agreement (RACA) manuals and handbooks to adequately describe the processes and related control activities applicable to RACAs to reasonably assure that staff will know (1) how and when to perform processes and control activities and (2) how to document their performance. (Recommendation 6)	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should design, document, and implement segregation of duties or mitigating control activities over reimbursable agreements and any adjustments affecting the final disposition of related receivables. (Recommendation 7)	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should modify, document, and implement control activities consistent with USDA and Forest Service policy to reasonably assure that unliquidated obligations are reviewed timely and appropriate actions are taken. (Recommendation 8)	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should adequately describe the processes and related control activities for unliquidated obligations review and certification processes in manuals and handbooks within the Directive System. (Recommendation 9)	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should develop, document, and implement a process and related control activities to reasonably assure that manuals and handbooks for allotments, reimbursable agreements, and review of unliquidated obligations are reviewed and updated every 5 years, consistent with Forest Service policy. (Recommendation 10)	Open

Forest Service	Forest Service: Improvements Needed in Internal Controls over Budget Execution Processes	GAO-18-56	1/31/2018	To improve internal controls over the Forest Service's budget execution processes, the Chief of the Forest Service should develop, document, and implement a process and related control activities to reasonably assure that standard operating procedures and desk guides (1) clearly refer to guidance in the Directive System for allotments, reimbursable agreements, and review of unliquidated obligations and (2) are reviewed and approved by responsible officials prior to use. (Recommendation 11)	Open
Forest Service	Wildland Fire Risk Reduction: Multiple Factors Affect Federal-Nonfederal Collaboration, but Action Could Be Taken to Better Measure Progress	GAO-17-357	5/10/2017	To help determine the extent to which the goals of the Cohesive Strategy are being met, the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior should direct the Chief of the Forest Service and the Director of the Office of Wildland Fire, respectively, to work with WFLC to develop measures to assess national progress toward achieving the strategy's goals.	Open
Forest Service	Unauthorized Grazing: Actions Needed to Improve Tracking and Deterrence Efforts	GAO-16-559	7/7/2016	To improve the effectiveness of the Forest Service's efforts to track and deter unauthorized grazing, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Forest Service to amend the regulations on range management--36 C.F.R. pt. 222--to provide for nonmonetary settlement when the unauthorized or excess grazing is non-willful and incidental, or follow the existing regulations by determining and charging a grazing use penalty for all unauthorized and excess use when it is identified as provided by 36 C.F.R. 222.50(a) and (h).	Open
Forest Service	Unauthorized Grazing: Actions Needed to Improve Tracking and Deterrence Efforts	GAO-16-559	7/7/2016	To improve the effectiveness of the Forest Service's efforts to track and deter unauthorized grazing, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Forest Service to record all incidents of unauthorized grazing, including those resolved informally.	Open
Forest Service	Unauthorized Grazing: Actions Needed to Improve Tracking and Deterrence Efforts	GAO-16-559	7/7/2016	To improve the effectiveness of the Forest Service's efforts to track and deter unauthorized grazing, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Forest Service to adopt an unauthorized grazing penalty structure that is based, similar to BLM's, on the current commercial value of forage.	Open

Forest Service	Hardrock Mining: BLM and Forest Service Have Taken Some Actions to Expedite the Mine Plan Review Process but Could Do More	GAO-16-165	1/21/2016	To ensure effective oversight, strengthen internal controls, and address challenges associated with the hardrock mine plan review process, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Forest Service to take actions to improve the quality of mine plan submissions by, for example, developing guidance for mine operators and agency field officials that instructs them to hold pre-plan submittal meetings whenever possible.	Open
Forest Service	Hardrock Mining: BLM and Forest Service Have Taken Some Actions to Expedite the Mine Plan Review Process but Could Do More	GAO-16-165	1/21/2016	To ensure effective oversight, strengthen internal controls, and address challenges associated with the hardrock mine plan review process, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Forest Service to issue a rule that establishes a fee structure for hardrock mine plan processing activities and request the authority from the Congress to retain any fees it collects.	Open
Forest Service	Managing for Results: Selected Agencies Need to Take Additional Efforts to Improve Customer Service	GAO-15-84	10/24/2014	Recognizing that moving toward a more customer-oriented culture within federal agencies is likely to be a continuous effort, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, to improve Forest Service's customer service standards and feedback review, to: (1) ensure standards include performance targets or goals, (2) ensure standards include performance measures, (3) ensure standards are easily publicly available, (4) develop a feedback mechanism to collect comments agency-wide, which should include guidance or criteria to elevate customer feedback from local and regional offices to identify the need for and to make service improvements.	Open

Forest Service	Wildland Fire Management: Improvements Needed in Information, Collaboration, and Planning to Enhance Federal Fire Aviation Program Success	GAO-13-684	8/20/2013	To help the agencies enhance their abilities to identify their firefighting aircraft needs and better ensure they obtain aircraft that meet those needs, the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior should direct the Chief of the Forest Service and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Safety, Resource Protection, and Emergency Services, respectively, to, subsequent to the completion of the first two recommendations, update the agencies' strategy documents for providing a national firefighting aircraft fleet to include analysis based on information on aircraft performance and effectiveness and to reflect input from stakeholders throughout the fire aviation community.	Open
Forest Service	Forest Service Trails: Long- and Short-Term Improvements Could Reduce Maintenance Backlog and Enhance System Sustainability	GAO-13-618	6/27/2013	To enhance the overall sustainability of the Forest Service's trail system, consistent with the vision articulated in A Framework for Sustainable Recreation, and to reduce the trail maintenance backlog, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Forest Service to take several actions to improve the agency's trail maintenance approach in both the short and long terms. To improve the agency's ability to keep up with its maintenance goals in the short term and reduce its maintenance backlog, the agency should, recognizing the importance of volunteers for trail maintenance, take steps to improve management of volunteers, including by ensuring that collaboration with and management of volunteers are clear expectations of trails staff and offering relevant training.	Open
FSA	Farm Programs: Additional Steps Needed to Help Prevent Payments to Participants Whose Incomes Exceed Limits	GAO-13-741	8/29/2013	To further improve agency controls that help prevent payments to participants whose incomes exceed eligibility limits, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of FSA to implement a process to verify that accountants' and attorneys' statements accurately reflect participants' incomes as reported on income tax returns and supporting documentation or other equivalent documents.	Open

FSIS	Food Safety: USDA Should Take Further Action to Reduce Pathogens in Meat and Poultry Products	GAO-18-272	3/19/2018	The Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) should document the agency's process for deciding which products to consider for new pathogen standards, including the basis on which such decisions should be made. (Recommendation 1).	Open
FSIS	Food Safety: USDA Should Take Further Action to Reduce Pathogens in Meat and Poultry Products	GAO-18-272	3/19/2018	The Administrator of FSIS should set time frames for determining what pathogen standards or additional policies are needed to address pathogens in beef carcasses, ground beef, pork cuts, and ground pork. (Recommendation 2).	Open
FSIS	Food Safety: USDA Should Take Further Action to Reduce Pathogens in Meat and Poultry Products	GAO-18-272	3/19/2018	The Administrator of FSIS should include available information on the effectiveness of on-farm practices to reduce the level of pathogens as it finalizes its guidelines for controlling Salmonella in hogs. (Recommendation 3).	Open
FSIS	Food Safety: Federal Efforts to Manage the Risk of Arsenic in Rice	GAO-18-199	3/16/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should work with FDA to develop a mechanism to coordinate the development of methods to detect contaminants in food, including arsenic in rice. (Recommendation 5)	Open
FSIS	Workplace Safety and Health: Better Outreach, Collaboration, and Information Needed to Help Protect Workers at Meat and Poultry Plants	GAO-18-12	11/9/2017	The FSIS Administrator should work with OSHA to assess the implementation of the MOU and make any needed changes to ensure improved collaboration; and set specific timeframes for periodic evaluations of the MOU. (Recommendation 5)	Open
FSIS	Workplace Safety and Health: Better Outreach, Collaboration, and Information Needed to Help Protect Workers at Meat and Poultry Plants	GAO-18-12	11/9/2017	The FSIS Administrator should develop a process to regularly share the worker safety information it collects during its review of new chemicals with FSIS inspectors, plant management, OSHA, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). (Recommendation 6)	Open
FSIS	Imported Seafood Safety: FDA and USDA Could Strengthen Efforts to Prevent Unsafe Drug Residues	GAO-17-443	9/15/2017	The Administrator of FSIS should ensure that agency staff doing an on-site audit in another country for an equivalence determination visit at least a sample of farms whose catfish are exported to the United States to determine the conditions under which the catfish are being raised, including the drugs being used. (Recommendation 2)	Open

FSIS	Imported Seafood Safety: FDA and USDA Could Strengthen Efforts to Prevent Unsafe Drug Residues	GAO-17-443	9/15/2017	The Administrator of FSIS should require as part of an equivalence determination that countries exporting catfish to the United States include in their residue monitoring plans the drugs of concern to FSIS and the corresponding maximum residue levels. (Recommendation 3)	Open
FSIS	Imported Seafood Safety: FDA and USDA Could Strengthen Efforts to Prevent Unsafe Drug Residues	GAO-17-443	9/15/2017	The Administrator of FSIS should coordinate and communicate with FDA in developing drug residue testing methods and corresponding maximum residue levels for imported catfish that may also be applicable to other imported seafood. (Recommendation 5)	Open
FSIS	Federal Food Safety Oversight: Additional Actions Needed to Improve Planning and Collaboration	GAO-15-180	12/18/2014	To help ensure that their food safety goals are complementary and strategies are mutually reinforcing, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services should continue to build upon their efforts to implement GPRAMA requirements to address crosscutting food safety efforts, including by more fully describing in their strategic and performance planning documents how they are working with other agencies to achieve their food safety-related goals and objectives.	Open
FSIS	Food Safety: FDA and USDA Should Strengthen Pesticide Residue Monitoring Programs and Further Disclose Monitoring Limitations	GAO-15-38	10/7/2014	To better inform the public about the frequency and scope of pesticide tolerance violations, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the FSIS Administrator to disclose in the agency's annual pesticide monitoring program report which pesticides with EPA-established tolerances the agency did not test for in its National Residue Program and the potential effect of not testing for those pesticides.	Open
FSIS	Food Safety: FDA and USDA Should Strengthen Pesticide Residue Monitoring Programs and Further Disclose Monitoring Limitations	GAO-15-38	10/7/2014	To better meet federal standards and best practices for statistical surveys, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the AMS Administrator to provide better documentation of the survey methods used in its Pesticide Data Program in the program's annual reports by providing more complete information on the sampling methodology the agency uses, such as how it identifies and selects states, food distribution centers, and commodities for pesticide residue testing, and include measures of sampling error for reported estimates.	Open

FSIS	Food Safety: FDA and USDA Should Strengthen Pesticide Residue Monitoring Programs and Further Disclose Monitoring Limitations	GAO-15-38	10/7/2014	To better meet federal standards and best practices for statistical surveys, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the AMS Administrator to provide better documentation of the survey methods used in its Pesticide Data Program in the program's annual reports by reporting on the extent to which its survey covers commodities in the U.S. food supply and any limitations associated with its survey methodology.	Open
FSIS	Food Safety: FDA and USDA Should Strengthen Pesticide Residue Monitoring Programs and Further Disclose Monitoring Limitations	GAO-15-38	10/7/2014	To better meet federal standards and best practices for statistical surveys, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the AMS Administrator to provide better documentation of the survey methods used in its Pesticide Data Program in the program's annual reports by describing methods users should employ to analyze the data, including obtaining margins of error for making generalizable estimates of pesticide residues in commodities.	Open
NRCS	Agricultural Conservation: USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program Could Be Improved to Optimize Benefits	GAO-17-225	4/13/2017	To help achieve EQIP's purpose of optimizing environmental benefits, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to direct EQIP program managers to coordinate with the leaders of USDA's CEAP to help ensure that CEAP studies consider the practical limitations and trade-offs faced by program managers and to provide program managers with better information to target EQIP funds where they will optimize environmental benefits.	Open
NRCS	Agricultural Conservation: USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program Could Be Improved to Optimize Benefits	GAO-17-225	4/13/2017	To help achieve EQIP's purpose of optimizing environmental benefits, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to revise guidance on state offices' EQIP allocation processes, stipulating that data on environmental concerns, where available, should be a primary factor influencing allocations within states.	Open

NRCS	Agricultural Conservation: USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program Could Be Improved to Optimize Benefits	GAO-17-225	4/13/2017	To help achieve EQIP's purpose of optimizing environmental benefits, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to establish a review process at the regional level for review and concurrence of EQIP payment rates above a threshold (e.g., rates greater than 50 percent, with justification).	Open
NRCS	Agricultural Conservation: USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program Could Be Improved to Optimize Benefits	GAO-17-225	4/13/2017	To help achieve EQIP's purpose of optimizing environmental benefits, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to modify guidance and ranking tools so that they more accurately value an EQIP application's anticipated environmental benefits relative to estimated costs.	Open
NRCS	Bee Health: USDA and EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Address Threats to Bee Populations	GAO-16-220	2/10/2016	To improve the effectiveness of federal efforts to monitor wild, native bee populations, the Secretary of Agriculture, as a co-chair of the White House Pollinator Health Task Force, should coordinate with other Task Force agencies that have monitoring responsibilities to develop a mechanism, such as a federal monitoring plan, that would (1) establish roles and responsibilities of lead and support agencies, (2) establish shared outcomes and goals, and (3) obtain input from relevant stakeholders, such as states.	Open
NRCS	Bee Health: USDA and EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Address Threats to Bee Populations	GAO-16-220	2/10/2016	To better ensure the effectiveness of USDA's bee habitat conservation efforts, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrators of FSA and NRCS to, within available resources, increase evaluation of the effectiveness of their efforts to restore and enhance bee habitat plantings across the nation, including identifying gaps in expertise and technical assistance funding available to field offices.	Open
NRCS	Bee Health: USDA and EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Address Threats to Bee Populations	GAO-16-220	2/10/2016	To measure their contribution to the White House Pollinator Health Task Force strategy's goal to restore and enhance 7 million acres of pollinator habitat, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrators of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop an improved method, within available resources, to track conservation program acres that contribute to the goal.	Open

OBPA	Managing for Results: Agencies Need to Fully Identify and Report Major Management Challenges and Actions to Resolve them in their Agency Performance Plans	GAO-16-510	6/15/2016	To improve the public reporting of major management challenges and to ensure performance information is useful, transparent, and complete, the Secretary of Agriculture should describe the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) major management challenges and include performance goals, performance measures, milestones and an agency official responsible for resolving each of its major management challenges as part of USDA's agency performance plan.	Open
OBPA	Managing for Results: Greater Transparency Needed in Public Reporting on the Quality of Performance Information for Selected Agencies' Priority Goals	GAO-15-788	9/10/2015	To improve the public reporting about how agencies are ensuring the quality of performance information used to measure progress towards their priority goals, the Secretaries of Agriculture, Defense, Homeland Security, Interior, and Labor, and the Administrator of NASA should more fully address GPRAMA requirements and OMB guidance by working with OMB to describe on Performance.gov how they are ensuring the quality of performance information used to measure progress towards their APGs.	Open
OBPA	Managing for Results: Greater Transparency Needed in Public Reporting on the Quality of Performance Information for Selected Agencies' Priority Goals	GAO-15-788	9/10/2015	To improve the public reporting about how agencies are ensuring the quality of performance information used to measure progress towards their priority goals, the Secretaries of Agriculture, Defense, Interior, and Labor, and the Administrator of NASA should more fully address GPRAMA requirements and OMB guidance by describing in their agencies' annual performance plans and reports how they are ensuring the quality of performance information used to measure progress towards their APGs.	Open
OCFO	Grants Workforce: Actions Needed to Ensure Staff Have Skills to Administer and Oversee Federal Grants	GAO-18-491	9/20/2018	The Secretary of USDA should establish a process to monitor and evaluate USDA's grants training at the central office level. This process should include (1) a method for identifying all employees working on grants across the agency, and (2) oversight procedures to evaluate the sufficiency of sub-agencies' grant-training efforts including the incorporation of leading practices related to assessing competencies, training approaches, accountability, and training results. (Recommendation 4)	Open

OCIO	Cybersecurity Workforce: Agencies Need to Accurately Categorize Positions to Effectively Identify Critical Staffing Needs	GAO-19-144	3/12/2019	To complete the appropriate assignment of codes to their positions performing IT, cybersecurity, or cyber-related functions, in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Cybersecurity Workforce Assessment Act of 2015, the Secretary of Agriculture should take steps to review the assignment of the "000" code to any positions in the department in the 2210 IT management occupational series and assign the appropriate National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) framework work role codes. (Recommendation 1)	Open
OCIO	Department of Agriculture: Analysis of Selected Data Centers Did Not Follow Federal Guidance and Leading Practices	GAO-19-146R	12/19/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should amend its analysis of selected data centers to address key elements of a cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis as defined by OMB Circular A-94 and relevant agency guidance. (Recommendation 1)	Open
OCIO	Department of Agriculture: Analysis of Selected Data Centers Did Not Follow Federal Guidance and Leading Practices	GAO-19-146R	12/19/2018	When amending its analysis of the selected data centers, the Secretary of Agriculture should report on the assessment of each facility's protective measures, as outlined by the Interagency Security Committee guidance. (Recommendation 2)	Open
OCIO	Department of Agriculture: Analysis of Selected Data Centers Did Not Follow Federal Guidance and Leading Practices	GAO-19-146R	12/19/2018	When amending its analysis of the selected data centers, the Secretary of Agriculture should report on an analysis of the information security controls for each data center, in order to evaluate the data center's information security capabilities. (Recommendation 3)	Open
OCIO	Department of Agriculture: Analysis of Selected Data Centers Did Not Follow Federal Guidance and Leading Practices	GAO-19-146R	12/19/2018	When amending its analysis of the selected data centers, the Secretary of Agriculture should report on each data center's demonstrated history of restoring continuity of operation functions in the event of a service disruption. (Recommendation 4)	Open
OCIO	Federal Chief Information Officers: Critical Actions Needed to Address Shortcomings and Challenges in Implementing Responsibilities	GAO-18-93	8/2/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that the department's IT management policies address the role of the CIO for key responsibilities in the six areas we identified. (Recommendation 4)	Open

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OCIO	Paperwork Reduction Act: Agencies Could Better Leverage Review Processes and Public Outreach to Improve Burden Estimates	GAO-18-381	7/11/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should review the policies, procedures, and related control activities to ensure that the agency's Paperwork Reduction Act review process is operating effectively. (Recommendation 3)	Open
OCIO	Paperwork Reduction Act: Agencies Could Better Leverage Review Processes and Public Outreach to Improve Burden Estimates	GAO-18-381	7/11/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should leverage existing consultation with stakeholders and the public to explicitly seek input on the burden imposed by information collections. (Recommendation 4)	Open
OCIO	Critical Infrastructure Protection: Additional Actions Are Essential for Assessing Cybersecurity Framework Adoption	GAO-18-211	2/15/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, should take steps to consult with respective sector partner(s), such as the sector coordinating council (SCC), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and NIST, as appropriate, to develop methods for determining the level and type of framework adoption by entities across their respective sector. (Recommendation 1)	Open
OCIO	Information Technology: Agencies Need to Involve Chief Information Officers in Reviewing Billions of Dollars in Acquisitions	GAO-18-42	1/10/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the CAO and CIO to issue specific guidance to ensure IT-related acquisitions are properly identified. (Recommendation 2)	Open
OCIO	Information Technology: Agencies Need to Involve Chief Information Officers in Reviewing Billions of Dollars in Acquisitions	GAO-18-42	1/10/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that IT acquisition plans or strategies are reviewed and approved according to OMB's guidance. (Recommendation 3)	Open
OCIO	Information Technology Reform: Agencies Need to Improve Certification of Incremental Development	GAO-18-148	11/7/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that the CIO of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports major IT investment information related to incremental development accurately in accordance with OMB guidance. (Recommendation 2)	Open

OCIO	Information Technology Reform: Agencies Need to Improve Certification of Incremental Development	GAO-18- 148	11/7/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that the CIO of USDA establishes an agency-wide policy and process for the CIO's certification of major IT investments' adequate use of incremental development, in accordance with OMB's guidance on the implementation of FITARA, and confirm that it includes: a description of the CIO's role in the certification process; a description of how CIO certification will be documented; and a definition of incremental development and time frames for delivering functionality, consistent with OMB guidance. (Recommendation 9)	Open
OCIO	Telecommunications: Agencies Need to Apply Transition Planning Practices to Reduce Potential Delays and Added Costs	GAO-17- 464	9/21/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that the Department's Chief Information Officer verifies the completeness of its inventory of current telecommunications assets and services and establishes a process for ongoing maintenance of the inventory. (Recommendation 2)	Open
OCIO	Telecommunications: Agencies Need to Apply Transition Planning Practices to Reduce Potential Delays and Added Costs	GAO-17- 464	9/21/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that the Department's Chief Information Officer completes efforts to identify future telecommunications needs and areas for optimization, identifies the costs and benefits of new technology, and aligns USDA's approach with its long-term plans. (Recommendation 3)	Open
OCIO	Telecommunications: Agencies Need to Apply Transition Planning Practices to Reduce Potential Delays and Added Costs	GAO-17- 464	9/21/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that the Department's Chief Information Officer identifies transition-related roles and responsibilities related to the management of assets, human capital, and information security, and legal expertise; develops a transition communications plan; and uses configuration and change-management processes in USDA's transition. (Recommendation 4)	Open
OCIO	Telecommunications: Agencies Need to Apply Transition Planning Practices to Reduce Potential Delays and Added Costs	GAO-17- 464	9/21/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that the Department's Chief Information Officer documents the costs and benefits of transition investments, identifies staff resources needed for the remainder of the transition, and analyzes training needs for staff assisting with the transition. (Recommendation 5)	Open

OCIO	Telecommunications: Agencies Need to Apply Transition Planning Practices to Reduce Potential Delays and Added Costs	GAO-17-464	9/21/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should ensure that the Department's Chief Information Officer demonstrates that the Department's transition goals and measures align with its mission, identifies transition risks related to critical systems and continuity of operations, and identifies mission-critical priorities in USDA's transition timeline. (Recommendation 6)	Open
OCIO	Data Center Optimization: Agencies Need to Address Challenges and Improve Progress to Achieve Cost Savings Goal	GAO-17-448	8/15/2017	The Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, Energy, HHS, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and VA; the Attorney General of the United States; the Administrators of EPA, GSA, and SBA; the Director of OPM; and the Chairman of NRC should take action to, within existing OMB reporting mechanisms, complete plans describing how the agency will achieve OMB's requirement to implement automated monitoring tools at all agency-owned data centers by the end of fiscal year 2018.	Open
OCIO	Information Technology: Federal Agencies Need to Address Aging Legacy Systems	GAO-16-468	5/25/2016	To address obsolete IT investments in need of modernization or replacement, the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, State, the Treasury, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; the Attorney General; and the Commissioner of Social Security should direct their respective agency CIOs to identify and plan to modernize or replace legacy systems as needed and consistent with OMB's draft guidance, including time frames, activities to be performed, and functions to be replaced or enhanced.	Open

OCIO	Data Center Consolidation: Agencies Making Progress, but Planned Savings Goals Need to Be Established [Reissued on March 4, 2016]	GAO-16-323	3/3/2016	The Secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, the Treasury, and Veterans Affairs; the Attorney General of the United States; the Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency, General Services Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and U.S. Agency for International Development; the Director of the Office of Personnel Management; the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration should take action to improve progress in the data center optimization areas that we reported as not meeting OMB's established targets, including addressing any identified challenges.	Open
OCIO	Critical Infrastructure Protection: Sector-Specific Agencies Need to Better Measure Cybersecurity Progress	GAO-16-79	11/19/2015	To better monitor and provide a basis for improving the effectiveness of cybersecurity risk mitigation activities, informed by the sectors' updated plans and in collaboration with sector stakeholders, the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services (as co-SSAs) should direct responsible officials to develop performance metrics to provide data and determine how to overcome challenges to monitoring the food and agriculture sector's cybersecurity progress.	Open
OCIO	Information Technology Reform: Billions of Dollars in Savings Have Been Realized, but Agencies Need to Complete Reinvestment Plans	GAO-15-617	9/15/2015	To improve the department's IT savings reinvestment plans, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the CIO to ensure that the department's integrated data collection submission to OMB includes, for all reported initiatives, complete plans to reinvest any resulting cost savings and avoidances from OMB-directed IT reform-related efforts.	Open
OCIO	Computer Matching Act: OMB and Selected Agencies Need to Ensure Consistent Implementation	GAO-14-44	1/13/2014	To improve the implementation of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture should develop and implement policies and procedures for cost-benefit analyses related to computer matching agreements to include key elements such as personnel and computer costs, as well as avoidance of future improper payments and recovery of improper payments and debts.	Open

OCIO	Information Technology: Additional OMB and Agency Actions Are Needed to Achieve Portfolio Savings	GAO-14-65	11/6/2013	To improve the department's implementation of PortfolioStat, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the CIO to develop a complete commodity IT baseline.	Open
OCIO	Information Technology: Additional OMB and Agency Actions Are Needed to Achieve Portfolio Savings	GAO-14-65	11/6/2013	To improve the department's implementation of PortfolioStat, as the department finalizes and matures its valuation methodology, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the CIO to utilize this process to identify whether there are additional opportunities to reduce duplicative, low-value, or wasteful investments.	Open
OCIO	Information Technology: Additional OMB and Agency Actions Are Needed to Achieve Portfolio Savings	GAO-14-65	11/6/2013	To improve the department's implementation of PortfolioStat, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the CIO to develop support for the estimated savings for fiscal years 2013 through 2015 for the Cellular Phone Contract Consolidation, IT Infrastructure Consolidation/Enterprise Data Center Consolidation, and Geospatial Consolidation initiatives.	Open
OCIO	Organizational Transformation: Enterprise Architecture Value Needs to Be Measured and Reported	GAO-12-791	9/26/2012	To enhance federal agencies' ability to realize enterprise architecture benefits, the Secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture, the Air Force, the Army, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Homeland Security, the Interior, Labor, the Navy, State, Transportation, the Treasury, and Veterans Affairs; the Attorney General; the Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency, General Services Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Small Business Administration; the Commissioners of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Social Security Administration; and the Directors of the National Science Foundation and the Office of Personnel Management should fully establish an approach for measuring enterprise architecture outcomes, including a documented method (i.e., steps to be followed) and metrics that are measurable, meaningful, repeatable, consistent, actionable, and aligned with the agency's enterprise architecture's strategic goals and intended purpose.	Open

OCIO	Organizational Transformation: Enterprise Architecture Value Needs to Be Measured and Reported	GAO-12- 791	9/26/2012	To enhance federal agencies' ability to realize enterprise architecture benefits, the Secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture, the Air Force, the Army, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Homeland Security, the Interior, Labor, the Navy, State, Transportation, the Treasury, and Veterans Affairs; the Attorney General; the Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency, General Services Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Small Business Administration; the Commissioners of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Social Security Administration; and the Directors of the National Science Foundation and the Office of Personnel Management should periodically measure and report enterprise architecture outcomes and benefits to top agency officials (i.e., executives with authority to commit resources or make changes to the program) and to OMB.	Open
OCR	U.S. Department of Agriculture: Recommendations and Options to Address Management Deficiencies in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights	GAO-09-62	10/22/2008	To improve USDA efforts to address civil rights issues and the participation of minority farmers and ranchers in USDA programs, the Secretary of Agriculture should prepare and implement an improvement plan for resolving discrimination complaints that sets time frame goals and provides management controls for resolving complaints from beginning to end.	Open
OCR	U.S. Department of Agriculture: Recommendations and Options to Address Management Deficiencies in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights	GAO-09-62	10/22/2008	To improve USDA efforts to address civil rights issues and the participation of minority farmers and ranchers in USDA programs, the Secretary of Agriculture should develop and implement a plan to ensure the accuracy, completeness and reliability of ASCR's databases on customer and employee complaints, and that provides for independent validation of ASCR's data quality.	Open

OCR	U.S. Department of Agriculture: Recommendations and Options to Address Management Deficiencies in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights	GAO-09-62	10/22/2008	To improve USDA efforts to address civil rights issues and the participation of minority farmers and ranchers in USDA programs, the Secretary of Agriculture should develop a results-oriented department-level strategic plan for civil rights at USDA that unifies USDA's departmental approach with that of ASCR and the newly created Office of Advocacy and Outreach and that is transparent about USDA's efforts to address the concerns of stakeholders.	Open
OCR	Department of Agriculture: Improvements in the Operations of the Civil Rights Program Would Benefit Hispanic and Other Minority Farmers	GAO-02- 942	9/20/2002	To help address problems related to FSA foreclosures, the Secretary of Agriculture should develop and promulgate a policy statement that lays out the factors USDA considers in issuing stays of foreclosure in class action lawsuits.	Open
OCR	Department of Agriculture: Improvements in the Operations of the Civil Rights Program Would Benefit Hispanic and Other Minority Farmers	GAO-02- 942	9/20/2002	To help address problems related to FSA foreclosures, the Secretary of Agriculture should maintain historic information, by race, on foreclosures completed by FSA.	Open
OCR	Department of Agriculture: Improvements in the Operations of the Civil Rights Program Would Benefit Hispanic and Other Minority Farmers	GAO-02- 942	9/20/2002	To help address problems related to FSA foreclosures, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct FSA and OCR to improve communications to ensure that foreclosure actions are not taken against borrowers with pending complaints.	Open
OHS	Federal Facility Security: Selected Agencies Should Improve Methods for Assessing and Monitoring Risk	GAO-18-72	10/26/2017	To improve agencies' physical security programs' alignment with the ISC <i>Risk Management Process for Federal Facilities and Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government</i> for information and monitoring, the Secretary of Agriculture should include data collection and analysis requirements for monitoring the performance of agencies' physical security programs, in the department's revised physical-security manual.	Open

OHS	Federal Facility Security: Selected Agencies Should Improve Methods for Assessing and Monitoring Risk	GAO-18-72	10/26/2017	To improve agencies' physical security programs' alignment with the ISC <i>Risk Management Process for Federal Facilities and Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government</i> for information and monitoring, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service and the Chief of the Forest Service to implement and monitor a long-term assessment schedule with key milestones to ensure that higher-level facilities are reassessed at least once every 3 years.	Open
OSDBU	Small Business Contracting: Actions Needed to Demonstrate and Better Review Compliance with Select Requirements for Small Business Advocates	GAO-17-675	8/25/2017	To address demonstrated noncompliance with section 15(k) of the Small Business Act, as amended, the Secretary of Agriculture should comply with sections 15(k)(2), (k)(15), and (k)(17) or report to Congress on why the agency has not complied, including seeking any statutory flexibilities or exceptions believed appropriate.	Open
RD	Tribal Broadband: Few Partnerships Exist and the Rural Utilities Service Needs to Identify and Address Any Funding Barriers Tribes Face	GAO-18-682	9/28/2018	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of RUS to undertake an assessment to identify any regulatory barriers that may unduly impede efforts by tribes to obtain RUS federal grant funds for broadband deployment on tribal lands and implement any steps necessary to address the identified barriers. (Recommendation 1)	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Better Data Controls, Planning, and Additional Options Could Help Preserve Affordable Rental Units	GAO-18-285	5/17/2018	The RHS Administrator should establish additional controls to check the accuracy of all loan information entered into RHS information technology systems, to help ensure complete, accurate, and reliable data for estimating rural rental housing property exit dates. (Recommendation 1)	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Better Data Controls, Planning, and Additional Options Could Help Preserve Affordable Rental Units	GAO-18-285	5/17/2018	The RHS Administrator should establish a process to help ensure regular and frequent updates for the preservation tool and its underlying data. (Recommendation 2)	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Better Data Controls, Planning, and Additional Options Could Help Preserve Affordable Rental Units	GAO-18-285	5/17/2018	The RHS Administrator should establish performance goals and measures for its rural rental housing preservation and rehabilitation efforts and report out these outcomes. (Recommendation 3)	Open

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RD	Rural Housing Service: Better Data Controls, Planning, and Additional Options Could Help Preserve Affordable Rental Units	GAO-18-285	5/17/2018	The RHS Administrator should monitor the results of rural rental housing preservation efforts and assess the degree to which those efforts yielded intended outcomes. (Recommendation 4)	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Better Data Controls, Planning, and Additional Options Could Help Preserve Affordable Rental Units	GAO-18-285	5/17/2018	The RHS Administrator should identify, analyze, and respond to risks to achieving its preservation goals, including resource and staffing limitations. (Recommendation 5)	Open
RD	Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: Opportunities Exist to Enhance Federal Agency Needs Assessment and Coordination on Tribal Projects	GAO-18-309	5/15/2018	The Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development should implement a scoring factor that awards points for proposed Native American program grant projects that address health risks from a lack of access to safe drinking water and wastewater disposal, as it does with the Colonias grant program. (Recommendation 4)	Open
RD	Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: Opportunities Exist to Enhance Federal Agency Needs Assessment and Coordination on Tribal Projects	GAO-18-309	5/15/2018	The Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development should ensure that all Rural Alaska Village grants are awarded only to recipients authorized by law or seek authority to award grants to municipalities and Alaska Native villages. (Recommendation 5)	Open
RD	Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: Opportunities Exist to Enhance Federal Agency Needs Assessment and Coordination on Tribal Projects	GAO-18-309	5/15/2018	The Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development should amend the Rural Alaska Village Grant program regulations so that they are consistent with USDA's authority. (Recommendation 6)	Open
RD	Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: Opportunities Exist to Enhance Federal Agency Needs Assessment and Coordination on Tribal Projects	GAO-18-309	5/15/2018	The Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, in cooperation with other members of the tribal infrastructure task force, should review the 2011 task force report and identify and implement additional actions to help increase the task force's collaboration at the national level. (Recommendation 9)	Open
RD	Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: Opportunities Exist to Enhance Federal Agency Needs Assessment and Coordination on Tribal Projects	GAO-18-309	5/15/2018	The Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, in cooperation with other members of the tribal infrastructure task force, should direct USDA state offices to identify and pursue additional mechanisms to increase their collaboration. (Recommendation 13)	Open

RD	Older Adult Housing: Future Collaborations on Housing and Health Services Should Include Relevant Agencies and Define Outcomes	GAO-18-232	4/26/2018	The Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development should work with HUD and HHS to define common outcomes and identify opportunities to include USDA in future collaborative efforts on older adult housing and health services. (Recommendation 3)	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Additional Actions Would Help Ensure Reasonableness of Rental Assistance Estimates	GAO-17-725	9/13/2017	The Administrator of RHS should develop and implement a plan for ongoing monitoring, including testing and evaluation, of the obligation tool using relevant data. (Recommendation 1)	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Additional Actions Would Help Ensure Reasonableness of Rental Assistance Estimates	GAO-17-725	9/13/2017	The Administrator of RHS should develop controls to check the reasonableness of rental assistance agreement amounts calculated by the obligation tool. (Recommendation 2)	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Additional Actions Would Help Ensure Reasonableness of Rental Assistance Estimates	GAO-17-725	9/13/2017	The Administrator of RHS should develop controls to ensure that RHS uses the inflation rates from the President's economic assumptions in developing budget estimates. (Recommendation 3)	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Additional Actions Would Help Ensure Reasonableness of Rental Assistance Estimates	GAO-17-725	9/13/2017	The Administrator of RHS should provide guidance to Rural Development state offices that specifies that prior to obligating funds, staff are to review information related to a property's mortgage servicing status. (Recommendation 4)	Open
RD	Rural Broadband Deployment: Improved Consistency with Leading Practices Could Enhance Management of Loan and Grant Programs	GAO-17-301	4/13/2017	To improve RUS's management of the Infrastructure Program, Broadband Program, and Community Connect by more closely following leading practices for broadband loan- and grant-program management, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct RUS to develop and document clear goals and performance measures linked to those goals, for each program.	Open
RD	Rural Broadband Deployment: Improved Consistency with Leading Practices Could Enhance Management of Loan and Grant Programs	GAO-17-301	4/13/2017	To improve RUS's management of the Infrastructure Program, Broadband Program, and Community Connect by more closely following leading practices for broadband loan- and grant-program management, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct RUS to establish and implement procedures to conduct a risk assessment of each program, including an examination of risk at both the programmatic and portfolio level for each program.	Open

RD	Rural Broadband Deployment: Improved Consistency with Leading Practices Could Enhance Management of Loan and Grant Programs	GAO-17-301	4/13/2017	To improve RUS's management of the Infrastructure Program, Broadband Program, and Community Connect by more closely following leading practices for broadband loan- and grant-program management, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct RUS to establish and implement procedures to conduct periodic evaluations of completed grant projects to determine the outcomes associated with these projects, and analyze the information gained to assess if any programmatic changes are needed to improve the Community Connect program.	Open
RD	Rural Broadband Deployment: Improved Consistency with Leading Practices Could Enhance Management of Loan and Grant Programs	GAO-17-301	4/13/2017	To improve RUS's management of the Infrastructure Program, Broadband Program, and Community Connect by more closely following leading practices for broadband loan- and grant-program management, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct RUS to establish a timeline for implementing a centralized internal system for staff to obtain relevant and timely program data for use in managing and monitoring loans and grant awards.	Open
RD	Rural Broadband Deployment: Improved Consistency with Leading Practices Could Enhance Management of Loan and Grant Programs	GAO-17-301	4/13/2017	To improve RUS's management of the Infrastructure Program, Broadband Program, and Community Connect by more closely following leading practices for broadband loan- and grant-program management, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct RUS to develop, update, and maintain complete written policies and procedures for RUS's programs as a way to retain and communicate organizational knowledge internally among agency staff. RUS should determine the critical documentation that should be created or updated, including considering documentation such as loan-application review guidance and employee manuals for each of the three programs.	Open
RD	Single Audits: Improvements Needed in Selected Agencies' Oversight of Federal Awards	GAO-17-159	2/16/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Under Secretary for Rural Development to design policies and procedures to reasonably assure that all award recipients required to submit single audit reports do so in accordance with OMB guidance.	Open

RD	Single Audits: Improvements Needed in Selected Agencies' Oversight of Federal Awards	GAO-17-159	2/16/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Under Secretary for Rural Development to revise policies and procedures to reasonably assure that management decisions contain the required elements and are issued timely in accordance with OMB guidance.	Open
RD	Single Audits: Improvements Needed in Selected Agencies' Oversight of Federal Awards	GAO-17-159	2/16/2017	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Under Secretary for Rural Development to design and implement policies and procedures for identifying and managing high-risk and recurring single audit findings using a risk-based approach.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Actions Needed to Strengthen Management of the Single Family Mortgage Guarantee Program	GAO-16-193	3/31/2016	To improve compliance with OMB Circular A-129 standards and strengthen management and oversight of the guarantee program, and to enhance screening of loan guarantee applicants, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Undersecretary for Rural Development to complete steps to obtain access to Treasury's Do Not Pay portal and establish policies and procedures to deny loan guarantees to applicants who are subject to administrative offsets for delinquent child support payments.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Actions Needed to Strengthen Management of the Single Family Mortgage Guarantee Program	GAO-16-193	3/31/2016	To improve compliance with OMB Circular A-129 standards and strengthen management and oversight of the guarantee program, and to strengthen oversight of lenders and servicers, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Undersecretary for Rural Development to develop and publish in the Federal Register qualification requirements for the principal officers of lenders and servicers seeking initial or continued approval to participate in the guarantee program.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Actions Needed to Strengthen Management of the Single Family Mortgage Guarantee Program	GAO-16-193	3/31/2016	To improve compliance with OMB Circular A-129 standards and strengthen management and oversight of the guarantee program, and to strengthen oversight of lenders and servicers, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Undersecretary for Rural Development to develop and publish in the Federal Register capital and financial requirements for guarantee program lenders that are not regulated by a federal financial institution regulatory agency.	Open

RD	Rural Housing Service: Actions Needed to Strengthen Management of the Single Family Mortgage Guarantee Program	GAO-16-193	3/31/2016	To improve compliance with OMB Circular A-129 standards and strengthen management and oversight of the guarantee program, and to strengthen oversight of lenders and servicers, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Undersecretary for Rural Development to establish standing policies and procedures to help ensure that the agency reviews the eligibility of lenders and servicers participating in the guarantee program at least every 2 years.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Actions Needed to Strengthen Management of the Single Family Mortgage Guarantee Program	GAO-16-193	3/31/2016	To improve compliance with OMB Circular A-129 standards and strengthen management and oversight of the guarantee program, and to strengthen risk assessment and reporting, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Undersecretary for Rural Development to improve performance measures comparing RHS and the Federal Housing Administration loan performance, potentially by making comparisons on a cohort basis and limiting comparisons to loans made in similar geographic areas.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Actions Needed to Strengthen Management of the Single Family Mortgage Guarantee Program	GAO-16-193	3/31/2016	To improve compliance with OMB Circular A-129 standards and strengthen management and oversight of the guarantee program, and to strengthen risk assessment and reporting, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Undersecretary for Rural Development to develop risk thresholds for the guarantee program, potentially in the form of maximum portfolio- or loan-level loss tolerances.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Actions Needed to Strengthen Management of the Single Family Mortgage Guarantee Program	GAO-16-193	3/31/2016	To improve compliance with OMB Circular A-129 standards and strengthen management and oversight of the guarantee program, and to strengthen risk assessment and reporting, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Undersecretary for Rural Development to identify issues for increased management focus in high-level dashboard reports.	Open

RD	Rural Housing Service: Actions Needed to Strengthen Management of the Single Family Mortgage Guarantee Program	GAO-16-193	3/31/2016	To improve compliance with OMB Circular A-129 standards and strengthen management and oversight of the guarantee program, and to more effectively fulfill the requirements for conducting program reviews described in OMB Circular A-129, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Undersecretary for Rural Development to develop procedures for selecting RD credit programs for review based on risk and establish a prioritized schedule for conducting the reviews.	Open
RD	Native American Housing: Additional Actions Needed to Better Support Tribal Efforts	GAO-14-255	3/27/2014	To increase consistency and reduce time and predevelopment cost for NAHASDA grant recipients, an interagency effort similar to that of the federal infrastructure task force but specific to tribal housing should be initiated with participants from the Indian Health Service, HUD, Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop and implement a coordinated environmental review process for all agencies overseeing tribal housing development. In addition, the agencies should determine if it would be appropriate to designate a lead agency in this effort.	Open
RD	Entrepreneurial Assistance: Opportunities Exist to Improve Programs' Collaboration, Data-Tracking, and Performance Management	GAO-12-819	8/23/2012	The Secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration should consistently collect information that would enable them to track the specific type of assistance programs provide and the entrepreneurs they serve and use this information to help administer their programs.	Open
RD	Entrepreneurial Assistance: Opportunities Exist to Improve Programs' Collaboration, Data-Tracking, and Performance Management	GAO-12-819	8/23/2012	The Secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration should conduct more program evaluations to better understand why programs have not met performance goals and their overall effectiveness.	Open

RD	Foreclosure Mitigation: Agencies Could Improve Effectiveness of Federal Efforts with Additional Data Collection and Analysis	GAO-12-296	6/28/2012	In order to better ensure that servicers are effectively implementing the agency's loss mitigation programs and that distressed borrowers are receiving the assistance they need as early as possible before they become seriously delinquent, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture should require servicers to report information about their efforts to reach distressed borrowers. For example, servicers could report on their efforts to reach borrowers and whether borrowers have responded to outreach from the servicer regarding early delinquency interventions and are receiving informal foreclosure mitigation actions.	Open
RD	Foreclosure Mitigation: Agencies Could Improve Effectiveness of Federal Efforts with Additional Data Collection and Analysis	GAO-12-296	6/28/2012	The Secretary of USDA should determine the extent to which distressed borrowers have not been reached and assess whether changes are needed to help ensure servicers are complying with USDA's loss mitigation requirements.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen Farm Labor Housing Program Management and Oversight	GAO-11-329	3/30/2011	To help resolve identified borrower noncompliance in a timely manner, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of RHS to implement enforcement mechanisms that can be tailored to the severity of the borrower noncompliance, such as the civil money penalty enforcement provision in its program regulations.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen Farm Labor Housing Program Management and Oversight	GAO-11-329	3/30/2011	To better ensure that requirements for tenant eligibility are met across the FLH portfolio, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of RHS to require its loan servicers to use the Systematic Alien Verification and Entitlements (SAVE) program administered by the Department of Homeland Security to verify tenant's residency status during supervisory reviews.	Open
RD	Rural Housing Service: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen Farm Labor Housing Program Management and Oversight	GAO-11-329	3/30/2011	The Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of RHS to better utilize available data on demand for the FLH program--such as systematically reviewing local market analyses, further analyzing occupancy data on a statewide, regional, or national level, and retaining and analyzing application information--to help target available funding to areas of greatest need.	Open

RMA	Crop Insurance: Opportunities Exist to Improve Program Delivery and Reduce Costs	GAO-17-501	7/26/2017	To reduce year-to-year fluctuations in the administrative and operating expense subsidies that companies receive at the crop, state, and county levels, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct the Administrator of the Risk Management Agency to consider adjusting the administrative and operating expense subsidy calculation method in a way that reduces the effects of changes in premiums caused by changes in crop prices or other factors when it renegotiates the standard reinsurance agreement.	Open
RMA	Crop Insurance: In Areas with Higher Crop Production Risks, Costs Are Greater, and Premiums May Not Cover Expected Losses	GAO-15-215	2/9/2015	To better inform Congress in the future about crop insurance program costs, reduce present costs, and ensure greater actuarial soundness, the Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency should monitor and report on crop insurance costs in areas that have higher crop production risks.	Open
RMA	Crop Insurance: In Areas with Higher Crop Production Risks, Costs Are Greater, and Premiums May Not Cover Expected Losses	GAO-15-215	2/9/2015	To better inform Congress in the future about crop insurance program costs, reduce present costs, and ensure greater actuarial soundness, the Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency should, as appropriate, increase its adjustments of premium rates in areas with higher crop production risks by as much as the full 20 percent annually that is allowed by law.	Open
RMA	Climate Change: Better Management of Exposure to Potential Future Losses Is Needed for Federal Flood and Crop Insurance	GAO-15-28	10/29/2014	To promote greater resilience to climate change effects in U.S. agriculture, the Secretary of Agriculture should direct RMA to consider working with agricultural experts to recommend or incorporate resilient agricultural practices into their expert guidance for growers, so that good farming practices take into account longterm agricultural resilience to climate change.	Open