

2027 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES- OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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PREFACE

This publication summarizes the fiscal year (FY) 2027 Budget for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Throughout this publication any reference to the "Budget" is in regard to the 2027 Budget, unless otherwise noted. All references to years refer to fiscal year, except where specifically noted. The budgetary tables throughout this document show actual amounts for 2024 and 2025, Working Families Tax Cut Act, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agency Appropriations Act, 2026, and the President's Budget request for 2027. Amounts for 2026 estimated levels include: non-enacted amounts such as Full-Time Equivalent levels, fleet levels, information technology investment levels, recovery levels, transfers in and out, balances available end of year, and obligation levels.

Throughout this publication, the "Working Families Tax Cut Act" is used to refer to the Public Law 119-21.

Pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, sequestration is included in the numbers for mandatory programs in 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027.

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

AGENCY-WIDE

PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

OSEC is located in Washington, D.C. As of September 30, 2025, there were 90 full-time permanent employees, funded by appropriated funds (73) and the Working Capital Fund (17). Of the employees, 80 were in the headquarters office, and 10 were in the field offices.

OSEC activities contribute to the success of USDA's overall mission to provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on public policy, the best available science, and effective management. USDA is currently developing the FY 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan. A detailed FY 2027 performance plan, including Key Performance Indicators, can be found at <https://www.usda.gov/our-agency/about-usda/performance>.

AVAILABLE FUNDS AND FTEs

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

Item	2024		2025		2026		2027	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs
Office of the Secretary:								
Discretionary Appropriations	\$45,608	112	\$45,108	93	\$42,558	106	\$26,737	86
Mandatory Appropriations	402,253	250	8,879,587	163	2,852,575	66	23,575	61
Supplemental Appropriations	-	267	31,000,000	10	-	10	-	10
Offsetting Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Supply Chn & Ag Pandemic Resp:								
Discretionary Appropriations	3,000	-	3,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
Mandatory Appropriations	-	-	114	-	-	-	-	-
Supplemental Appropriations	208	-	-	-	6,280	-	5,980	-
Offsetting Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Discretionary Appropriations	48,608	112	48,108	93	44,558	106	26,737	86
Total Mandatory Appropriations	402,253	250	8,879,701	163	2,852,575	66	23,575	61
Total Supplemental Appropriations	208	267	31,000,000	10	6,280	10	5,980	10
Total Adjusted Appropriation	451,069	629	39,927,809	266	2,903,413	182	56,292	157
Balance Available, SOY	8,431,638	-	4,245,065	-	24,955,365	-	17,410,078	-
Balances Interchanges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rescinded Balances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries, Other	428,120	-	978,787	-	-	-	-	-
Total Available	9,310,827	629	45,151,661	266	27,858,778	182	17,466,370	157
Lapsing Balances	-505,904	-	-7,950	-	-	-	-	-
Balance Available, EOY	-4,245,205	-	-24,955,365	-	-17,413,495	-	-10,688,964	-
Total Obligations	4,559,718	629	20,188,346	266	10,445,282	182	6,777,406	157
Total Obligations, OSEC	4,559,718	629	20,188,346	266	10,445,282	182	6,777,406	157
Other USDA:								
Advisory Comm Liaison Serv	432	2	473	2	483	2	483	2
Diversity, Equity, Incl, and Access	2,432	9	648	3	-	-	-	-
Intertribal Tech Assist Network	2,050	-	2,050	-	2,050	-	2,050	-
Advisory Comm - User Interface Sys ...	-	-	796	-	1,031	-	1,031	-
Other Reimbursable Programs	1,992	2	50	-	288	1	-	-
Office of the Chief Scientist	6,536	17	5,482	16	5,934	12	5,934	12
Permitting Excellence Activities	3,645	-	19,575	5	63,353	6	20,000	6
Farmers' Market	-	-	774	-	-	-	-	-
Working Capital Fund	3,521	17	3,895	16	3,043	10	3,043	10
Total, Other USDA	20,608	47	33,743	42	76,182	31	32,541	30
Total, Agriculture Available	9,331,435	676	45,185,404	308	27,934,960	213	17,498,911	187
Total Available, OSEC	9,331,435	676	45,185,404	308	27,934,960	213	17,498,911	187

PERMANENT POSITIONS BY GRADE AND FTEs

Table OSEC-2. Permanent Positions by Grade and FTEs

Item	2024			2025			2026			2027		
	HQ	Field	Total	HQ	Field	Total	HQ	Field	Total	HQ	Field	Total
SES	20	1	21	19	-	19	36	-	36	35	-	35
GS-15	20	7	27	7	4	11	17	1	18	10	1	11
GS-14	11	18	29	7	1	8	8	-	8	6	-	6
GS-13	11	43	54	13	4	17	17	1	18	14	1	15
GS-12	15	13	28	5	1	6	5	1	6	5	1	6
GS-11	3	9	12	1	-	1	8	-	8	5	-	5
GS-10	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-9	2	7	9	6	-	6	10	-	10	7	-	7
GS-8	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	2	1	-	1
GS-7	-	4	4	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS-5	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Perm	88	102	190	63	10	73	103	3	106	83	3	86
Total Perm. FT EOY	88	102	190	63	10	73	103	3	106	83	3	86
FTE ¹	130	23	153	109	10	119	103	3	106	83	3	86

¹ Total FTEs are all inclusive of workforce categories including temporary positions.

SHARED FUNDING PROJECTS**Table OSEC-3. Shared Funding Projects (thousands of dollars)**

Item	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Estimated	2027 Estimated
Working Capital Fund:				
Administrative Services:				
AskUSDA Contact Center	\$34	\$32	-	-
General Counsel Legal Compliance		36	437	437
Human Resources Enterprise System Management ...	5	6	13	13
Integrated Procurement Systems.....	26	26	18	18
Mail and Reproduction Management Division	360	275	271	271
Material Management Service Center.....	38	38	99	99
Personnel and Document Security	6	8	36	-
Procurement Operations Division.....			90	90
Subtotal	469	421	964	928
Communications:				
Creative Media & Broadcast Center.....	132	1	54	54
Finance and Management:				
Financial Management Support Services	130	138	13	13
Financial Shared Services.....	203	170	144	144
Internal Control Support Services.....	26	22		
National Finance Center	55	62		
Subtotal	414	392	157	157
Information Technology:				
Client Experience Center	230	248	418	416
Departmental Administration Information Technology Office.....	1,164	1,453	744	-
Digital Infrastructure Services Center.....	370	769	147	891
Enterprise Cybersecurity Services.....	102	132	94	94
Enterprise Data and Analytics Services.....			18	19
Enterprise Network Services	240	302	177	177
Subtotal	2,106	2,904	1,598	1,597
Correspondence Management Services:				
Office of the Executive Secretariat	139	734	588	588
Total, Working Capital Fund	3,260	4,452	3,361	3,324
Department-Wide Shared Cost Programs:				
Advisory Committee Liaison Services	9	7	6	6
Agency Partnership Outreach.....	12	11	11	12
America's Agricultural Heritage			2	1
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility	4	1	-	-
Employee Experience.....	6	4	1	-
Medical Service	49	-	-	-
National Capital Region Interpreting Services.....	20	2	36	36
OCFO Shared Services Branch			2	4
Office of Customer Experience	5	2	-	-
Physical Security	8	9	8	8
Security Detail	9	12	48	49
Security Operations.....	12	10	22	22
Talent Group	6	5	1	-
TARGET Center	3	2	4	4
Total, Department-Wide Reimbursable Programs ...	143	65	141	142
Agency Total	3,403	4,517	3,502	3,466

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

The appropriations language follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

Office of the Secretary (Including Transfers of Funds)

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, [~~\$46,361,000~~]\$64,987,000 of which not to exceed [~~\$7,000,000~~]\$5,964,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary[, of which \$500,000 shall be for the establishment of a Seafood Industry Liaison]; not to exceed [~~\$1,700,000~~]\$15,259,000 shall be available for the Office of Homeland Security; not to exceed [~~\$5,190,000~~]\$5,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Tribal Relations, of which \$1,000,000 shall be to continue a Tribal Public Health Resource Center at a land grant university with existing indigenous public health expertise to expand current partnerships and collaborative efforts with indigenous groups to improve the delivery of public health services and functions in American Indian communities focusing on indigenous food sovereignty; not to exceed [~~\$5,250,000~~]\$1,998,000 shall be available for the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement[, of which \$1,500,000 shall be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5)]; not to exceed [~~\$18,721,000~~]\$28,269,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, of which [~~\$17,015,000~~]\$26,969,000 shall be available for Departmental Administration to provide for necessary expenses for management support services to offices of the Department and for general administration, security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the Department: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Administration mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office; not to exceed \$3,500,000 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs to carry out the programs funded by this Act, including programs involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison within the executive branch; and not to exceed [~~\$5,000,000~~]\$4,997,000 shall be available for the Office of Communications: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 percent: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$22,000 of the amount made available under this paragraph for the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That the amount made available under this heading for Departmental Administration shall be reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required by 5 U.S.C. 551-558: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the Department of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no funds made available under this heading for the Office of Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the allocation of these funds by USDA agency[: *Provided further*, That during any 30 day notification period referenced in section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall take no action to begin implementation of the action that is subject to section 716 of this Act or make any public announcement of such action in any form].

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, [~~\$1,466,000~~]\$1,309,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, [~~\$1,884,000~~]\$1,000,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Economics mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office. [*Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be made available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.]

Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, [~~\$1,617,000~~]\$1,200,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Programs mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, [~~\$1,117,000~~]\$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, [~~\$1,527,000~~]\$1,000,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conservation mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development, [~~\$1,620,000~~]\$1,000,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Rural Development mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

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

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, [~~\$1,127,000~~]\$800,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of the Under Secretary for Trade Foreign and Agriculture Affairs

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, [~~\$932,000~~]\$614,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

Office of Codex Alimentarius

For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex Alimentarius, [~~\$4,922,000~~]\$2,500,000, including not to exceed \$40,000 for official reception and representation expenses.

Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

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

LEAD-OFF TABULAR STATEMENT

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

Item	Amount
Enacted, 2026	\$42,558,000
Change in Appropriation	-15,821,000
Budget Estimate, 2027	<u>26,737,000</u>

PROJECT STATEMENTS

Table OSEC-5. Project Statement on Basis of Appropriations (thousands of dollars, FTEs) ²

Item	2024		2025		2026		2027		Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.	Chg Key
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs			
Discretionary Approp:											
Office of the Secretary.....	\$7,000	32	\$6,750	25	\$7,000	23	\$5,964	21	-\$1,036	-2	(1)
Office of Tribal Relations	5,190	11	5,190	13	5,190	16	5,000	16	-190	-	
Assistant Sec for Administration ...	1,706	3	1,681	2	1,706	5	1,300	3	-406	-2	
Assistant Sec for Cong Relations ...	4,500	18	4,275	14	3,500	14	3,500	14	-	-	
Assistant Sec for Civil Rights	1,466	5	1,466	3	1,466	4	1,309	3	-157	-1	
U.S. for REE.....	1,384	4	1,384	3	1,384	3	1,000	3	-384	-	
OCS (incl Honeybee).....	500	1	500	-	500	-	-	-	-500	-	
U.S. for MRP	1,617	5	1,617	6	1,617	6	1,200	3	-417	-3	
U.S. for Food Safety.....	1,117	3	1,117	2	1,117	3	800	2	-317	-1	
U.S. for FPAC	1,527	6	1,527	4	1,527	5	1,000	3	-527	-2	
U.S. for Rural Development	1,620	6	1,620	5	1,620	7	1,000	3	-620	-4	
U.S. for FNCS.....	1,127	4	1,127	3	1,127	5	800	3	-327	-2	
U.S. for TFAA	932	3	932	2	932	3	614	2	-318	-1	
Office of Codex Alimentarius	4,922	8	4,922	8	4,922	8	2,500	8	-2,422	-	
U.S. for NRE.....	1,000	3	1,000	3	1,000	4	750	2	-250	-2	
GP: Inst Rural Partner	6,000	-	6,000	-	5,250	-	-	-	-5,250	-	
GP 758: Indian Tribes School Lunch	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-2,000	-	
GP 787: Comm on (CFIUS).....	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GP 754: Vol Meat Insp Fees	-	-	-	-	700	-	-	-	-700	-	
Subtotal Disc. Approps	45,608	112	45,108	93	42,558	106	26,737	86	-15,821	-20	
Mandatory Approp:											
GP 751: COVID-19 CFAP	-	13	-883	6	-	5	-	5	-	-	
Dairy Margin Coverage.....	1,478										
ARPA Sec. 1003 Pandemic Program Administration Fund	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Inflation Reduction Act	-	227	-15,905	151	-	55	-	50	-	-5	

² This table does not match MAX Schedule X due to reimbursables.

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Item	2024 Actual	FTEs	2025 Actual	FTEs	2026 Estimated	FTEs	2027 Estimated	FTEs	Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.	Chg Key
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 201 Greenhouse Gas Technical Assistanc Provider and Third Party Verifer Program	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 601 Support for Cotton Merchandisers	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from the Commodity Credit Corporation:											
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 1.0 payments	-8,000	-	-62,000	4	-	4	-	4	-	-	-
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 2.0 payments	-192,000	-	-118,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Market Disruption Assistance and Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach	23,575	3	23,575	-	23,575	-	23,575	-	-	-	-
Biobased Technology Accelerator Grants	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feed Forage Program	377,200	-	-377,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	9,430,000	-	2,829,000	-	-	-	-2,829,000	-	-
Subtotal Mand. Approps	402,253	250	8,879,587	163	2,852,575	66	23,575	61	-2,829,000	-	-5
Supplemental Approp:											
Dairy Margin Coverage	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2023	0	207	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Relief Act	-	-	31,000,000	10	-	10	-	10	-	-	-
Subtotal Supp. Approps	-	267	31,000,000	10	-	10	-	10	-	-	-
Total Adjusted Approp	447,861	629	39,924,695	266	2,895,133	182	50,312	157	-2,844,821	-	-25
Add back:											
Transfers In and Out, Rescissions....	-400,261	-	-8,878,837	-	-2,852,575	-	-23,575	-	+2,829,000	-	-
Total Appropriation	47,600	629	31,045,858	266	42,558	182	26,737	157	-15,821	-	-25
Transfers In:											
Outreach and Assistance for Farmers and Ranchers Program	25,000	-	25,000	-	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	-
Feed Forage Program	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Item	2024		2025		2026		2027		Inc. or	FTE Inc.	Chg
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Dec.	or Dec.	Key
Commodity Storage Assistance Program	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farmer Bridge Assistance Program	-	-	10,000,000	-	3,000,000	-	-	-	-3,000,000	-	-
Total Transfers In	425,000	-	10,125,000	-	3,025,000	-	25,000	-	-3,000,000	-	-
Transfers Out:											
Screwworm (APHIS 12X1600).....	-	-	-652,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denali Commission (513X1200).....	-	-	-3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to DA (1250115)	-	-	-750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers Out	-	-	-656,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rescission	-24,739	-	-577,125	-	-172,425	-	-1,425	-	+171,000	-	-
Recoveries, Other	411,637	-	875,902	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rescinded Balances	-	-	-12,905	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY	8,430,826	-	4,236,487	-	24,870,248	-	17,355,920	-	-7,514,328	-	-
Total Available	9,290,324	629	45,037,084	266	27,765,381	182	17,406,232	157	10,359,149	-25	-
Lapsing Balances	-505,904	-	-7,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, EOY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4,236,627	-	24,870,248	-	17,355,920	-	10,655,374	-	+6,700,546	-	-
Total Obligations	4,547,793	629	20,158,885	266	10,409,461	182	6,750,858	157	-3,658,603	-25	-

Table OSEC-6. Project Statement on Basis of Obligations (thousands of dollars, FTEs) ³

Item	2024		2025		2026		2027		FTE Inc. or Dec	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Inc. or Dec.	Dec
Discretionary Obligations:										
Office of the Secretary.....	6,926	32	6,516	25	\$7,000	23	\$5,964	21	-\$1,036	-2
Office of Tribal Relations	5,021	11	4,566	13	5,190	16	5,000	16	-190	-
Assistant Sec for Administration	1,491	3	977	2	1,706	5	1,300	3	-406	-2
Assistant Sec for Cong Relations	4,428	18	3,277	14	3,500	14	3,500	14	-	-
Assistant Sec for Civil Rights	1,378	5	998	3	1,466	4	1,309	3	-157	-1
U.S. for REE.....	1,269	4	1,384	3	1,384	3	1,000	3	-384	-
OCS (incl Honeybee).....	500	1	500	-	500	-	-	-	-500	-
U.S. for MRP	1,385	5	1,343	6	1,617	6	1,200	3	-417	-3
U.S. for Food Safety.....	1,039	3	854	2	1,117	3	800	2	-317	-1
U.S. for FPAC	1,404	6	1,157	4	1,527	5	1,000	3	-527	-2
U.S. for Rural Development	1,408	6	1,282	5	1,620	7	1,000	3	-620	-4
U.S. for FNCS.....	1,086	4	857	3	1,127	5	800	3	-327	-2
U.S. for TFAA	832	3	663	2	932	3	614	2	-318	-1
Office of Codex Alimentarius	4,727	8	4,758	8	4,922	8	2,500	8	-2,422	-
U.S. for NRE.....	912	3	993	3	1,000	4	750	2	-250	-2
GP: Inst Rural Partner	6,381	-	-	-	5,795	-	5,795	-	-	-
GP 758: Indian Tribes School Lunch..	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
GP 787: CFIUS.....	-	-	1,124	-	1,438	-	1,438	-	-	-
GP 754: Voluntary Meat Inspection Fee	-	-	-	-	700	-	-	-	-700	-
Subtotal Disc Obligations	40,187	112	31,249	93	45,541	106	36,970	86	-8,571	-20
Mandatory Obligations:										
COVID-19 CFAP Pay Consolidated Approp, 2021	34,496	13	59,003	6	12,269	5	12,269	5	-	-
Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach	1,494	-	0	-	945	-	-	-	-945	-
ARPA Sec. 1003 Pandemic Program Administration Fund	3,375	5	136	-	567	-	-	-	-567	-

³ This table does not match MAX Schedule X due to reimbursables.

2027 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Item	2024		2025		2026		2027		FTE	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Inc. or Dec.	Inc. or Dec.
ARPA Sec. 1006 Socially disadvantaged Farmers, Ranchers, Land Owners and Operators and Groups	-	-	4,675	-	1,241	-	1,241	-	-	-
Inflation Reduction Act	175,492	227	115,471	151	510	55	510	50	-	-5
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 201 Greenhouse Gas Technical Assistance Provider and Third Party Verifier Program	1	1	1,029	2	1,274	2	1,274	2	-	-
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 601 Support for Cotton Merchandisers.....	99,708	1	-	-	199	-	-	-	-199	-
Transfers from the Commodity Credit Corporation:										
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 1.0 payments	89,817	-	43,332	4	7,835	4	7,835	4	-	-
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 2.0 payments	230	-	344,636	-	33,486	-	33,486	-	-	-
Market Disruption Assistance and Relief	270,686	-	173,166	-	55,251	-	55,251	-	-	-
Drought Relief	-	-	399,780	-	220	-	-	-	-220	-
Food Aid	833,650	-	672,861	-	29,839	-	29,839	-	-	-
Regional Agricultural Trade Promotion	287,842	-	344,918	-	167,325	-	167,325	-	-	-
Outreach and Assistance for Farmers and Ranchers Program	23,506	3	20,610	-	23,575	-	23,575	-	-	-
Biobased Technology Accelerator Grants.....	-	-	20,000	-	63,000	-	63,000	-	-	-
Farmer Bridge Assistance Program.....	-	-	-	-	3,064,750	-	3,064,750	-	-	-
Subtotal Mand Obligations.....	1,820,297	250	2,199,617	163	3,462,286	66	3,460,355	61	-1,931	-5
Supplemental Obligations:										
COVID-19 CARES Act CFAP payments.....	2,541	-	6,627	-	5,872	-	5,872	-	-	-
Disaster Assistance Payments PL 117-43	397,766	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dairy Margin Coverage	1,548	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2023.....	2,285,454	207	319,854	10	196,533	10	196,533	10	-	-
American Relief Act	-	-	17,601,539	-	6,699,230	-	3,051,129	-	-3,648,101	-
Subtotal Supp Obligations	2,687,309	267	17,928,020	10	6,901,635	10	3,253,534	10	-3,648,101	-
Total Obligations	4,547,793	629	20,158,885	266	10,409,461	182	6,750,858	157	-3,658,603	-25
Add back:										
Lapsing Balances	505,904	-	7,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balances Available, EOY:										
Category A.....	1,151	-	1,011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

2027 USDA EXPLANATORY NOTES - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Item	2024		2025		2026		2027		Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs		
Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach	945	-	945	-	945	-	-	-	-945	-
GP: Institute for Rural Partnerships.....	339	-	6,339	-	545	-	-	-	-545	-
GP 758: 10 Pilot Projects Indian Tribes School Lunch	2,000	-	4,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-1,000	-
GP 787: Comm on Foreign Invest in the US (CFIUS).....	2,000	-	2,876	-	1,438	-	-	-	-1,438	-
COVID-19 CFAP Pay Consolidated Approp, 2021	17,291	-	24,763	-	19,810	-	14,858	-	-4,953	-
ARPA Sec. 1003 Pandemic Program Administration Fund.....	655	-	567	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARPA Sec. 1006 Socially disadvantaged Farmers, Ranchers, Land Owners and Cooperators and Groups.....	-	-	2,483	-	1,241	-	-	-	-1,241	-
Inflation Reduction Act.....	103,380	-	24,419	-	23,910	-	23,400	-	-510	-
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 201 Greenhouse Gas Technical Assistance Provider and Third Party Verifier Program.....	3,120	-	2,548	-	1,274	-	-	-	-1,274	-
PL 117-328 DIV HH Sec. 601 Support for Cotton Merchandisers.....	199	-	199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 1.0 payments	118,415	-	15,671	-	7,835	-	-	-	-7,835	-
COVID-19 CCC CFAP 2.0 payments	514,727	-	66,972	-	33,486	-	-	-	-33,486	-
Market Disruption Assistance and Relief.....	223,649	-	110,502	-	55,251	-	-	-	-55,251	-
Drought Relief	400,000	-	220	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Aid	166,550	-	119,354	-	89,516	-	59,677	-	-29,839	-
Regional Agricultural Trade Promotion	1,012,258	-	669,300	-	501,975	-	334,650	-	-167,325	-
Biobased Technology Accelerator Grants.....	200,000	-	180,000	-	117,000	-	54,000	-	-63,000	-
Feed Forage Program	377,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 CARES Act CFAP payments.....	18,026	-	23,488	-	17,616	-	11,744	-	-5,872	-
Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023.....	1,074,722	-	786,130	-	589,598	-	393,065	-	-196,533	-
American Relief Act			13,398,461		6,699,230		3,634,480		-3,064,750	
Farmer Bridge Assistance Program.....			9,430,000		9,194,250		6,129,500		-3,064,750	
Total Bal. Available, EOY	4,236,627	-	24,870,248	-	17,355,920	-	10,655,374	-	-6,700,546	-
Total Available.....	9,290,324	629	45,037,084	266	27,765,381	182	17,406,232	157	-10,359,149	-25

Item	2024		2025		2026		2027		FTE Inc. or Dec	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs Inc. or Dec.		
Less:										
Rescission	24,739	-	577,125	-	172,425	-	1,425	-	-171,000	-
Total Transfers In.....	-425,000	-	-10,125,000	-	-3,025,000	-	-25,000	-	+3,000,000	-
Total Transfers Out	-	-	656,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries, Other	-411,637	-	-875,902	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rescinded Balances.....	-	-	12,905	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	-8,430,826	-	-4,236,487	-	-24,870,248	-	-17,355,920	-	+7,514,328	-
Total Appropriation.....	47,600	629	31,045,858	266	42,558	182	26,737	157	-15,821	-25

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGES

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

Base funding for the Office of the Secretary is necessary to ensure continued policy direction for all areas of the Department including research, educational and regulatory activities, nutrition, conservation, trade, farm groups, forestry, and international agriculture; maintain relationships with organizations and others in the development of programs; and maintain liaisons with the Executive Office of the President and members of Congress on all matters pertaining to Department policy. In accordance with administration policy announced in the Budget, OSEC will follow new government-wide grants guidance prohibiting the use of Federal funds to pay for subscriptions to academic journals, as well as for the publication of research results that are not specifically required by Federal statute or approved in advance by a Federal agency. This policy preserves funds to support actual research by ensuring that the American taxpayer does not pay for the research, publication, and access to that research, essentially triple-charging the public for the same product. The numbers and letters of the following listing relates to values in the Change (Chg) Key column of the Project Statement:

- (1) A decrease of \$15,821,000 and 20 FTEs to the Office of the Secretary (\$42,558,000 and 106 FTEs available in 2026).

The funding change is requested for the following items:

- A) A decrease of \$7,835,000 and 20 FTEs for base funding for the Office of the Secretary.
In pursuit of streamlining workforce efforts, facilities, and other government efficiencies, the Office of the Secretary has reduced staff from 106 to 86. At this level, the Office of the Secretary will continue to provide general management of the department and provide principal support to the Secretary and the Department to formulate policy and program leadership.
- B) A decrease of \$36,000 for Homeland Security Related expenses.
This decrease of \$36,000 for National Security Related Expenses, being realigned to the Office of Homeland Security (OHS), will enhance efficiency and effectiveness within USDA. This strategic realignment will centralize resources under OHS, which provides leadership in national security through policy development, emergency preparedness and response initiatives, and threat mitigation coordination. Consolidating the budget under OHS eliminates redundancies, ensures more coordinated resource allocation, and improves the execution of departmental security policies, ultimately bolstering the USDA's resilience and readiness without compromising overall security.
- C) A decrease of \$7,950,000 for the discontinuation of funding for three General Provisions.
Funding is not expected in FY 2027 for the following General Provisions: General Provision 762: Institute for Rural Partnerships; General Provision 758: 10 Pilot Projects Indian Tribes School Lunch; and General Provision 754: Slaughtering, Processing and Voluntary Meat Inspection Fees.

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF OBLIGATIONS AND FTEs

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

State/Territory/Country	2024		2025		2026		2027	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs
Arizona	\$76	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
California	159	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
District of Columbia	32,851	103	\$29,773	90	\$34,060	103	\$26,169	83
Georgia	-	-	35	1	224	1	244	1
Minnesota	135	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montana	308	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Dakota.....	179	1	180	1	180	1	180	1
Oklahoma	39	1	137	1	144	1	144	1
South Dakota	59	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution Unknown	6,381	-	1,124	-	10,933	-	10,233	-
Obligations.....	40,187	112	31,249	93	45,541	106	36,970	86
Lapsing Balances	5,407	-	4,985	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Available	45,594	112	36,234	93	45,541	106	36,970	86

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

State/Territory/Country	2024		2025		2026		2027	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs
Distribution Unknown .	\$1,820,297	250	\$2,199,617	163	\$3,462,286	66	\$3,460,355	61
Obligations.....	1,820,297	250	2,199,617	163	3,462,286	66	3,460,355	61
Lapsing Balances	-	-	2,965	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	339	-	1,216,799	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Available	1,820,636	250	3,419,381	163	3,462,286	66	3,460,355	61

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

State/Territory/ Country	2024		2025		2026		2027	
	Actual	FTEs	Actual	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs	Estimated	FTEs
Distribution Unknown ...	\$2,687,309	267	\$17,928,020	10	\$6,901,635	10	\$3,253,534	10
Obligations.....	2,687,309	267	17,928,020	10	6,901,635	10	3,253,534	10
Lapsing Balances	-511,311	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	1,151	-	7,306,444	-	4,039,289	-	-3,267,154	-
Total, Available	2,177,149	267	25,234,464	10	10,940,924	10	-13,621	10

OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

Table OSEC-10. Classification by Objects – Discretionary Funding (thousands of dollars) ⁴

Item No.	Item	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Estimated	2027 Estimated
Personnel Compensation:					
	Washington D.C.	\$14,919	\$14,989	\$15,263	\$12,859
	Personnel Compensation, Field.....	1,191	232	394	394
11	Total personnel compensation.....	16,110	15,221	15,657	13,253
12	Personal benefits.....	5,336	4,778	5,429	4,781
13.0	Benefits for former personnel.....	-	44	-	-
	Total, personnel comp. and benefits	21,446	20,043	21,086	18,034
Other Objects					
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons.....	1,591	610	725	750
22.0	Transportation of things	1	-	-	-
23.1	Rental payments to GSA	11	12	16	17
23.3	Communications, utilities, & misc. charges .	125	101	110	100
24.0	Printing and reproduction	83	42	50	40
25.1	Advisory and assistance services.....	4,793	360	450	450
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources....	19	4,900	12,904	11,424
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources.....	961	5,047	8,495	6,000
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,355	5	-	-
25.5	Research and development contracts.....	3,540	-	1,540	-
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment ..	-	20	25	25
26.0	Supplies and materials.....	113	101	125	120
31.0	Equipment	13	7	15	10
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	6,136	-	-	-
42.0	Insurance Claims and Indemnities.....	-	-	-	-
43.0	Interest and Dividends.....	-	1	-	-
	Total, Other Objects	18,741	11,206	24,455	18,936
99.9	Total, new obligations	40,187	31,249	45,541	36,970
DHS Building Security Payments					
	(included in 25.3).....	\$25	\$30	\$31	\$31
Position Data:					
	Average Salary (dollars), ES Position	\$192,000	\$190,340	\$186,280	\$186,280
	Average Salary (dollars), GS Position	\$141,000	\$128,000	\$128,000	\$132,000
	Average Grade, GS Position	13.7	13.3	13.3	13.4

Table OSEC-11. Classification by Objects – Mandatory Funding (thousands of dollars)

Item No.	Item	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Estimated	2027 Estimated
Personnel Compensation:					
	Personnel Compensation, Field	\$30,515	\$23,925	\$9,687	\$8,952
11	Total personnel compensation	30,515	23,925	9,687	8,952
12	Personal benefits.....	11,043	6,612	2,676	2,474
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	120	-	-	-
	Total, personnel comp. and benefits	41,678	30,538	12,363	11,426
Other Objects:					
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	1,177	159	175	200
22.0	Transportation of things	1	-	2	-

⁴ This table does not match MAX Schedule O due to reimbursables.

Item No.	Item	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Estimated	2027 Estimated
23.1	Rental payments to GSA.....	36	-	-	-
23.3	Comm, utilities, & misc. charges	1	-	-	-
24.0	Printing and reproduction	112	101	150	200
25.1	Advisory and assistance services.....	1,725	-	1,500,000	1,300,000
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	-1,860,611	44	150,000	150,000
25.3	Other goods and serv from Fed sources..	1,289,557	-	-	-
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities...	-	8,899	10,000	15,000
25.5	Research and development contracts	48	448,094	519,953	344,529
25.7	Operation and Maintenance of equip.....	-624,331	9	2,000	3,000
26.0	Supplies and materials.....	208,753	92,066	112,000	130,000
31.0	Equipment	869	4,748	5,642	6,000
32.0	Land and structures	99,077	-	-	-
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	2,662,204	1,614,960	1,150,000	1,500,000
42.0	Insurance Claims and Indemnities	1	-	-	-
	Total, Other Objects	1,778,619	2,169,078	3,449,923	3,448,929
99.9	Total, new obligations.....	1,820,297	2,199,617	3,462,286	3,460,355

Table OSEC-12. Classification by Objects – Supplemental Funding (thousands of dollars)

Item No.	Item	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Estimated	2027 Estimated
	Personnel Compensation:				
	Personnel Compensation, Field	\$11,983	\$4,110	\$1,467	\$1,540
11	Total personnel compensation	11,983	4,110	1,467	1,540
12	Personal benefits	2,118	939	405	425
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	15	-	-	-
	Total, personnel comp. and benefits...	14,116	5,049	1,872	1,965
	Other Objects:				
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	2,497	84	100	80
22.0	Transportation of things	35	-	-	-
23.1	Rental payments to GSA.....	4	-	-	-
25.1	Advisory and assistance services	2	756	5	-
	Other services from non-Federal				
25.2	sources	61,394	30,747	32,000	35,000
25.3	Other goods and serv from Fed sources.	6,774	-	-	-
25.5	Research and development contracts	6,991	2,708	6,328	7,535
25.7	Operation and Maintenance of equip	825	8,179	10,000	12,000
26.0	Supplies and materials	18	-890	-	-
31.0	Equipment.....	-558	1,380	1,500	275
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	2,595,211	17,880,007	6,849,830	3,196,679
	Total, Other Objects.....	2,673,193	17,922,971	6,899,763	3,251,569
99.9	Total, new obligations.....	2,687,309	17,928,020	6,901,635	3,253,534

STATUS OF PROGRAMS

Selected Examples of Recent Progress

Outreach and Assistance for Farmers and Ranchers Program ("2501 Program"):

On behalf of OPPE, USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) continued robust implementation of the Farm Bill provisions for the 2501 Program. Highlights from 2025 include:

- Significant Grant Awards: NIFA provided 29 new 2501 Program grants, totaling \$20 million, to support small, beginning, and veteran farmers and ranchers. These awards span 22 states and territories, directly impacting communities nationwide.
- Targeted Veteran Support: A strong focus on veteran farmers and ranchers is evident, with 28 of the 29 grantees specifically including services for this critical population.
- Enhanced Program Integrity: OPPE and NIFA continue to prioritize the reduction of fraud, waste, and abuse within the 2501 Program through the ongoing implementation of new, rigorous performance measures.

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ACCOUNT 2: FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN AND AGRICULTURE PANDEMIC RESPONSE

PROJECT STATEMENTS

Table OSEC-13. Project Statement on Basis of Appropriations (thousands of dollars)

Item	2024 Actual PL	2024 Actual BA	FTE	2025 Actual PL	2025 Actual BA	FTE	2026 Estimated PL	2026 Estimated BA	FTE	2027 Estimated PL	2027 Estimated BA	FTE	PL Inc. or Dec.	Chg Key	BA Inc. or Dec.	Chg Key	FTE Inc. or Dec.
Discretionary																	
Approp:																	
Meat & Poultry Processing.....																	
Expansion																	
Program GP 755	\$3,000	\$3,000	-	\$3,000	\$3,000	-	\$2,000	\$2,000	-	\$-	\$-	-	-\$2,000	(1)	-\$2,000		-
Subtotal	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-2,000		-2,000		-
Food Supply Chain Pandemic Response	208	208	-	-	-	-	6,280	6,280	-	5,980	5,980	-	-300		-300		-
Subtotal	208	208	-	-	-	-	6,280	6,280	-	5,980	5,980	-	-300		-300		-
Total Adjusted Approp.....	3,208	3,208	-	3,114	3,114	-	8,280	8,280	-	5,980	5,980	-	-2,300		-2,300		-
Total Appropriation....	3,208	3,208	-	3,114	3,114	-	8,280	8,280	-	5,980	5,980	-	-2,300		-2,300		-
Recoveries, Other	16,483	16,483	-	102,885	102,885	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	812	812	-	8,578	8,578	-	85,116	85,116	-	54,158	54,158	-	-30,958		-30,958		-
Total Available ..	20,502	20,502	-	114,577	114,577	-	93,396	93,396	-	60,138	60,138	-	-33,258		-33,258		-
Bal. Available, EOY	-8,578	-8,578	-	-85,116	-85,116	-	-57,575	-57,575	-	-33,590	-33,590	-	+23,985		+23,985		-
Total Obligations	11,924	11,924	-	29,461	29,461	-	35,821	35,821	-	26,548	26,548	-	-9,273		-9,273		-

Table OSEC-14. Project Statement on Basis of Obligations (thousands of dollars)

Item	2024 Actual PL	2024 Actual BA	FTE	2025 Actual PL	2025 Actual BA	FTE	2026 Estimated PL	2026 Estimated BA	FTE	2027 Estimated PL	2027 Estimated BA	FTE	PL Inc. or Dec.	BA Inc. or Dec.	FTE Inc. or Dec.
Meat & Poultry Process															
Expansion Prg GP 755	\$-	\$-	-	\$-	\$-	-	\$4,000	\$4,000	-	\$4,000	\$4,000	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Disc oblig.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-
Supplemental Obligations:															
Food Supply Chain and Pandemic Response	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,826	7,826	-	2,549	2,549	-	-5,277	-5,277	-
Food Bank Network	937	937	-	-	-	-	936	936	-	-	-	-	-936	-936	-

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Administrative expenses-															
Food Processing Supply Chain Loan Guarantees Program.....	2	2	-	748	748	-	1,260	1,260	-	1,260	1,260	-	-	-	-
Meat & Poultry Processing Capacity- Technical Assistance	3	3	-	-61	-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Loss and Waste- National Strategy	45	45	-	26	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Comp Food Waste Red- Plus up FYs 22, 23, 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	76	-	-	-	-	-76	-76	-
GusNIP Prod Presc Proj FY 20211 Meritorious Grants..	955	955	-	472	472	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Urban & Innovative Ag Community-Based O	7,701	7,701	-	-	-	-	59	59	-	-	-	-	-59	-59	-
Competitive Food Systems Infrastructure (CFSI)	2,071	2,071	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local Meat Capacity Grant (MCap)	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operation Formula Fly	-	-	-	18,974	18,974	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oversight & Mgmt for Program Implementation ..	-	-	-	6,800	6,800	-	6,280	6,280	-	5,980	5,980	-	-300	-300	-
Tech Capacity Partnership Agmts.....	-	-	-	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GusNIP Produce Prescription FY22 Grants ...	-	-	-	888	888	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat & Poultry Processing Expansion Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,896	12,896	-	10,271	10,271	-	-2,625	-2,625	-
Food Processing Supply Chain Loan Guarantees.....							2,488	2,488		2,488	2,488				
Total Obligations	11,924	11,924	-	29,461	29,461	-	35,821	35,821	-	26,548	26,548	-	-9,273	-9,273	-
Balances Available, EOY:															
Food Supply Chain and Pandemic Response	1,282	1,282	-	-1,091	-1,091	-	2,639	2,639	-	5,277	5,277	-	+2,639	+2,639	-
Food Bank Network	3	3	-	936	936	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Processing Supply Chain Loan Guarantees.....	2,894	2,894	-	4,975	4,975	-	2,488	2,488	-	-	-	-	-2,488	-2,488	-
Meat & Poultry Processing Capacity- Tech Assist.....	2	2	-	63	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LFPP & RFSP Grant Aug Farm to Institution	209	209	-	315	315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Urban Ag and Innovation Prod	217	217	-	278	278	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Food Loss and Waste-															
National Strategy	26	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
People's Garden Initiative..	4	4	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GusNIP Produce															
Prescription FY22 Grants ...	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Samoa	429	429	-	429	429	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
National School Lunch															
Equipment Grant.....	11	11	-	1,458	1,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat & Poultry Processing															
Expan Prg GP 755	-	-	-	6,000	6,000	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-4,000	-4,000	-
O&M Prg Imple desig 1st															
FY beyond the cur yr	-	-	-	6,280	6,280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
O&M Prg Impl desig 1st FY															
beyond the curr yr FY27....	-	-	-	5,980	5,980	-	5,980	5,980	-	-	-	-	-5,980	-5,980	-
Meat & Poultry Processing															
Expansion Prg	3,000	3,000	-	51,585	51,585	-	38,688	38,688	-	25,792	25,792	-	-12,896	-12,896	-
Senior Farmers Market															
Nutrition Program.....	-	-	-	1,756	1,756	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm to School State															
Formula Grants.....	-	-	-	607	607	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Center Excel for Meat &															
Poultry Proces & Food															
Safety Research and															
Innovation Phase II	-	-	-	361	361	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Urban Ag and Innovative															
Production- FY 2022	-	-	-	59	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Comp Food Waste Reduc,															
Plus up FYs 22, 23, 24	-	-	-	76	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative expenses-															
Food Processing Supply															
Chain.... Loan Guarantees															
Program.....	-	-	-	5,041	5,041	-	3,780	3,780	-	2,520	2,520	-	-1,260	-1,260	-
Oversight & Mgmt for Prog															
Implementation	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emerg Food Assistance															
Programs Grants (OSEC) ..	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bal. Available, EOY ...	8,578	8,578	-	85,116	85,116	-	57,575	57,575	-	33,590	33,590	-	-23,985	-23,985	-
Total Available	20,502	20,502	-	114,577	114,577	-	93,396	93,396	-	60,138	60,138	-	-33,258	-33,258	-
Less:															
Recoveries, Other.....	-16,483	-16,483	-	-102,885	-102,885	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY	-812	-812	-	-8,578	-8,578	-	-85,116	-85,116	-	-54,158	-54,158	-	+30,958	+30,958	-
Total Appropriation.....	3,208	3,208	-	3,114	3,114	-	8,280	8,280	-	5,980	5,980	-	-2,300	-2,300	-

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF OBLIGATIONS

Table OSEC-15. Geographic Breakdown of Obligations (thousands of dollars)

State/Territory/Country	2024		2025		2026		2027	
	Actual	FTE	Actual	FTE	Estimated	FTE	Estimated	FTE
Distribution Unknown	\$11,924	-	\$29,461	-	\$31,821	-	\$22,548	-
Obligations.....	11,924	-	29,461	-	31,821	-	22,548	-
Lapsing Balances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-8,578	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Available.....	3,347	-	29,461	-	31,821	-	22,548	-

OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

Table OSEC-16. Classification by Objects (thousands of dollars)

Item No.	Item	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Estimated	2027 Estimated
Personnel Compensation:					
	Personnel Compensation, Field	\$9	-	-	-
11	Total personnel compensation	9	-	-	-
	Total, personnel comp. and benefits.....	9	-	-	-
Other Objects:					
25.1	Advisory and assistance services.....	11,871	-	\$100	\$50
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	-	\$8,716	9,500	10,000
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources ..	-	19,359	22,121	14,998
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment.....	45	26	100	-
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions		1,360	4,000	1,500
	Total, Other Objects	11,915	29,461	35,821	26,548
99.9	Total, new obligations.....	11,924	29,461	35,821	26,548