

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 FY 2021
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Farm Production and Conservation:												
Farm Service Agency.....	<u>Cat. I</u> – Continue to deliver programs with mandatory funding and those with adequate carryover to support operations. <u>Cat. III</u> – Monitor ongoing situation, events and activities to accept applications for Mandatory Farm Programs, Conservation Programs, Disaster Assistance and Farm Loan programs.	Programs and activities not supported by mandatory or carryover funding would cease during a lapse. Non-permissible activity may include, but are not limited to, Direct and Guaranteed Farm Loans and State Mediation Grants.	0.5	17,323 g/	7,000	0	10,323	0	0	0	17,323	100%
Risk Management Agency	<u>Cat. I</u> –Continue essential operations using \$7 million in mandatory funding targeted to support Program and Financial Integrity. Activities include monitor ongoing situations, events and activities in the event there was a need ensure the integrity of the crop insurance program. Fund escrow and perform price discover/price support efforts to ensure program and financial integrity.	Programs and activities not supported by mandatory or carryover funding would cease during a lapse. Non-permissible activity may include, but are not limited to, new product development for the Federal Crop Insurance Program.	0.5	357	155	0	0	0	0	0	155	43%
Natural Resources Conservation Service	<u>Cat. I</u> – Continue to deliver programs with mandatory funding and those with adequate carryover to support operations.	Programs and activities not supported by mandatory or carryover funding would cease during a lapse.	0.5	9,170	9,170	0	0	0	0	0	9,170	100%
Business Center.....	<u>Cat. I</u> – The Farm Production and Conservation-Business Center FPAC-BC will operate to fully support exempt and excepted functions of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Risk Management Agency (RMA), and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Activities include, support budget execution of available mandatory and carryover funding, funds integrity and other financial management activities, cyber security and infrastructure operations to support key positions and essential personnel, and homeland security actions necessary to ensure protection of property.	Activities not supported by mandatory or carryover funding would cease during a lapse except those necessary to ensure the continued operation and financial integrity of programs and activities of FSA, NRCS, and RMA.	0.5	1,431	1,431	0	0	0	0	0	1,431	100%

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Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs:												
Foreign Agricultural Service	Cat. I- Staff to support programs with available carryover and mandatory funding.	Day-to-day, non-critical activities for the market promotion programs will cease	0.5	1,099 b/	335	0	2	0	150	150	487	44%
	Cat. III. Continue to work on exempt programs to support mission critical activities.	The following activities will cease during a lapse in appropriations: daily administrative activities, non-critical foreign travel, attendance/payroll support, email and access to work files for non-essential staff, reimbursable agreement activities not funded; HR, IT, and budgetary support would be minimal.										
	Cat. V- Continue to work on exempt programs to support mission critical activities	Day-to-day, non-critical activities for the loan or loan guarantee programs will cease.										
The U.S. Codex Office.....	Cat. IV – Perform activities necessary to the discharge of the President's constitutional duties and powers as they relate to preparation for and participation in critical international negotiations that cannot be postponed or cancelled. Excepted functions would also include critical actions following the negotiating sessions. Examples include regular and extraordinary sessions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or subsidiary bodies and previously scheduled and funded multilateral engagements with foreign governments related to Codex issues.	Day-to-day, non-critical CODEX program area activities.	0.5	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	14%
Rural Development:												
Rural Development.....	Cat. III Continue to work on exempt programs to support mission critical activities. Cat. V - Preserve RD's loans and grants portfolio, which exceeds \$262 billion.	Any new loans or grants for discretionary programs will cease.	0.5	4,440	0	0	45	0	1,555	1,555	1,600	36%

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Food Nutrition and Consumer Services:												
Food and Nutrition Service.....	<p><u>Cat. I</u> – Available no-year appropriations to support certain Child Nutrition operations.</p> <p><u>Cat. V</u> - Federal security personnel that conduct both physical and cyber security activities and are required to be present in the building when personnel are.</p>	<p>All Federal activities supporting unfunded discretionary programs would cease, although State activity may continue out of inventory and previously awarded grant funds. All technical assistance and management evaluations with State or other partners will cease. New store authorization for SNAP and WIC programs will cease. In addition, the following activities will also cease: financial management beyond funds management; regulatory work; travel and conference presentation/participation.</p>	1.5	1,387	122	0	0	0	2	2	124	9%
Food Safety:												
Food Safety and Inspection Service	<p><u>Cat. I</u> - Utilize carryover and reimbursable funding to conduct inspection activities.</p> <p><u>Cat. IV</u> - Necessary To the Discharge Of the President's Constitutional Duties and Powers.</p> <p><u>Cat. V</u> - Provide personnel essential to the functioning of food safety operations in the nation's food supply, who would continue to perform services essential to public health during a government shutdown. Such functions include regulatory inspection of meat, poultry and egg products that is mandated by law; lab work essential to the identification of public health concerns and threats; emergency preparedness; mandatory administrative work related to the shutdown; and other functions necessarily implied by law.</p>	<p>All functions not required to directly or indirectly support the protection of life and property.</p>	0.5	8,645	18	0	0	3	7,673	7,673	7,694	89%

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Natural Resources and Environment:												
Forest Service	<u>Category I</u> Agency employees in Category I are financed from available funds other than annual appropriations: -Fire suppression activities, secure and protect property at field locations including research facilities, manage some timber sale contracts. -Utilize funds from DOL already disbursed to Forest Service to maintain Job Corps centers. -Permanent appropriations or trust fund accounts funded by collections and for which the agency already has received budget authority -Cost recovery funds, non-appropriated dollars, for the processing and monitoring of several high priority critical infrastructure land use authorizations. -Employees in Categories III and V would be included in Category I and paid from available resources until funding appropriate for their specific activity is utilized/exhausted and would then be moved to their respective categories.	Limited new timber sales, reduced hazardous fuels treatments, approximately 500 recreation special use permits a month would not be processed, revenue lost on recreation fees paid to the Forest Service, when the government reopened increased costs to address increased vandalism and waste on the recreation lands and Statewide forest inventories would be delayed.	5	28,875	24,776	0	0	0	0	0	24,776	86%
Research, Education and Economics:												
Agricultural Research Service	<u>Cat. V</u> - 1) Protection of research property and data where significant damage could result if unattended for any period of time; and 2) Senior Leaders to maintain contact through official channels and monitor communications.	All agency activities will cease except for those that are for the 1) Protection of research property and data where significant damage could result if unattended for any period of time; and 2) Senior Leaders to maintain contact through official channels and monitor communications.	0.5	7,013	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	21%
Economic Research Service	<u>Cat. III</u> – Senior Leaders to maintain contact through official channels and monitor communications, including monitoring of agency critical IT infrastructure systems to prevent security breaches and subsequent startup failures.	All activities cease.	0.5	162	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	8%

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Agricultural Marketing Service	<p><u>Cat. I</u>-Voluntary and mandatory grading, classing and inspection services, oversight of Research and Promotion Boards, laboratory operations, plant variety protection certification, PACA activities, warehouse examination user fee funded activities, Farm Bill funded activities, Marketing Agreements and Orders (MA&O), and commodity procurement for nutrition assistance programs.</p> <p><u>Cat. III</u> - Safety and Occupational Health Managers, Market News Program and Market News Support Staff.</p>	The following AMS programs are 100 percent funded with annual appropriated funds and will not be continued during a government shutdown: Country of Origin Labeling; Federal Seed; Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program; all compliance, standardization, methods development, and international monitoring activated conducted by the Federal Grain Inspection Service; International Food Procurement; National Organic Program, Packers and Stockyards Program; Pesticide Data Program; and Shell Egg Surveillance and Standardization.	0.5	4,397	3,802	0	204	0	0	0	4,006	91%
Offices:												
Office of the Secretary	<u>Cat III</u> - Manage and continue orderly shutdown and residual continuing operations.	No activities will cease.	1	108	0	0	46	0	0	0	46	43%
Office of Partnerships and Public Outreach.....	<u>Cat.I</u> - Continued activities include the Program staff for 2501 grants and other positions specifically mentioned in law (Farmworker Coordinator, Youth Outreach Coordinator, Director, etc).	All Higher Education Initiatives including 1890, 1994, and Hispanic Servicing Institutes and Operations Team.	1	51	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	8%

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Departmental Administration	<u>Cat. III</u> – Providing contracting officer services for essential activities and personnel throughout the Department. Providing human resources policy support to the Secretary, general officers and agency managers.	General oversight of Agencies management efforts, efforts to support enhanced customer experience, correspondence management, active records retention, employee relations, labor relations, hiring, physical security assessments, continuity exercises, CFIUS reviews, National Security Adjudications, and management, coordination, the monitoring of the Department's fleet and real property reduction initiatives, as well as others.	0.5	298	0	0	30	0	0	0	30	10%
Office of Homeland Security.....	<u>Cat. V</u> - Provide the Secretary with Leadership/advice on national and homeland security issues and serve as the USDA focal point for coordination of emergency management actions.	Physical Security Assessments; Continuity Exercises; CFIUS Reviews; and National Security Adjudications	0.5	48	0	0	0	0	8	8	8	17%
Office of the Chief Information Officer.....	<u>Cat. I & III</u> - Senior leadership to provide oversight for OCIO services to be continued. <u>Cat. V</u> - Cyber security activities.	Activities not related to continued operation of information systems necessary to support excepted activities, (inspection and enforcement systems, cyber security, maintaining connectivity to the field, maintaining help desk support) will cease.	0.5	1,262	6	0	52	0	12	12	70	6%
Office of Safety, Security and Protection	<u>Cat. I</u> – Security for the Headquarters Complex.	All other general operations.	0.5	48	27	0	0	0	0	0	27	56%
Agriculture Buildings and Facilities	<u>Cat. I</u> – Maintenance of essential services for the Headquarters Complex.	Closure of cafeteria operations, medical units at South, Whitten, and George Washington Carver Center, and the loading docks.	0.5	163	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	32%
Hazardous Materials Management	<u>Cat. I</u> – Coordination of the Department's environmental response and restoration activities.	Significant program activities, including providing leadership, policy, guidance, and funding for department-wide environmental cleanup, future environmental liabilities minimization, and environmental compliance will cease during a lapse.	0.5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	40%

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Office of Communications	<u>Cat. III</u> - Manage and continue orderly shutdown and residual continuing operations.	Services that will not be provided in the event of a shutdown: a) USDA press releases and reports; b) Policy guidance and direction on public affairs issues and programs; c) Teleconferencing and video production; d) Design services; e) Photographic Services; c) Radio and television transmissions; g) Printing Services; and h) Publications and information distribution.	0.5	47	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4%
Office of the Chief Economist	<u>Cat. III</u> - Support for exempt and excepted activities and the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates program.	All climate, environment, and energy coordination and policy research activities will lapse, as will activities in the areas of sustainable agriculture, agricultural labor, food loss and waste, environmental market development, risk assessment and cost benefit analysis, and pest management policy, pesticide use, and biotechnology.	0.5	61	0	0	26	0	0	0	26	43%
Office of Hearings and Appeals.....	No activities will continue.	All activities cease.	0.5	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Office of Budget and Program Analysis.....	<u>Cat. III</u> - Support for exempt and excepted activities.	Significant program activities, including providing leadership, analyses and guidance for Department-wide budgetary, programmatic, legislative and regulatory issues that impact the Departmental programs, projects and activities.	0.5	42	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	12%
Office of the Chief Financial Officer.....	<u>Cat. I</u> - Support NFC, IT, HR, Government Employee Service Division, Administrative Management Activities, and Pegasus Financial Services. <u>Cat. III</u> - Support for and exempt and excepted activities.	All contractor support will cease with the exception of Iron Mountain off-site tape storage and all hardware and software maintenance contracts supporting the NFC data center.	0.5	1,431	103	457	0	0	0	0	560	39%
Office of Civil Rights.....	No activities will continue.	All Activities.	2	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Office of Inspector General	<u>Cat. I</u> Law enforcement activities <u>Cat. III</u> - Support for exempt and excepted activities.	OIG would significantly reduce its law enforcement activities, while suspending all audit and data science-related activities, as well as all mission support activities except for those supporting ongoing law enforcement and Hotline activities, as set forth above.	0.5	445	5	0	12	0	0	0	17	4%

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Office of the General Counsel	<u>Cat. I</u> - Utilize fee funded programs to continue required legal services. <u>Cat. III</u> - Provide required legal services for the Department and services in support of user fee funded programs. <u>Cat. IV</u> - Continue to support court ordered litigations.	All legal activities not required to support ongoing litigation, the safety of human life and protection of property, or fee-funded will be suspended.	0.5	253	4	0	4	5	0	0	13	5%
Office of Ethics.....	<u>Cat. III</u> - Ethics advice and rulings on an "as needed" basis to ensure that officials can make critical decisions regarding the safety of human life and the protection of property in circumstances where a conflict of interest arises.	All ethics services not specifically required to support decisions regarding the safety of human life and the protection of property in circumstances where a conflict of interest arises.	0.5	21	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	10%
USDA, Total				97,940	51,000	577	12,861	9	10,900	10,900	75,347	77%

NOTES:

a/ - Includes non-Federal County employees.

b/ - For FY 2021, FAS is including Personal Services Agreements (overseas), but they are not included in OPM counts as a full-time equivalent.

KEY:

- Category I: Compensation Financed By a Resource Other Than Annual Appropriations
- Category II: Necessary to Perform Activities Expressly Authorized By Law
- Category III: Necessary to Perform Activities Necessarily Implied By Law
- Category IV: Necessary To the Discharge Of the President's Constitutional Duties and Powers
- Category V: Necessary to Protect Life and Property