

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FY 2024
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Farm Production and Conservation:												
Farm Service Agency.....	<u>Cat. I</u> - Continuation of ongoing policy development and program activities under IRA Sec 22006, with key staff performing activities up to application approval during the first two weeks of a lapse in appropriation. Additional program activities to be performed at the discretion of the FPAC Under Secretary. <u>Cat. V</u> - FSA leadership staff from HQ and State Offices will be on call for first 10 days. If a shutdown continues past 10 days, one farm loan employee per service center will be on call to file financing statement required to protect FSA Security interest related to collateral used to secure Farm loans.	Programs and activities not in support of securing collateral used to secure Farm Loans.	0.5	10,898 g/	35	0	0	0	2,542	2,542	2,577	24%
Risk Management Agency	<u>Cat. V</u> - RMA will continue minimum operations for excepted activities to protect life and property where applicable and for the orderly shutdown. Senior leaders and a very minimal staff will be excepted on call.	Programs and activities not identified as excepted will shut down.	0.5	400	0	0	0	0	45	45	45	11%
Natural Resources Conservation Service	<u>Cat. V</u> - NRCS will continue minimum operations for excepted activities to protect life and property related to its Plant Materials Center and legal activities and work required for dam safety and watershed operations. Senior leaders and a very minimal staff will be excepted on call.	Programs and activities not supported by mandatory, supplemental or carryover funding would cease during a lapse.	0.5	10,744	0	0	0	0	474	398	398	4%
Business Center.....	<u>Cat. V</u> - The FPAC Business Center will continue minimum operations for excepted activities to protect life and property where applicable and for the orderly shutdown. Senior leaders and a very minimal staff will be excepted or excepted on call.	Divisions and offices that provide administrative support for FPAC will cease during shutdown.	0.5	1,635	0	0	0	0	98	98	98	6%
Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs:												
Foreign Agricultural Service	<u>Cat. I</u> - Staff to support programs with available carryover funding. <u>Cat. II</u> - Staff Necessary to Perform Activities Expressly Authorized By Law. <u>Cat. III</u> - Continue to work on exempt programs to support mission critical activities.	Day-to-day, non-critical activities for the market promotion programs will cease 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. Day-to-day, non-critical activities for the loan or loan guarantee programs will cease.	0.5	1,101 b/	348	1	134	0	0	0	483	44%
The U.S. Codex Office.....	<u>Cat. IV</u> - 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.....	<u>Cat. I</u> - Continuation of ongoing policy development and program activities under IRA, with key staff performing activities up to application approval during the first two weeks of a lapse in appropriation. Additional program activities to be performed at the discretion of the RD Under Secretary. <u>Cat. III</u> - Continue to work on exempt programs to support mission critical activities. <u>Cat. V</u> - Preserve RD and FLP loans and grants portfolio, which exceeds \$265 billion.	Any new loans or grants for discretionary programs will cease.	0.5	4,645	104	0	25	0	147	499	628	14%
Food Nutrition and Consumer Services:												
Food and Nutrition Service.....	<u>Cat. I</u> - Available direct and supplemental appropriations to support certain Child Nutrition and WIC operations. <u>Cat. III</u> - Continue to work on exempt programs to support mission critical activities. <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.	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.	0.5	1,767	56	0	98	0	2	2	156	9%

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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>	All functions not required to directly or indirectly support the protection of life and property.	0.5	8,688	14	0	0	3	7,673	7,673	7,690	89%	
Natural Resources and Environment:													
Forest Service	<p><u>Category I</u> - Employees are financed from available funds other than annual appropriations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Manage some timber sale contracts. -Utilize DOL funds DOL already disbursed to maintain Job Corps centers. -Permanent appropriations or trust fund accounts funded by collections and for which budget authority has been received. -Cost recovery, non-appropriated dollars, for the processing/monitoring of high priority critical infrastructure land use authorizations. -Supplemental funding including GAOA, disaster, BIL, and IRA. <p><u>Category III</u> - Employees are financed from available funds from prior year appropriations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support Activities of staff required to work and to safeguard property CIO, HR, PPS, ASC. <p><u>Category V</u> - Employees are financed from available funds from prior year appropriations, many can also be funded in Category I if directly supporting activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fire suppression activities, secure and protect property at field locations including research facilities. 	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.	2.0	30,454	6,245	0	200	0	10,315	0	16,760	55%	
Research, Education and Economics:													
Agricultural Research Service	<p><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.</p>	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	7,120	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	21%	
Economic Research Service	<p><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.</p>	All activities cease.	0.5	285	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	3%	
National Agricultural Statistics Service	<p><u>Cat. II</u> - To conduct data collection, Analysis, Processing and Publication of Agricultural Prices reports in support of mandatory FSA programs funded during the shutdown.</p> <p><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.</p>	NASS will suspend all program activity, including those funded through Census of Agriculture or Ag Estimates except where data is needed to administer a mandatory farm program.	0.5	817	0	0	185	0	0	0	185	23%	
National Institute for Food and Agriculture.....	<p><u>Cat. I</u> - Staff to support programs with available carryover or mandatory funding.</p> <p><u>Cat. III</u> - Senior Leaders to maintain contact through official channels and monitor communications. Continuity of exempted programs by OMB.</p>	Programs not financed by available mandatory or carryover funding or exempted by OMB.	0.5	429	0	0	18	0	0	0	18	4%	
Office of Chief Scientist	<p><u>Cat. III</u> - Senior Leaders to maintain contact through official channels and monitor communications.</p>	All activities cease.	0.5	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	13%	

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Marketing and Regulatory Programs:												
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	<u>Cat. I</u> -Trust Funds: Provide preclearance and inspection of fruits and vegetables, and inspection of birds at quarantine facilities. User Fees: Conduct animal quarantine import/export activities, certain veterinary diagnostic activities, phytosanitary certificate activities and agricultural quarantine and inspection activities, including after business hours. Reimbursable agreements: Conduct certain animal and plant health program activities as well as Wildlife Services activities, including bird strike prevention and research and methods development activities. <u>Cat. III</u> - Conduct Plant Health program activities that include pre-departure inspections at ports in Hawaii and Puerto Rico and rearing and release of sterile insects in barrier zones that prevent the introduction and spread of agricultural pests and diseases. Conduct Animal Health program activities such as conducting livestock movement quarantines and tick treatments for cattle and deer along U.S.-Mexico border; continue emergency response programs; providing care for animals housed at laboratories and research facilities; and, securing facilities such as the National Veterinary Services Laboratories and the National Wildlife Research Center (which is specifically funded through Wildlife Services programs). Conduct Wildlife Services activities such as rabies control along the border with Mexico and in other areas of the United States. Conduct limited regulatory services as needed, such as investigative and enforcement support relating to serious alleged violations of Federal statutes and regulations, and biotechnology compliance enforcement and inspection activities, including any incident response. Maintain APHIS International Services operations overseas. Conduct certain Animal Welfare activities such as completing animal confiscation(s) that are in progress (if any) and addressing dangerous animal situations. Provide limited Agency-wide support activities as needed, such as support for FEMA assignments (ESF#11). Also includes minimum administrative support positions that support exempted and excepted activities. In addition to the total shown, 1,812 employees are on-call and will be activated as needed.	Certain animal health program activities that are limited or ceased include: disease prevention and detection activities; maintaining regulations, program standards, and guidelines that direct the various animal health activities; national surveillance data analysis and modeling; and animal disease traceability activities. Certain plant health program activities that are limited or ceased include: pest detection and survey activities; scientific experiments; data analysis and gathering for scientific and technical purposes; administrative and business support services to laboratories and units, and technical working group activities. Certain wildlife services activities that are limited or ceased include: pesticide registration; wildlife damage management operational activities; and invasive species management.	0.5	8,611	3,309	0	1,353	0	0	0	4,662	54%
		Other services that are limited or ceased include: investigations and enforcement activities related to APHIS program laws and regulations; authorizing movement, import or field testing of regulated biotechnology articles; reviewing petitions for determination of non-regulated status; Animal Welfare Act program activities; Horse Protection Act program activities; international trade and regulatory capacity building activities; responding to Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) inquiries and preparing Administrative Records; policy development and rule making activities; communications and outreach activities; and, business services such as human resources, financial management, information technology, and acquisition related work.	0.5									
Agricultural Marketing Service	<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, American Rescue Plan activities, Marketing Agreements and Orders (MA&O), and commodity procurement for nutrition assistance programs. <u>Cat. III</u> - Safety and Occupational Health Managers.	The following AMS programs are 100 percent funded with annual appropriated funds and will not be continued during a government shutdown: Market News; Country of Origin Labeling; Federal Seed; Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program; all compliance, standardization, methods development, and international monitoring activities 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	4,478	3,802	0	1	0	0	0	3,803	85%
Offices:												
Office of the Secretary.....	<u>Cat. III</u> - Manage and continue orderly shutdown and residual continuing operations.	All activities will cease.	0.5	173	0	0	52	0	0	0	52	30%
Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement.....	<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.	0.5	53	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	8%
Departmental Administration.....	<u>Cat. I</u> . Administrative leadership, 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	381	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	2%
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	39	0	0	0	0	29	29	29	74%
Office of the Chief Information Officer.....	<u>Cat. I</u> - Senior leadership to provide oversight for OCIO services to be continued.	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	1,666	258	0	0	0	0	0	258	15%

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Office of Safety, Security and Protection.....	<u>Cat. I</u> - Security for the Headquarters Complex.	All other general operations.	0.5	58	24	0	0	0	0	0	24	41%
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	63	22	0	0	0	0	0	22	35%
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%
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	48	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	13%
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	71	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	3%
Office of Hearings and Appeals.....	No activities will continue.	All activities cease.	0.5	82	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	62	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	13%
Office of the Chief Financial Officer.....	<u>Cat. I</u> - Support NFC, IT, HR, Government Employee Service Division, Administrative Management Activities, and Support Services.	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	1,266	133	0	0	0	0	0	133	11%
Office of Civil Rights.....	No activities will continue.	All Activities.	0.5	168	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	2%
Office of Inspector General.....	<u>Cat. I</u> - Audit programs funded by Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act of 2021 <u>Cat. III</u> - Support for exempt and excepted activities. <u>Cat. V</u> - Law enforcement activities	During a lapse in appropriations, OIG would significantly reduce its law enforcement-related activities, while suspending all audit and analytics and innovation-related activities, as well as all mission support activities except for those supporting ongoing law enforcement and Hotline activities	0.5	429	67	14	0	0	6	9	90	21%
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. V</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	257	2	0	8	0	3	3	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	23	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	9%
USDA, Total				96,931	14,431	15	2,105	4	22,834	12,798	39,668	41%

NOTES:

- a/ - Includes non-Federal County employees, but excludes County Committee members.
- b/ - For FY 2024, FAS is including Personal Services Agreements (overseas), but they are not included in OPM counts as a full-time equivalent or onboard levels.

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