

and the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, respectively.

Section 4402 of FSRIA directs the Secretary to establish a Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) to operate through 2007. The purposes of the SFMNP are to provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs to low-income seniors and to increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding and developing or aiding in the development of such outlets. The delegations at 7 CFR 2.19 and 2.57 are amended to delegate authority to administer the SFMNP to the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services and the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, respectively.

The delegations of authority at 7 CFR 2.16 and 2.42 are amended to reflect that the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services and the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency are delegated the responsibility to conduct studies and report to Congress on direct and guaranteed loan programs as required by section 5301 of FSRIA.

Title VI of FSRIA provided a number of new rural development program authorities to the Secretary. The delegations at 7 CFR 2.17 are amended to reflect delegation of these authorities to the Under Secretary for Rural Development, and 7 CFR 2.47, 2.48, and 2.49 are amended to reflect the further delegation of these authorities (with the exception of the Rural Strategic Investment Program) to the Administrators of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), and Rural Housing Service (RHS), respectively, as follows: National Rural Development Partnership (RBS), the Rural Business Investment program (RBS), the Rural Telework program (RHS), the Historic Barn Preservation program (RHS), the Farm Workers Training Grant Program (RHS), the Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grant program (RBS), the Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration program (RBS), and the Rural Firefighters and Emergency Personnel Grant program (RHS), the Household Well-Water Grant program (RUS), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration All-Hazards Weather Radio Transmitter Grant program (RUS), the SEARCH Grant program (RUS), and the Grants for Water Systems for Rural and Native Villages in Alaska (RUS).

Title VII of FSRIA provided a number of new research, education, economics, and extension authorities and requirements to the Secretary. The delegations at 7 CFR 2.21 are amended to reflect the delegation of these authorities to the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE), and the delegations at 7 CFR 2.65, 2.66, 2.67, and 2.68, are amended to reflect the further delegation of these authorities by the Under Secretary for REE to the Administrators of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), Economic Research Service (ERS), and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), respectively, as follows: An overseas internship program with the Foreign Agricultural Service (CSREES); a competitive grants program for special purpose scientific research equipment (CSREES); authority for joint administration of grant programs with other Federal agencies (CSREES); a beginning farmer and rancher development program (CSREES); a program of grants to colleges and universities in insular areas for resident instruction and distance education (CSREES); a program of public education regarding use of biotechnology in producing food for human consumption (CSREES); a requirement to ensure organic agricultural product information is included in agricultural production and marketing data (NASS); a program of grants to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, the Boy Scouts of America, National 4-H Council and the National Future Farmers of America Organization (CSREES); authority to terminate the Federal personnel appointments of certain State extension employees holding joint Federal-State employment appointments (CSREES); a requirement for the inclusion of certain data in estimates of net farm income (ERS); and a broad authority, using any legal authority available to the Secretary, to carry out agricultural research, education, and extension activities to counter chemical or biological terrorism and enhance the biosecurity of the United States (CSREES). Additionally, a grant program regarding certain diseases of wheat and barley was expanded to include diseases of triticale, specifically *Tilletia indica* and related fungi (ARS).

Title VII of FSRIA also included an authorization for establishment of a Senior Scientific Research Service that has been delegated through the Assistant Secretary for Administration

to the Office of Human Resources Management.

Title IX of FSRIA authorizes several new programs related to energy. The delegations at 7 CFR 2.29 are amended to reflect the delegation of authority to the Chief Economist to develop guidelines and establish a voluntary labeling program for the Biobased Products Federal Procurement Program and to administer the Biodiesel Fuel Education grants program. 7 CFR 2.29 is also amended to reflect the delegation to the Chief Economist of responsibility for entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of Energy regarding hydrogen and fuel cell technology programs for rural communities and agricultural producers, and that responsibility is further delegated by the Chief Economist to the Director, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses by amendment of 7 CFR 2.73.

The delegations at 7 CFR 2.17 are amended to reflect the delegation of authority to the Under Secretary for Rural Development to administer the Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Improvements program, the Biorefinery Development Grant program, and the Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Program, and 7 CFR 2.48 is further amended to reflect delegation of the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements program to the Administrator of RBS.

The delegations at 7 CFR 2.21 and 2.66 are amended to reflect the delegation of authority to the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics and the Administrator of CSREES to carry out a program of cooperative research and extension projects on carbon cycling and greenhouse gas exchanges from agriculture.

Title X, Subtitle E of FSRIA, titled the "Animal Health Protection Act," updates and consolidates a number of animal health statutes. Section 10504 of FSRIA authorizes the Secretary to develop a program to maintain in all regions of the United States a sufficient number of Federal and State veterinarians who are well trained in recognition and diagnosis of exotic and endemic animal diseases. The delegations at 7 CFR 2.22 and 2.80 are amended to reflect the delegation of authority to administer the Animal Health Protection Act and the section 10504 veterinary program to the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs and to the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). 7 CFR 371.4 is amended to reflect the delegation of this