

competitive agricultural research, education, or extension grant program (7 U.S.C. 3319b).

(132) Administer a program of competitive grants, establish education teams, and establish an online clearinghouse of curricula and training materials and programs, all for training, education, outreach, and technical assistance initiatives for the benefit of beginning farmers and ranchers (7 U.S.C. 3319f).

(133) Administer agricultural research, education, and extension activities (including through competitive grants), using any authority available to the Secretary, to reduce the vulnerability of the United States food and agricultural system to chemical or biological attack, to continue partnerships with institutions of higher education and other institutions to help form stable, long-term programs to enhance the biosecurity of the United States, to make competitive grants to universities and qualified research institutions for research on counterbioterrorism, and to counter or otherwise respond to chemical or biological attack (7 U.S.C. 3351).

(134) Administer a program of competitive grants to colleges and universities for expansion and security upgrades to enhance the security of agriculture against bioterrorism (7 U.S.C. 3352).

(135) Administer programs for distance education grants and resident instruction grants to eligible institutions in insular areas that have demonstrable capacity to carry out teaching and extension programs in the food and agricultural sciences (7 U.S.C. 3361–3363).

(136) Administer a program of cooperative research (including through competitive award of grants and cooperative agreements to colleges and universities) and extension projects on carbon cycling in soils and plants, the exchange of other greenhouse gases from agriculture, and the carbon sequestration benefits of conservation practices (7 U.S.C. 6711).

(137) Administer a program, in coordination with State veterinarians and other appropriate State animal health professionals, to conduct research, testing, and evaluation of programs for the control and management of Johne's disease in livestock (7 U.S.C. 7629).

(138) Administer a program of grants to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, the Boy Scouts of America, the National 4-H Council, and the National FFA Organization to establish pilot projects to expand the programs

carried out by the organizations in rural areas and small towns (7 U.S.C. 7630).

(139) Oversee implementation of the termination of Federal schedule A civil service appointments of State agricultural extension employees at land-grant colleges and universities (section 7220 of Pub. L. 107–171).

(140) Administer and direct a program of grants to the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (section 10805 of Pub. L. 107–171).

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■ 28. Amend § 2.67 to add paragraph (a)(12) and paragraph (a)(18) to read as follows:

§ 2.67 Administrator, Economic Research Service

(a) * * *

(12) Facilitate access by research and extension professionals, farmers, and other interested persons in the United States to, and the use by those persons of, organic research conducted outside the United States (7 U.S.C. 5925d).

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(18) Include in each issuance of projections of net farm income an estimate of the net farm income earned by commercial producers in the United States that will in addition show the estimate of net farm income attributable to commercial producers of livestock, loan commodities, and agricultural commodities other than loan commodities (7 U.S.C. 7998).

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■ 29. Amend § 2.68 to add paragraphs (a)(10) and (a)(11) to read as follows:

§ 2.68 Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service

(a) * * *

(10) Ensure that segregated data on the production and marketing of organic agricultural products is included in the ongoing baseline of data collection regarding agricultural production and marketing (7 U.S.C. 5925c).

(11) Administer a program of mandatory reporting for dairy products and substantially identical products (7 U.S.C. 1637a, 1638b).

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Subpart L—Delegations of Authority by the Chief Economist

■ 30. Add to § 2.73 new paragraphs (a)(8) and (a)(9) to read as follows:

§ 2.73 Director, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses.

(a) * * *

(8) Administer a competitive biodiesel fuel education grants program (7 U.S.C. 8104).

(9) Implement a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of

Energy regarding cooperation in the application of hydrogen and fuel cell technology programs for rural communities and agricultural producers (7 U.S.C. 8107).

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Subpart N—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

■ 31. Revise the subpart heading to read as set forth above.

■ 32. Revise § 2.77 to read as follows:

§ 2.77 Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

Pursuant to § 2.22(a), subject to reservations in § 2.22(b), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Under Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made by the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs to the Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Under Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

■ 33. Amend § 2.79 to revise the introductory text of paragraph (a) and add paragraphs (a)(8)(lxiii) through (a)(8)(lxvi) to read as follows:

§ 2.79 Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.22(a)(1), (a)(5) and (a)(8), subject to reservations in § 2.22(b)(1), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs to the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service:

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(8) * * *

(lxiii) Farmers' Market Promotion Program (7 U.S.C. 2005).

(lxiv) National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program (7 U.S.C. 6523).

(lxv) Exemption of Certified Organic Products from Assessment (7 U.S.C. 7401).

(lxvi) Country of Origin Labeling (7 U.S.C. 1638–1638(d)).

(lxvii) Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 7801–7813).

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■ 34. Amend § 2.80 to revise the introductory text of paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) and add new paragraphs (a)(52), (a)(53), (a)(54), (a)(55), and (a)(56) to read as follows: