

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1076-005**

**Delegations of Authority  
Agricultural Act of 2014**

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to delegate authority within the Department to implement the provisions of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Pub. L. 113-79. The authorities delegated herein by reference to a section of the Agricultural Act of 2014 include delegations of both new provisions of law enacted by that section and amendments made by that section to existing Acts, to the extent authorities under such Acts are not covered by previously published delegations of authority.

2. **DELEGATIONS**

I hereby delegate authorities vested in the Secretary of Agriculture by the Agricultural Act of 2014 to the Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and General Officers of the Department as identified in Column A of the attached section-by-section table of authorities. The Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and General Officers of the Department shall redelegate the authorities delegated herein to the agencies and offices of the Department as identified in Column B of the attached table. Where there is an assigned delegation in Column A, but no assigned redelegation in Column B, the Column A delegatee is authorized to redelegate that authority as appropriate.

3. **INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS**

The Assistant Secretary for Administration and the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to approve such transfers of funds, personnel, employment authority, space, records, property, and incidentals as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Memorandum.

4. **EXISTING DIRECTIVES**

Prior delegations of authority, administrative regulations, and other directives not inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum shall remain in full force and effect.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

- a. The delegations of authority made herein are effective immediately and, except as provided in section 5.b, shall remain in effect for one year from the effective date or until such earlier time as the Department's published delegations of authority have been revised to incorporate the provisions of this Memorandum.
- b. Delegations of authority to conduct or prepare a one-time study, report, economic analysis, or similar activity shall remain in effect until such study, report, economic analysis, or similar activity is completed.

6. ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations used in the attached section-by-section table of authorities are as follows:

AMS	Agricultural Marketing Service
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
ARS	Agricultural Research Service
ASA	Assistant Secretary for Administration
ERS	Economic Research Service
FFAS	Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
FNCS	Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service
FS	Forest Service
FSA	Farm Service Agency
MRP	Marketing and Regulatory Programs
NIFA	National Institute of Food and Agriculture
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRE	Natural Resources and Environment
RBS	Rural Business-Cooperative Service
RD	Rural Development
REE	Research, Education, and Economics
RMA	Risk Management Agency
RUS	Rural Utilities Service

Attachment

/s/Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary

ATTACHMENT

Section	Short Title	COLUMN A Under Secretary, Assistant Secretary, or General Officer Delegation	COLUMN B Agency or Staff Office Delegation
	<b>TITLE I -- COMMODITIES</b>		
	<b>Subtitle D -- Dairy</b>	FFAS	FSA
	<b>Subtitle F -- Administration</b>		
1612	Tracking of Benefits	FFAS	FSA
	<b>TITLE II -- CONSERVATION</b>		
	<b>Subtitle D -- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program</b>		
2301	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	NRE	NRCS
	<b>Subtitle E -- Regional Conservation Partnership Program</b>		
2401	Regional Conservation Partnership Program	NRE	NRCS
	<b>Subtitle F -- Other Conservation Programs</b>		
2503	Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program	NRE	NRCS
2507	Terminal Lakes	NRE	NRCS
	<b>Subtitle G -- Funding and Administration</b>		
2609	Wetlands Mitigation	NRE	NRCS
2610	Lesser Prairie-Chicken Conservation Report	NRE	NRCS
2611	Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation for Crop Insurance	FFAS / NRE	RMA, FSA / NRCS
	<b>TITLE III -- TRADE</b>		
	<b>Subtitle C -- Other Agricultural Trade Laws</b>		
3205(c)	Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops -- U.S Atlantic Spiny Dogfish Study	MRP	AMS
3208(b)(1) - (b)(3)	Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs -- Proposal, Report	FFAS	
	<b>TITLE IV -- NUTRITION</b>		
	<b>Subtitle A -- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</b>		
4004(b)	Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations -- Feasibility Study, Report, and Demonstration Project for Indian Tribes	FNCS	FNS
4031	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Pilot Program	FNCS	FNS
4032	Annual State Report on Verification of SNAP Participation	FNCS	FNS
4033	Service of Traditional Foods in Public Facilities	FNCS	FNS
	<b>Subtitle C -- Miscellaneous</b>		
4204	Dietary Guidelines for Americans	FNCS	
4205	Multiagency Task Force	FNCS	

4206	Healthy Food Financing Initiative	RD	RBS
4208	Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive	REE	NIFA
4209	Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program	REE	NIFA
4212	Review of Sole-Source Contracts in Federal Nutrition Programs	FNCS	FNS
4213(c)	Pulse Crop Products -- Purchase of Pulse Crops and Pulse Crop Products	MRP	AMS
4213(d), (e)	Pulse Crop Products -- Evaluation, Report	FNCS	FNS
4214	Pilot Project for Canned, Frozen, or Dried Fruits and Vegetables	FNCS	FNS
<b>TITLE V -- CREDIT</b>			
<b>TITLE VI -- RURAL DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<b>Subtitle A -- Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b>			
6017	Intermediary Relending Program	RD	RBS
6020(b)	Simplified Applications -- Report to Congress	RD	
<b>Subtitle B -- Rural Electrification Act of 1936</b>			
6104(b)	Access to Broadband Telecommunications Services in Rural Areas -- Study on Providing Effective Data for National Broadband Map	RD	RUS
<b>Subtitle C -- Miscellaneous</b>			
6205	Rural Energy Savings Program	RD	RUS
6206	Study on Rural Transportation Issues	MRP	AMS
6209	Program Metrics	RD	RBS
6210	Funding of Pending Rural Development Loan and Grant Applications	RD	RUS
<b>TITLE VII -- RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND RELATED MATTERS</b>			
<b>Subtitle A -- National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977</b>			
7103(a)	Specialty Crop Committee -- Establishment of Citrus Disease Subcommittee	REE	
7104	Veterinary Services Grant Program	REE	NIFA
7106	Agricultural and Food Policy Research Centers	Chief Economist	
7113	Grants to Upgrade Agriculture and Food Science Facilities and Equipment at Insular Area Land-Grant Institutions	REE	NIFA
7116	Competitive Grants Program for Hispanic Agricultural Workers and Youth	REE	NIFA
7121	Agreements with Former Agricultural Research Facilities of the Department	REE	ARS
<b>Subtitle B -- Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990</b>			
7209(8)(B)	High-Priority Research and Extension Initiatives -- Honey Bee Pest, Pathogen, Health, and Population Status Surveillance Program	MRP	APHIS

7209(8)(D)	High-Priority Research and Extension Initiatives -- Pollinator Guidance for National Forest System lands	REE	NIFA
7209(8)(E)	High-Priority Research and Extension Initiatives -- Annual Report	REE	
7211	Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative	REE	NIFA
	<b>Subtitle C -- Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998</b>		
7301	Relevance and Merit of Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Funded by the Department	REE	NIFA
7310	Forestry Products Advanced Utilization Research	REE	NIFA
	<b>Subtitle D -- Other Laws</b>		
7404(g)	Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act -- Inter-Regional Research Project Number 4	REE	ARS/NIFA
	<b>Subtitle E -- Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008</b>		
7513(2)	Budget Submission and Funding -- Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Activities Report	REE	
	<b>Subtitle F -- Miscellaneous Provisions</b>		
7601	Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research	REE	
7603	Agricultural and Food Law Research, Legal Tools, and Information	REE	ARS
7604	Cotton Disease Research Report	REE	ARS
	<b>TITLE VIII -- FORESTRY</b>		
	<b>Subtitle C -- Reauthorization of Other Forestry-Related Laws</b>		
8204	Insect and Disease Infestation	NRE	FS
8205	Stewardship End Result Contracting Projects	NRE	FS
8206	Good Neighbor Authority	NRE	FS
	<b>Subtitle D -- Miscellaneous Provisions</b>		
8302	Forest Service Participation in ACES Program	NRE	FS
8304	Reimbursement of Fire Funds	NRE	FS
8305	Forest Service Large Airtanker and Aerial Asset Firefighting Recapitalization Pilot Program	NRE	FS
	<b>TITLE IX -- ENERGY</b>		
9002(a)(5)	Biobased Markets Program -- Forest Products Laboratory Coordination	NRE	FS
9012	Community Wood Energy Program	NRE	FS
9015	Energy Efficiency Report for USDA Facilities	ASA	
	<b>TITLE X -- HORTICULTURE</b>		
10011	Department of Agriculture Consultation Regarding Enforcement of Certain Labor Law Provisions	MRP	AMS
10012	Report on Honey	MRP	AMS
10013	Reports to Congress	REE	ARS
10016	Local Food Production and Program Evaluation	REE	ERS

	<b>TITLE XI -- CROP INSURANCE</b>		
11014(c)	Crop Production on Native Sod -- Cropland Report	FFAS	
	<b>TITLE XII -- MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>Subtitle A -- Livestock</b>		
12101	Trichinae Certification Program	MRP	APHIS
12104(a)	Country of Origin Labeling -- Economic Analysis	Chief Economist	
	<b>Subtitle C -- Other Miscellaneous Provisions</b>		
12306	Acer Access and Development Program	NRE	FS
12309	Produce Represented As Grown in the United States When It Is Not in Fact Grown in the United States	MRP	APHIS
12314	Pima Agriculture Cotton Trust Fund	FFAS	FSA
12315	Agriculture Wool Apparel Manufacturers Trust Fund	FFAS	FSA
12316	Wool Research and Promotion	MRP	AMS