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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin Chair Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven **Ranking Member** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies U.S. Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair and Ranking Member

As you begin consideration of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related agencies, I ask that you consider the following Congressionally Directed Spending and programmatic requests. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities. If you have any questions about the following requests, please contact Hannah Albert, (202-731-3698).

Sincerely,

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Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

Request #1

Agency: Rural Development Housing Service

Account: Rural Community Facilities grants

Project Name: Dylan Jude Harrell Community Center

Project Purpose: A community center located in rural Pacific County to serve community members young and old.

Justification: There is a lack of safe facilities for youth and community to engage in social and recreational activities in Pacific County with the closest comparable facility more than 75 miles from the Long Beach Peninsula. The population of Pacific County cannot financially support a project like this because of size and demographics; the population is under 23,000 and the median household income is under \$45,000.

Funding Level Requested: \$2,500,000

Project City of County: Ilwaco, Washington

Project State: Washington

Staff Contact: Hannah Albert (<u>Hannah_Albert@cantwell.senate.gov</u>, 202-224-5518)

Request #2

Agency: Rural Development Housing Service

Account: Rural Community Facilities grants

Project Name: New Childcare Center

Project Purpose: To provide Columbia County with a childcare center.

Justification: Columbia County does not have a single licensed childcare center. The county has been struggling for years to recruit and retain personnel, attributed in part to the lack of childcare. Families may leave for more urban environments, quit jobs to stay home with their kids, or resort to unsupervised or poorly supervised child environments which can lead to negative outcomes. The county's businesses are primarily public service providers without the ability to generate high profit margins for use on capital projects, thus an external source of funding is necessary for a new community childcare facility.

Funding Level Requested: \$500,000

Project City of County: Dayton, Washington

Project State: Washington

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Request #3

Agency: Rural Housing Service

Account: Rural Community Facilities grants

Project Name: Sauk-Suiattle Computer Lab

Project Purpose: The project would expanding the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe's Recreation Center to provide a computer lab with Internet capability to assist not only the Tribe and its members, but also members of the Darrington community.

Justification: Currently there is virtually no reliable high-speed internet in the surrounding community. The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe has the only reliable Internet capable of providing

multi-user connectivity for virtual learning and continued education. The Tribe currently lacks adequate space to host these activities in a safe and clean manner.

Funding Level Requested: \$210,000

Project City of County: Darrington, Washington

Project State: Washington

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Request #4

Agency: Rural Housing Service

Account: Community Facilities grants

Project Name: Port Angeles Food Bank (PAFB)

Project Purpose: This request would help provide the funding to add a commercial kitchen to offer prepared foods. This will provide more choices, including ready-to-eat meals for vulnerable clients who may not be able to prepare meals on their own.

Justification: Many of the donated fresh items are already on their last days when received. To reduce food waste and offer prepared foods that will serve our clients and community, the request would fund the adding of a commercial kitchen at our new location. We envision a core service line will be available through the construction of a commercial kitchen, which will incorporate a collaborative model with Washington State University Extension to manage the day-to-day operations. Adding this to our services at PAFB would allow us to provide more nutritious prepared foods to our shoppers while simultaneously reducing food waste. While we offer a vast selection of fresh produce to clients at PAFB, we acknowledge some of our client's might be best served through receiving easy-to-heat or ready-to-eat prepared meals from our commercial kitchen. Some of our clients are elderly, differently-abled, vulnerable adults, or have little experience cooking for themselves fresh produce. Having

a commercial kitchen available allows us to provide more choice for clients to fit their life needs while also protecting our environment.

Funding Level Requested: \$500,000

Project City of County: Port Angeles, Washington

Project State: Washington

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Programmatic Requests

Request #1

Agency: Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services

Program or Activity: Pulse Products Pilot Program

Amount Requested by Member: \$2,500,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$0

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$0

Justification: Developing healthy eating habits at an early age can help fight childhood obesity and last into older years. The Pulse Products Pilot Program would provide funding for schools to

use pulse products, such as tortillas and pasta, in school lunches. The 2014 Farm Bill authorized \$10,000,000 for the Pilot Program, but in order to get the program started, \$2.5 million should be appropriated to the program to provide healthy food alternatives for kids in school cafeteria. **Contact:** Hannah Albert, <u>Hannah Albert@cantwell.senate.gov</u>, (202-731-3698)

Request #2

Agency: Agricultural Research Service Program or Activity: Pulse Health Initiative Amount Requested by Member: \$25,000,000 Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$0 Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$0

Justification: Pulse crops such as dry peas, legumes and chickpeas are an important source of vitamins, minerals, and plant-based protein. However, more research is needed to understand the benefit of pulse crops and their ability to help fight chronic disease such as Type-2 Diabetes, stroke, and heart disease. The Pulse Initiative was reauthorized in the 2018 Farm Bill and is authorized at \$25,000,000 for research to understand the health benefits of pulses. **Contact:** Hannah Albert, <u>Hannah_Albert@cantwell.senate.gov</u>, (202-731-3698)

Request #3

Agency: Agricultural Research Service

Program or Activity: Salaries and Expenses

Amount Requested by Member: \$5,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$0

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$0

Justification: Barley pests cause annual 5 to 15% yield reductions, resulting in losses of \$36 to \$118 Million a year nationwide to growers. The USDA-ARS Barley Pest Initiative will strengthen the capacity of the national public sector barley research infrastructure to address major insect, viral, bacterial, and fungal threats to the production of high-quality barley. The Initiative focus is to improve environmental sustainability and economic returns to barley growers, while meeting the needs of domestic and export end-users for high-quality barley. ARS and university scientists in fourteen states will develop management and genetic resistance strategies to mitigate or eliminate the substantial negative economic impact of major barley pests. Addressing these pest threats will help Washington barley growers, and value-added barley end-users, including brewers, whiskey distillers, maltsters, food processors, and livestock producers, remain economically viable and also ensure that consumers have high quality barley products at a reasonable cost.

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Request #4

Agency: Agricultural Research Service

Report Language: "Barley Pest Initiative – The Committee recognizes that insects, and viral, bacterial, and fungal diseases, inflict substantial yield and quality losses to the barley crop throughout the US, resulting in significant economic losses to growers and end-users. The

Committee supports research to be carried out through the Barley Pest Initiative to address these major threats to sustainable and profitable barley production and utilization. The Committee recommendation includes a \$5,000,000 increase to support this initiative." Justification: In Washington, barley is a \$17.8 Million a year crop, with demand increasing to make in-state ingredient value-added beer and other products. This funding would provide Washington growers with another crop option and increased economic opportunities. Barley is a critical raw material to the state's rapidly growing and job creating brewing, malting, and distilling industries, which now totals 401 brewers, 59 whiskey distillers, and 4 maltsters. It has a substantial impact on the state's economy, with beer production, wholesaling and retailing generating \$8,300,000,000 in total business activity, supporting 53,500 jobs and generating \$1.5 Billion in federal, state, and local taxes.

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Request #5

Agency: Agricultural Research Service

Report Language: "Soft White Wheat Falling Numbers Test – The Committee recognizes the emerging crisis surrounding wheat starch degradation, as detected by the Hagberg-Perten Falling Numbers (FN) Test. The quality loss was particularly devastating to Pacific Northwest soft white wheat producers in late 2016. The Committee recommendation includes \$1,000,000 to ARS to research the accuracy of the FN test, and better understand environmental, storage, and genetic conditions leading to this quality loss."

Justification: Washington state has been known throughout the world as the home to high quality soft and club wheat production. A relatively new challenge to Washington wheat farmers is the sensitivity of wheat cultivars to environmental factors that reduce quality by stimulating pre-harvest sprouting or production of enzymes that reduce their grain quality. The quality is measured by the Hagberg-Perten Falling Numbers (FN) Test: when the result is lower than the standard, is a sign of lower quality, and hence the reference to 'low falling numbers'. Given the impact the test can have on the Washington wheat industry, we request that funding be dedicated to research the accuracy of the test and conditions that lead to a loss in quality **Contact:** Hannah Albert, Hannah Albert@cantwell.senate.gov, (202-731-3698)

Request #6

Agency: Foreign Agriculture Service

Program or Activity: Priority Trade Fund

Amount Requested by Member: Full funding

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$4,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$4,000,000

Justification: The 2018 Farm Bill included \$3.5 million for the Priority Trade Fund to be used at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture. Washington state is the third-largest exporter of 4 food and agriculture products in the United States. Accessing foreign markets is important to Washington's agricultural industry and economy. Farmers are currently facing unprecedented barriers to selling products abroad, and help with establishing foreign markets is crucial to the continued existence of many of Washington's farmers and growers. The Priority Trade Fund

should be given full funding to ensure the success of our country's agricultural producers and exporters.

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Request #7

Agency: Office of the Secretary

Report Language: General Provisions Title: "The Secretary of Agriculture may waive the matching funds requirement under Section 412(g) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

Justification: Section 7614 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 amended the matching funds requirement instituted by the 2014 Farm Bill for numerous research programs including the Specialty Crops Research Initiative (SCRI) under the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, which exempted capacity eligible entities from matching requirements. Most of the agriculture research programs prior to enactment of the 2014 Farm Bill's universal matching requirement included specific statutory authority for each program which authorized USDA/NIFA to waive the matching requirement under specific conditions. An exception to this general rule was SCRI. After the 2008 Farm Bill implementation difficulties were encountered and matching requirements for SCRI were ameliorated with specific indirect costs language included in yearly appropriation legislation not in the underlying statute as with other programs Congress restored the waiver authority in the FY 2020 language restoring the waiver authority needs to be included in the annual appropriations bills. **Contact:** Hannah Albert@cantwell.senate.gov, (202-731-3698)

Request #8

Agency: Agricultural Research Service

Program or Activity: Salaries and Expenses

Report Language: "Smoke Exposure.—The Committee is concerned about the impacts of wildfire smoke on winegrape producers and supports research to help growers and processors establish science-based threshold levels of smoke compounds that cause smoke-tainted grapes, identify the compounds responsible for smoke taint, develop mitigation methods to reduce or eliminate smoke taint, and conduct research into compounds that can act as a barrier between the grapes and the smoke compounds. The Committee recommendation includes no less than fiscal year 2021 levels."

Justification: Under certain conditions, wine grapes exposed to smoke from wildfires can introduce certain compounds into the winemaking process that cause smoky, ash-like flavors in wine and which render these wines unfit for commercial sale. These smoky, ash-like flavors can become more pronounced over time as wine ages in tanks, barrels or in the bottle. The science around smoke taint problems in wine is not well developed and there is a great deal of uncertainty around when and how smoke-taint problems will be expressed in wines. And, there are very few practical measures available to growers and wineries to mitigate smoke taint problems. Given the current state of knowledge surrounding smoke taint and the limited number of tools to mitigate smoke taint problems, it is easy to understand why wineries are reluctant to

accept smoke exposed grapes. A focused investment in smoke exposure research would be tremendously beneficial to growers and wineries and could minimize economic losses related to wildfires.

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Request #9

Agency: Agricultural Research ServiceProgram or Activity: Salaries and ExpensesAmount Requested by Member: Support the President's RequestAmount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$1,849,590,000Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$1,491,784,000Justification: Funding for the Agricultural Research Service would allow institutions likeWashington State University to research disciplines that play a key role in developing newagricultural products to enhance domestic and global competitiveness, guard against pests anddiseases, breed new crop varieties, conserve water and protect soil, all of which strengthensWashington's and the US economy. Funding for research into critical crop diseases like LittleCherry Disease (LCD), which has reached epidemic levels in the cherry growing regions of thePacific Northwest, is important to vitality of Washington state's strong cherry economy.Contact: Hannah Albert @cantwell.senate.gov, (202-731-3698)

Request #10

Agency: Foreign Agriculture Service

Program or Activity: Market Access Program

Amount Requested by Member: Full funding

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$189,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$188,000,000

Justification: In order for American agriculture to flourish, farmers, packers, and shippers need availability in the global marketplace in order to stay competitive. The Market Access Program (MAP) helps develop markets for American agricultural exports and assists U.S. growers to enter those markets. MAP is of particular importance to Washington state which is a trade-dependent state and has an abundance of export-ready agricultural commodities. To ensure that farmers in Washington state and around the country continue to have the resources to access the global marketplace, I support MAP being fully funded.

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Request #11

Agency: Foreign Agriculture Service

Program or Activity: Foreign Market Development Program

Amount Requested by Member: Full funding

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$33,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$33,000,000

Justification: The Foreign Market Development Program (FMDP) helps agriculture producers in Washington state create, expand, and maintain long-term export markets for agricultural

producers and processors. Several Washington agricultural industry organizations receive FMDP funds, along with MAP funds, to build international demand specifically for their commodities including the Washington Apple Commission, Washington State Wine Commission, Washington State Fruit Commission/Northwest Cherry Growers, and Pear Bureau Northwest. Additionally, thousands of Washington farmers and agricultural businesses directly benefit from FMDP and 6 MAP funding through national organizations. That is why it is imperative that FMDP be fully funded.

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Request #12

Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service

Program or Activity: Specialty Crop Block Grant

Amount Requested by Member: Full funding

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$85,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$80,000,000

Justification: Specialty crops such as apples, cherries, grapes and other fruits and vegetables are an important part of the agricultural landscape and essential to rural communities across the country. In order for these crops to remain competitive and support farmers, the Specialty Crop Block Grant must be fully funded.

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Request #13

Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program or Activity: Specialty Crop Research Initiative

Amount Requested by Member: Full funding

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$75,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: N/A

Justification: The Specialty Crop Research Initiative is a competitive, peer-reviewed program based on multidisciplinary, collaborative research and extension activities addressing stakeholder priorities. Grants support a range of areas, including plant breeding; genetics and genomics; pollination; pest and disease issues; productivity and profitability; new innovations and technology; and food safety. This program should be funded at its full authorized level of \$80,000,000.

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Request #14

Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program or Activity: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative

Amount Requested by Member: \$700,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$700,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$435,000,000

Justification: Food, agriculture and natural resources research has been woefully underfunded over the decades. In past years, over 75 percent of Agriculture Food and Research Initiative

proposals deemed worthy by expert review panels go unfunded due to budget constraints. In order to support important agricultural research in plant health, organic crop breeding, and other important projects, the Agriculture Food and Research Initiative should be funded at \$460,000,000.

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Request #15

Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program or Activity: Alfalfa Seed and Alfalfa Forage Systems Research Program

Amount Requested by Member: \$5,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$0

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$3,000,000

Justification: Alfalfa, currently the nation's third most valuable field crop behind only corn and soybeans, for years has been overlooked in the public research arena especially when compared to the research investment made in program crops. The creation of the Alfalfa Seed and Alfalfa Forage Systems Research Program (ASAFS) in FY 2014, however, is a positive step in the effort to bring much needed parity to alfalfa research.

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Request #16

Agency: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Program or Activity: National Animal Health Laboratory Network

Amount Requested by Member: \$30,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$0

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$4,000,000

Justification: The National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) is the most important and effective tool in the United States for the early detection of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and other foreign animal diseases. The NAHLN, composed of federal, university, and state veterinary diagnostic laboratories, is an established surveillance and emergency response system that provides testing and surveillance against infectious animal diseases.

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Request #17

Agency: Food and Nutrition Service

Program or Activity: The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Amount Requested by Member: \$85,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$85,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$79,630,000

Justification: The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a crucial lifeline for food banks and other hunger services across the country. TEFAP food helps supplement the diets of the low-income families and the elderly. States need these funds to administer programs and provide food to help reduce hunger for those who need it most. Funding for TEFAP should be funded at \$80,000,000.

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Request #18

Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program or Activity: Smith-Lever 3(b) and 3(c)

Amount Requested by Member: \$341,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$315,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$315,000,000

Justification: The Smith-Lever Act established the Cooperative Extension System at Land Grant Universities. In Washington state, Smith-Lever funds leverage an additional \$12 in State, local and competitive grant funds for every \$1 of capacity funds invested. **Contact:** Hannah Albert, Hannah Albert@cantwell.senate.gov, (202-731-3698)

Request #19

Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program or Activity: Hatch Act

Amount Requested by Member: \$329,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$329,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$259,000,000

Justification: The Hatch Act (1887) established the Agricultural Experiment Station network associated with America's Land Grant Universities. Hatch Funds support research for nearly all of the major commodities in the state of Washington and thus enhance the production of these crops. Hatch Act funds should be funded at \$280,000,000.

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Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program or Activity: Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

Amount Requested by Member: \$72,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$72,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$71,000,000

Justification: The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program provides nutrition education to low-income parents and children in poverty across the country, and provides nutritional services to those who are disproportionally affected by hunger and poor nutrition. Better access to food and good nutrition will help children who suffer remain better focused in school and lead healthier lives. This important program should receive full funding. **Contact:** Hannah Albert, <u>Hannah_Albert@cantwell.senate.gov</u>, (202-731-3698)

Request #21

Agency: National Institute for Food & Agriculture Program or Activity: Food & Agriculture Defense Initiative Amount Requested by Member: \$9,000,000 Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$8,000,000 Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$8,000,000 **Justification:** The National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) is a critical component of our nation's biosecurity infrastructure and receives funding from the Food & Agriculture Defense Initiative (FADI) that is administered by the USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Integrated Programs. This network is the premier diagnostic system with the ability to quickly detect and accurately identify plant pests and pathogens and to communicate timely and accurate information with county and state extension agents, state departments of agriculture and the USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA APHIS PPQ). Adequate resources and equipment for training of first responders and diagnosticians is an essential component of the NPDN, ensuring that the Network is prepared for the scope of its mission in the event of an outbreak.

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Request #22

Agency: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Program or Activity: Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program

Amount Requested by Member: \$9,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$9,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$8,500,000

Justification: The Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program recruits critically needed veterinarians to practice in areas of the country where USDA has designated communities with veterinary shortage areas. In 2017, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the average student debt for U.S. veterinary school graduates was \$138,067. However, because some students are able to graduate without borrowing any funds, these numbers don't fully reflect the reality that faces students who do graduate with debt. The federally funded Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program mitigates this challenge by offering loan forgiveness to veterinarians who commit to serving at least three years in underserved areas. The program has had an overwhelming response, with three applicants for every position filled. **Contact:** Hannah Albert, <u>Hannah Albert@cantwell.senate.gov</u>, (202-731-3698)

Request #23

Agency: National Instate of Food and Agriculture

Program or Activity: Veterinary Services Grant Program

Amount Requested by Member: \$3,000,000

Amount Requested in President's FY 2022 Budget: \$3,000,000

Amount included in the FY 2021 Enacted Bill: \$3,000,000

Justification: The Veterinary Services Grant Program was authorized in the 2014 Farm Bill as a companion to the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (below). Both programs are vital to providing veterinary services to underserved and rural communities across Washington State. The VSGP program is designed to address gaps in shortage situations by preparing and assisting veterinarians for practice in rural areas, facilitating private veterinary practices engaged in public health activities, and specifically aiding the practices of veterinarians who have completed service under the VMLRP. The program focuses on two areas, education and rural practice enhancement. This program will allow recipients to establish or expand veterinary

practices, establish mobile veterinary facilities, recruit veterinarians, technicians and students, and support continuing education and extension programs, among other important activities. **Contact:** Hannah Albert, <u>Hannah Albert@cantwell.senate.gov</u>, (202-731-3698)

In addition to the above requests, I have also signed on to the following letters in support of programs within your jurisdiction:

- Pulse Crops
- Cranberry research within ARS and NIFA
- Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition Program
- WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Rural Broadband
- Rural Utility Service Electric Loans
- Healthy Food Financing Initiative
- Animal Welfare Enforcement
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Urban Agriculture
- National Animal Health Laboratory Network
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Beginning Farmer and Ranchers Development Program
- Rural Housing Programs (Section 502 Direct Loans, Mutual Self Help Housing, Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Loans, Multi-Family Preservation and Revitalization, Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans, Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants, and Water and Sewer Loan and Grant Financing)
- Floriculture Crops Report