

## **Section by Section of Agriculture and Nutrition Provisions**

### **Bipartisan-Bicameral COVID Relief Deal**

#### **Division XX – Agriculture.**

#### **Title I – Agricultural Programs.**

#### **Office of the Secretary**

Appropriates \$11.2 billion to the office of the Secretary of Agriculture to respond to coronavirus by assisting specialty crop, non-specialty crop, livestock, dairy and poultry producers by enhancing assistance received under the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) and by establishing new programs.

The Secretary is required to: provide \$20 per planted acre for non-specialty crops; include insurance indemnities and disaster payments in 2019 sales for the purposes of CFAP 2 payments; pay 80% of the value of livestock that were depopulated including the cost of depopulation; provide a supplemental payment to livestock producers as partial compensation for disparities between CFAP 1 and CFAP 2; cover up to 80% of the revenue losses of contract growers lost due to termination of contracts; improve animal disease prevention and response capacity, support domestic users of cotton (textile mills); purchase food and agricultural products for distribution by nonprofit organizations; provide grants and loans to food processors and distributors for the procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE); and conduct a study of the efficacy of such purchase and distribution efforts.

Authorizes the Secretary to: support processors for losses of crops; extend the term of marketing assistance loans to 12 months; assist timber hauling and harvesting businesses; account for organic and added value price differentiation in calculating assistance; support producers of biofuels; make recourse loans available for dairy product processors; and provide supplemental assistance for producers whose calculated payments under CFAP 1 and 2 was reduced by payment limitations.

#### **Sec. 101. Specialty Crop Block Grants.**

Provides \$100 million to supplement the Specialty Crop Block Grants Program.

#### **Sec. 102. Local Agriculture Market Program.**

Provides \$100 million to supplement the Local Agriculture Market Program. Allows the Secretary to decrease required matching funds to 10% for awards funded by this supplemental.

#### **Sec. 103. Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach Program.**

Provides \$75 million to supplement the Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach Program. Allows the Secretary to decrease required matching funds to 10% for awards funded by the supplemental.

**Sec. 104. Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program.**

Provides \$75 million to supplement the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program. Allows the Secretary to decrease required matching funds to 10% for awards funded by this supplemental.

**Sec. 105. Research.**

Provides \$20 million for fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter for the Agricultural Research Service to address gaps in nutrition research.

**Title II – Support for Dairy, Livestock, and Farm Stress.**

**Sec. 200. Definitions.**

**Sec. 201. Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage Payments.**

Provides for supplemental coverage for dairy operations with less than 5 million pounds of annual production who are producing more milk than what is covered under the Dairy Margin Coverage program authorized in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. Such assistance is equal to 75% of the payment per hundredweight made under the existing safety net on any additional covered production.

**Sec. 202. Dairy Donation Program.**

Establishes a dairy product donation program and appropriates \$400 million to provide reimbursements to eligible dairy operations who establish a partnership with and donate milk to public or private nonprofit institutions for distribution. Such reimbursement shall be representative of the value of the milk required to make the donated dairy product or the value of the fluid milk donated.

**Sec. 203. Establishment of Trust for Benefit of Unpaid Cash Sellers of Livestock.**

Establishes livestock statutory dealer trust protections for owners of unpaid livestock in the event of a dealer default.

**Sec. 204. Grants for Improvements to Meat and Poultry Facilities to Allow for Interstate Shipment.**

Establishes a program to make facility upgrade and planning grants to meat and poultry processors to help them move to federal inspection or state inspection programs allowing products to sell across state lines and provides \$60 million in funding.

**Sec. 205. Meat and Poultry Processing Study and Report.**

Provides \$2 million for the completion of a study on the availability of financing for new and existing meat and poultry processing.

## **Sec. 206. Support for Farm Stress Programs.**

Establishes a program to distribute block grants to state departments of agriculture for use to support new and existing farm stress programs and provides \$28 million in funding.

## **Division XX – Nutrition.**

### **Title I – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.**

#### **Section 101. Definitions.**

#### **Section 202. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.**

Increases the value of SNAP benefits by 15% for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Provides \$100 million for State administrative expenses. Disregards Pandemic-UI benefits from SNAP eligibility determinations. Waives work requirements for college students beginning 20 days after date of enactment. Requires the Secretary, upon the conclusion of the benefit increase, to release a report of SNAP account balances and the rate of SNAP redemptions for each of the preceding six months. Shortens the duration of the quality control waivers found in the October 2020 Continuing Resolution. Provides such sums appropriations as necessary.

#### **Section 103. Additional Assistance for SNAP Online Purchasing and Technology Improvements.**

Provides \$5 million to support end-to-end testing for those retailers wanting to participate in the online SNAP pilots, as well as technical assistance to expedite their participation.

#### **Section 104. Nutrition Assistance Programs**

Provides \$614 million in nutrition block grant assistance to Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

### **Title II – Commodity Distribution Programs.**

#### **Section 201. Emergency Food Assistance Program.**

Provides \$400 million to The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), to remain available until September 30, 2021.

#### **Section 202. Commodity Supplemental Assistance Program.**

Provides \$13 million to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), to remain available until September 30, 2021.