

a Petition for Remission or Mitigation, shall be deposited to the credit of this account for law enforcement activities authorized under chapter 4 of title 5, to remain available until expended. (Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title I], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-3; Pub. L. 117-286, §4(b)(24), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4346.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:  
 Pub. L. 105-86, title I, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2082.  
 Pub. L. 104-180, title I, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1572.  
 Pub. L. 104-37, title I, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 302.

##### AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “chapter 4 of title 5,” for “the Inspector General Act of 1978.”

#### § 2270b. Department of Agriculture Inspector General investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths

In the case of each fatality of an officer or employee of the Forest Service that occurs due to wildfire entrapment or burnover, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture shall conduct an investigation of the fatality. The investigation shall not rely on, and shall be completely independent of, any investigation of the fatality that is conducted by the Forest Service.

(Pub. L. 107-203, §1, July 24, 2002, 116 Stat. 744.)

#### § 2270c. Submission of results

As soon as possible after completing an investigation under section 2270b of this title, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture shall submit to Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture a report containing the results of the investigation.

(Pub. L. 107-203, §2, July 24, 2002, 116 Stat. 744.)

#### § 2271. Marketing education programs for small and medium size family farm operations

In carrying out marketing research and education programs, the Secretary of Agriculture shall take such steps as may be necessary to increase the efforts of the Department of Agriculture in providing marketing education programs for persons engaged in small and medium size family farm operations.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1445, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1327.)

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

#### § 2271a. Advanced marketing training for farmers and ranchers

The Secretary of Agriculture may establish a program to train farmers and ranchers in advanced techniques for the marketing of agricultural commodities, livestock, and aquacultural products produced by such farmers and ranchers,

including (where appropriate as determined by the Secretary) training in the use of futures and options markets.

(Pub. L. 99-641, title II, §206(b), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3564.)

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### STUDY AND REPORT OF MARKETING PRACTICES OF APPLICANTS AND BORROWERS OF FARM LOANS

Pub. L. 99-641, title II, §206(a), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3563, provided that the Comptroller General of the United States should conduct a study, to be reported to Congress within 1 year after Nov. 10, 1986, of marketing practices used by applicants for and borrowers of farm loans made, insured, or guaranteed under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

#### § 2272. Volunteers for Department of Agriculture programs

##### (a) Establishment of program

The Secretary of Agriculture (hereafter referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may establish a program to use volunteers in carrying out the programs of the Department of Agriculture.

##### (b) Acceptance of personnel

The Secretary may accept, subject to regulations issued by the Office of Personnel Management, voluntary service for the Department of Agriculture for such purpose if the service:

- (1) is to be without compensation; and
- (2) will not be used to displace any employee of the Department of Agriculture including the local, county, and State committees established under section 590h(b) of title 16.

##### (c) Federal employee status

Any individual who provides voluntary service under this section shall not be considered a Federal employee, except for purposes of chapter 81 of title 5 (relating to compensation for injury), and sections 2671 through 2680 of title 28 (relating to tort claims).

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1526, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1337.)

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

##### AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1527, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1337, provided that: “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle [subtitle G (§§1526, 1527) of title XV of Pub. L. 97-98, enacting this section and this note], such sums to remain available until expended.”

#### § 2272a. Funds for incidental expenses and promotional items relating to volunteers

On and after August 6, 1996, funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture may be used for incidental expenses such as transportation, uniforms, lodging, and subsistence for volunteers serving under the authority of section 2272 of this title, when such volunteers are engaged