

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1975

The President  
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider amendments to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for 1976 in the amount of \$163,895,000 for fiscal year 1976 and an increase in the amount of \$1,230,000 for the transition quarter July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, for the Department of Agriculture.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,



Enclosure

Estimate No. \_\_\_\_\_

94th Congress, 1st Session

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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The President

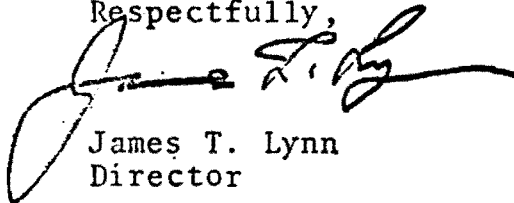
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Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration amendments to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for 1976, involving an increase in the amount of \$163,895,000 for fiscal year 1976 and an increase in the amount of \$1,230,000 for the transition quarter July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, for the Department of Agriculture. The details of this proposal are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed the proposals for appropriations contained in this document and am satisfied that these requests are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that these proposals be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,



James T. Lynn  
Director

Enclosure

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1976 Budget Request	1976 Proposed Amendment	1976 Revised Request
121	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	\$357,165,000	\$4,345,000	\$361,510,000
Budget Appendix Page	Heading	Transition Quarter Request Pending	Transition Quarter Proposed Amendment	Transition Quarter Revised Request
121	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	\$98,269,000	\$1,230,000	\$99,499,000

The proposed amendments would provide additional funds for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to meet the 50 percent Federal share under the cooperative Federal-State meat and poultry inspection program. These funds will enable the States to continue to provide the required level of protection to consumers.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION  
AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1976 Request Pending	1976 Proposed Amendment	1976 Revised Request
147	Agricultural conservation program	\$33,750,000	\$156,250,000	\$190,000,000
150	Dairy and beekeeper indemnity programs	\$3,350,000	\$3,300,000	\$6,650,000

The proposed amendments would:

1. Provide funds to pay landowners and operators for carrying out agricultural conservation practices. A proposal to rescind the authority to enter into such cost-sharing contracts during the authorized period of July, 1974, through December, 1975, was not approved by the Congress.
2. Provide funds to indemnify beekeepers who, through no fault of their own, have suffered losses as a result of the use of economic poisons which had been registered and approved for use by the Federal Government. The claims for such indemnities have exceeded the amounts previously estimated.