

# The United States Department of Agriculture



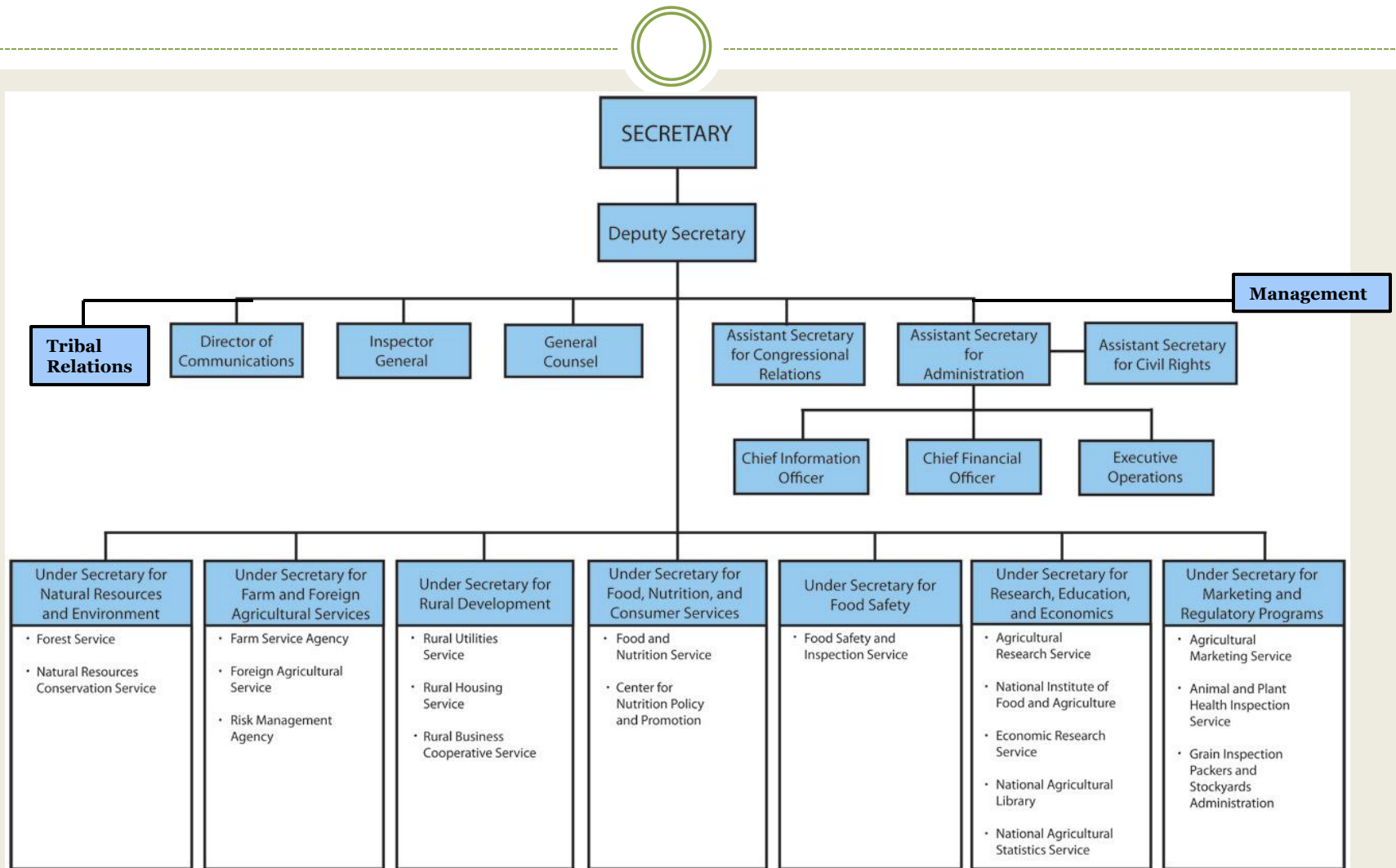
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# USDA History



- First established in 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln, who referred to it as the “People’s Department.”
- Became executive branch cabinet-level agency in 1889
- Size and scope of the USDA expanded through The Great Depression and the New Deal era policies of President Franklin Roosevelt’s administration
- Today the USDA is one of the largest federal agencies, employing 100,000 people, and having a presence in every state and county in America

# USDA Organizational Chart



# Mission Areas & Agencies



- Rural Development
  - RHS, RBCS, RUS
- Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services
  - FSA, RMA, FAS
- Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services
- Food Safety
- Marketing and Regulatory Programs
  - AMS, GIPSA, APHIS
- Natural Resources and Environment
  - Forest Service, NRCS
- Research, Education, and Economics
  - ARS, ERS, NAL, NIFA, NASS

# USDA Spending & Funding



- **USDA Spending**

- USDA spending is not synonymous with farm program spending. The USDA also is responsible for many activities outside of the Agriculture budget function, such as conservation and nutrition assistance.
- Mandatory Funding
- Discretionary Funding

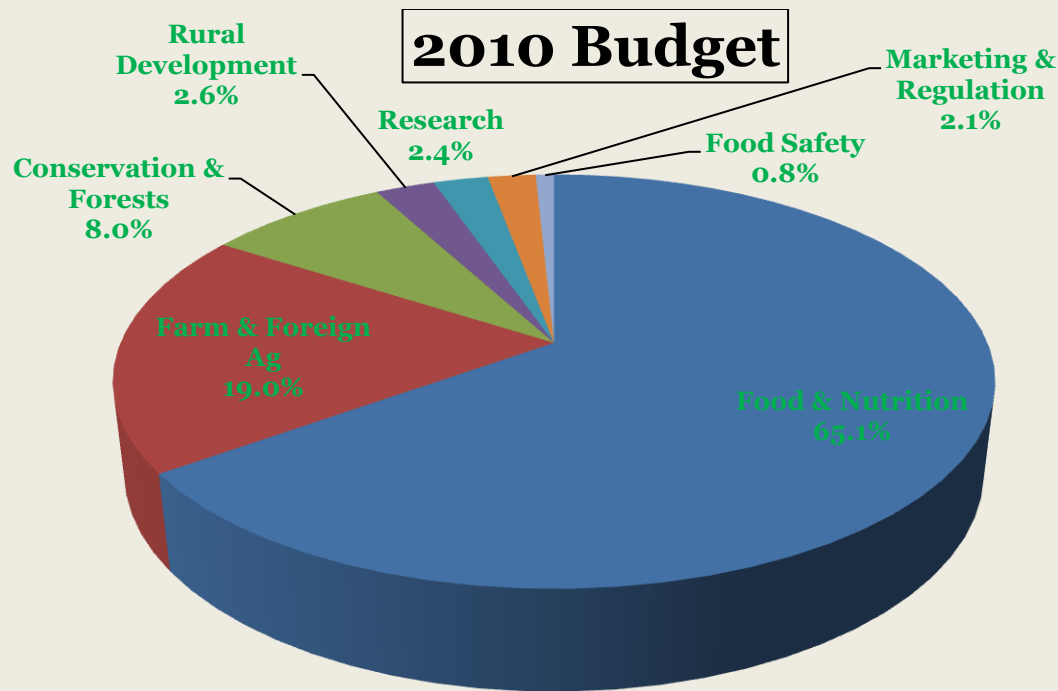
- **USDA Funding**

- **Agriculture appropriations bill:** provides funding for all of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (except Forest Service).
  - ✦ Jurisdiction for the appropriations bill rests with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
- **Interior Appropriations Bill**
  - ✦ Provides funding for Forest Service
- **Farm Bill**
- **Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act**
- **Other Congressional Appropriations and Supplements**

# 2010 USDA Appropriations Budget



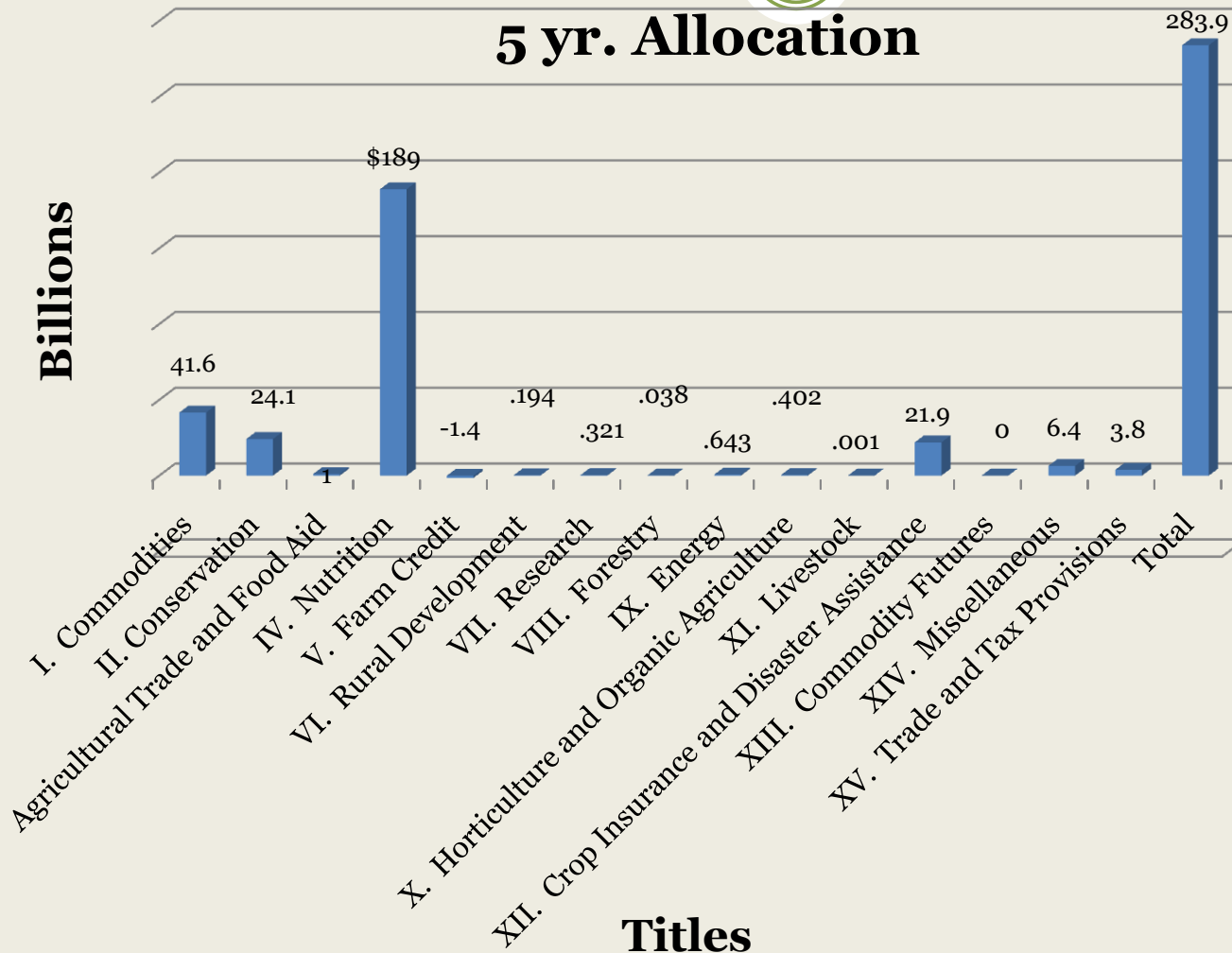
- 130.4 Billion, not counting supplemental appropriations (total budget with supplemental appropriations was \$131 billion)



# Funding By Title



## 5 yr. Allocation



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