- (62) Perform food and agricultural research in support of functions assigned to the Department under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061, et seq.), and title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195, et seq.).
- (63) Propagate bee-breeding stock and release bee germplasm to the public (7 U.S.C. 283)
- (64) Administer a National Food and Human Nutrition Research Program under the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended. As used herein the term "research" includes:
- (i) Research on the nutrient composition of foods and the effects of agricultural practices, handling, food processing, and cooking on the nutrients they contain:
- (ii) Surveillance of the nutritional benefits provided to participants in the food programs administered by the Department; and
- (iii) Research on the factors affecting food preference and habits (7 U.S.C. 3171–3175, 3177).
- (65) The authority in paragraph (a)(64) of this section includes the authority to:
- (i) Appraise the nutritive content of the U.S. food supply;
- (ii) Develop and make available data on the nutrient composition of foods needed by Federal, State, and local agencies administering food and nutrition programs, and the general public, to improve the nutritional quality of diets;
- (iii) Coordinate nutrition education research and professional education projects within the Department; and
- (iv) Maintain data generated on food composition in a National Nutrient Data Bank.
- (66) Conduct, in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program. Included in this delegation is the authority to:
- (i) Design and carry out periodic nationwide food consumption surveys to measure household food consumption;
- (ii) Design and carry out a continuous, longitudinal individual intake survey of the United States population and special high-risk groups; and
- (iii) Design and carry out methodological research studies to develop improved procedures for collecting household and individual food intake consumption data;
- (67) Conduct a program of nutrition education research.
- (68) Provide staff support to the Under Secretary for Research,

- Education, and Economics related to the Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan and the Interagency Board for Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research required by Pub. L. No. 101–445, 7 U.S.C. 5301, *et seg.*
- (69) Obtain and furnish excess property to eligible recipients for use in the conduct of research and extension programs.
- (70) Provide resource information concerning rural electric and telephone use and rural development efforts (7 U.S.C. 917).
- (71) Act as a catalyst to provide access to leadership training and services programs encompassing private, public, business, and government entities in cooperation with the Extension Service (7 U.S.C. 950aa–1).
- (72) Develop and maintain library and information systems and networks and facilitate cooperation and coordination of the agricultural libraries of colleges, universities, USDA, and their closely allied information gathering and dissemination units in conjunction with private industry and other research libraries (7 U.S.C. 2201, 2204, 3125a, and 3126).
- (73) Accept gifts and order disbursements from the Treasury for the benefit of the National Agricultural Library or for the carrying out of any of its functions (7 U.S.C. 2264–2265).
- (74) Provide for the dissemination of appropriate rural health and safety information resources possessed by the National Agricultural Library Rural Information Center, in cooperation with State educational program efforts (7 U.S.C. 2662).
- (75) Provide national leadership in the development and maintenance of library and related information systems and other activities to support the research, extension, and teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences pursuant to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3101 and 3121).
- (76) Administer the programs and services of the National Agricultural Library consistent with its charge to serve as the primary agricultural information resource of the United States and enter into agreements and receive funds from various entities to conduct National Agricultural Library activities (7 U.S.C. 3125a).
- (77) Provide and distribute information and data about Federal, State, local, and other rural development assistance programs and services available to individuals and organizations. To the extent possible, the National Agricultural Library shall use telecommunications technology to

- disseminate such information to rural areas (7 U.S.C. 3125b).
- (78) Assemble and collect food and nutrition educational materials, including the results of nutrition research, training methods, procedures, and other materials related to the purposes of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended; maintain such information; and provide for the dissemination of such information and materials on a regular basis to State educational agencies and other interested parties (7 U.S.C. 3126).
- (79) Conduct program evaluations to improve the administration and efficacy of the National Agricultural Library and related information systems in the food and agricultural sciences (7 U.S.C. 3317).
- (80) Administer the National Agricultural Library, including the farmland information center, pursuant to section 1544(b) of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. 4205(b)).
- (81) Support Department water programs through participation in State water quality coordination programs and dissemination of agrichemical information (7 U.S.C. 5503–5506).
- (82) Provide a repository of agriculture and ground water quality planning information (7 U.S.C. 5505).
- (83) Disseminate information on materials and methods of pest and disease control available to agricultural producers through the pest and disease control database (7 U.S.C. 5882).
- (84) Represent the Department on all library and information science matters before Congressional Committees and appropriate commissions, and provide representation to the coordinating committees of the Federal and State governments concerned with library and information science activities.
- (85) Represent the Department in international organizational activities and on international technical committees concerned with library and information science activities.
- (86) Prepare and disseminate computer files, indexes and abstracts, bibliographies, reviews and other analytical information tools.
- (87) Arrange for the consolidated purchasing and dissemination of printed and automated indexes, abstracts, journals, and other widely used information resources and services
- (88) Provide assistance and support to professional organizations and others concerned with library and information science matters and issues.
- (89) Copy and deliver on demand selected articles and other materials from the National Agricultural Library's