Hello fellow USDA colleagues,

In light of President Donald J. Trump’s extension of social distancing guidelines through April 30, 2020, USDA is extending its maximized telework posture until further notice. This is an update to USDA’s telework guidance issued on March 15, 2020 that maximized telework nationwide through April 3, 2020. This timing will be assessed as the COVID-19 situation evolves.

USDA has maximized telework with a focus on continuing our service to our customers and maintaining the safest, most affordable food supply in the world. Due to the diversity of USDA’s operations and the services we deliver, some employees will need to continue to report to work to perform mission-critical functions that cannot be performed remotely. Still other employees may be able to work from home several days a week, but not every day, due to our service responsibilities. If an office or program requires in-person work, Mission Areas are to continue with their plans to maintain that continuity or make back up plans for that continuity.

Thank you for your hard work to continue our mission to “Do Right and Feed Everyone” during this uncertain time. Americans thank you, our farmers thank you, and your leadership thanks you.

Thanks and Best Regards,
Deputy Secretary Censky