

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Advisory Committee on
Microbiological Criteria for Foods

1294

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/21/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/21/2026

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

EO 14217

8c. Actual Term Date

02/20/2025

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

5 U.S.C. 10

13. Effective Date

03/18/1988

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$24,000.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$26,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.40	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

NACMCF provides impartial, scientific advice, and/or peer reviews to Federal food safety agencies for use in the development of an integrated national food safety systems approach that assures the safety of domestic, imported, and exported foods. The purpose of the Committee is accomplished by providing advice contained in the

Committees' final adopted reports. NACMCF advice is often used in the Agency's food safety programs. For example, the report addressing the FSIS charge, "Enhancing Salmonella Control in Poultry Products", that was adopted on November 15, 2022, was one of the key activities to gather data and information and provide recommendations for the agency to consider in the USDA Salmonella Framework in 2024. The 2023-2025 term committee is working on a Genomics charge for FSIS and a charge on Cronobacter spp. in powdered infant formula for FDA. This highlights how the programs of other Federal agencies concerned with food safety also benefit from the NACMCF's work.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

NACMCF allows our federal food safety agencies to collaborate with the highest level of scientific expertise, gaining advice and input to US food safety programs. The Committee consists of renowned expert microbiologists, epidemiologists, risk assessors, and scientists from related disciplines from industry, academia, federal and state governments, and other organizations to ensure that the membership is balanced among a range of scientific interests. Geographic location is also considered to provide that perspectives from multiple regions of the USA are represented. In addition, the NACMCF Executive Committee, which consists of key managers from the five Federal Agencies involved in food safety, reviews the candidates and carefully selects the composition of membership by matching scientific expertise to the future work of the Committee.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The NACMCF full committee meets once or more per year to address specific scientific and technical questions posed by the sponsoring agencies. The subcommittees will meet as deemed necessary by the DFO and Chair.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee's advice helps protect public health by generating food safety advice for US food safety programs, the food industry, and consumers. The Committee allows federal food safety agencies to collaborate with scientific experts and obtain outside expertise on important food safety issues that represents the scientific perspective, experience, and point-of-view of all stakeholders. The NACMCF provides an important source of specialized scientific and technical advice that can support decision-making and recommendations that can be incorporated into Agency programs. The NACMCF serves to enhance the safety of our food supply, and this is in the public interest and assists the federal sponsors in meeting their statutory responsibilities. NACMCF also serves as an excellent public forum for sharing and receiving input on food safety and public health issues related to the microbiological criteria for foods.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

There were no closed meetings

21. Remarks

The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods provides scientific advice to US food safety programs. The Committee serves to enhance the safety of our nation's food supply, which is in the public interest

and assists the federal sponsors in meeting their statutory responsibilities. The Committee held three plenary meetings in FY24, one of which was in-person. On November 15, 2022, the Committee adopted the report, “Response to Questions Posed by the Food Safety and Inspection Service: Enhancing Salmonella Control in Poultry Products” at a virtual Plenary meeting. The report provided FSIS with nine recommendations to consider on what types of microbiological criteria FSIS might use to better prevent Salmonella infections associated with poultry products. This report was published in the Journal of Food Protection in FY24 and was one of the key activities to gather the data and information necessary to support the USDA Salmonella Framework and proposed rule. In FY23, the Committee adopted the final report with four recommendations to respond to the Cyclospora cayetanensis in produce charge. In FY24, the Committee did not complete any final reports so there were no recommendations made in FY24. The 2023-2025 term committee is working on a Genomics charge for FSIS and a charge on Cronobacter spp. in powdered infant formula for FDA and will complete their final reports and recommendations in FY25.

Designated Federal Officer

Kristal Southern DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bisha, Bledar	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	University of Wyoming	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carleton, Heather	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Carlson, Anna	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Cargill Protein	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cetin Karaca, Hayriye	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Smithfield Foods	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chapman, Benjamin	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	North Carolina State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dutta, Vikrant	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	bioMérieux	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Esteban, Emilio	01/04/2023	01/17/2025	Under Secretary, Food Safety, USDA	Ex Officio Member
Feng, Yaohua	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Purdue University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Figgs, Larry	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Douglas Co Health Dept, (Retired)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goldman, David	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Groundswell	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hansen, Michael	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Consumer Reports	Representative Member
Havelaar, Arie	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	University of Florida	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kause, Janell	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Khaksar, Ramin	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Clear Labs	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kubat, Noel	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Department of Defense (DoD)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lambertini, Elisabetta	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Lynn, Shannara	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
McCullough, Kathryn	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	North American Meat Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mello, Indaue	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Newman's Own	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moorman, Eric	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Butterball	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pradhan, Abani	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	University of Maryland	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Prater, Donald	06/01/2023	02/20/2025	Principal Associate Commissioner Human Foods Program, FDA	Ex Officio Member
Rana, Shivrajsinh	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Reckitt	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sanchez Plata, Marcos	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Texas Tech	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schill, Kristin	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	University of Wisconsin	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shariat, Nusrat	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	University of Georgia	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Snyder, Abigail	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Cornell University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Teplitski, Maxim	09/17/2021	10/17/2024	International Fresh Produce Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wang, Bing	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Warren, Benjamin	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Worobo, Randy	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Cornell University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yehualaeshet, Teshome	09/29/2023	02/20/2025	Tuskegee University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 32

Narrative Description

NACMCF supports the food safety/public health protection programs of the US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the US Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Other food safety agencies such as the US Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service, and the US Department of Defense's Veterinary Services also benefit from NACMCF recommendations. NACMCF scientific advice has been applied to USDA food safety programs that are aligned with the FSIS mission and strategic plan.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other



Outcome Comments

The Committee provides impartial scientific advice to participating federal food safety agencies that helps to support decision-making that is sound, science-based and results in public health protection and improvement.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

The Committee's contributions to food safety programs are critical to public health protection for which we may not have the data to ascertain a specific dollar amount.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

249

Number of Recommendations Comments

No change from FY23. The Committee began working on new charges in FY24. The final reports and recommendations will be available in FY25.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

81%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No change from FY23. The Committee began working on new charges in FY24. The final reports and recommendations will be available in FY25. Approximately 81% of NACMCF

recommendations have been fully implemented. NACMCF recommendations and advice are transferred to participating food safety agencies through detailed scientific reports.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

16%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

No change from FY23. The Committee began working on new charges in FY24. The final reports and recommendations will be available in FY25. Approximately 16% of NACMCF recommendations have been partially implemented. NACMCF recommendations and advice are transferred to participating food safety agencies through detailed scientific reports.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Committee is provided feedback in reports by agency officials on how committee recommendations are being used to improve their food safety programs and regulations. Further, the Committee's valuable contributions to food safety and hard work and efforts are acknowledged at public meetings. Many Committee recommendations were used in the development of guidance documents and regulations and are referenced in these documents.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Information also provided through Agency Docket Office and an electronic Constituent update list-serve for stakeholders.