

2022 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2022

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

3b. GSA Committee No.

5143

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? **5. Current Charter** **6. Expected Renewal Date** **7. Expected Term Date**

No 09/12/2019 09/12/2021

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? **8b. Specific Termination Authority** **8c. Actual Term Date**

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year **10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?** **10b. Legislation Pending?**

Continue No Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority **13. Effective Date** **14. Committee Type** **14c. Presidential?**

7 USC 1929 10/28/1992 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue 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	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$84,630.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$111,630.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee accomplishes its purpose by meeting to discuss and gather information on Federal, State and local beginning farmer programs to prepare for a set of recommendations to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture on ways to increase assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee consist of 20 members. The membership consists of a diverse group of

individuals with experience in farming or in providing assistance to farmers. They include representatives from State and private nonprofit beginning farmer programs, commercial lending and agricultural education institutions, USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, the Farm Service Agency, and several farmers and ranchers.

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

The Committee may meet publicly up to 4 times per year; and twice administratively to finalize recommendations. Funding and Agency determination whether meetings are necessary and held at the discretion of the Department. In FY 2022 the Committee did not meet due to it being under Departmental decision on administrative and agency management matters.

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

The Committee is statutory and is mandated by Congress to advise the Secretary on ways to encourage Federal and State beginning farmer programs to provide joint financing to qualified farmers and ranchers, methods of maximizing the number of new farming and ranching opportunities created through the programs, and other methods of creating new farming and ranching opportunities. The Committee was established because of Congressional concern over the average age of farmers in this country, and the need to create more opportunities for beginning farmers, thereby assuring a new generation of family farmers. The law required the Secretary to appoint members to assure the Committee consisted of members with a wide-range of knowledge.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

The Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee is a vitally important group for the Department's policy development in support of new farmers and ranchers. In FY21, this committee offered 18 recommendations 1) to increase the customer service and experience offered to beginning farmers and ranchers (BFR) within USDA and to ensure the success of BFR State Coordinators. 2)increase access to land and capital, and 3)better facilitate transfer of land to BFRs. These recommendations are being reviewed by USDA Agencies and the newly formed Equity Commission.

Designated Federal Officer

Maria Goldberg DFO

Narrative Description

USDA's mission is to provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development and related issues based on sound policy, the best available science, and efficient management. USDA's FY 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan reflects the challenges and opportunities we face and outlines how we plan to meet this moment. It is guided by five crosscutting priorities that inform our work: addressing climate change via climate-smart agriculture, forestry, and renewable energy; advancing racial justice, equity, and opportunity; creating more and better markets for producers and consumers at home and abroad; tackling food and nutrition security while maintaining a safe food supply.

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

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

The Committee's contributions regarding the overall effectiveness of Department program is clear. Impact on costs of the Department's operations may not be quantifiable.

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

Number of Recommendations Comments

No additional recommendations in FY 22

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

20%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

A review of recommendations is currently underway.

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

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

A review of recommendations is currently underway.

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 Agency provides feedback via e-mail, letters, phone calls, and during the annual meeting.

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

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

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

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

Access Comments

N/A