

2024 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

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

3b. GSA

Committee No.

5143

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/15/2023

6. Expected Renewal Date

08/15/2025

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

7 USC 1929

13. Effective Date

10/28/1992

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

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 Next

FY

FY

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| 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 \$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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.) | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| 18d. Total | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| 19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE) | 0.00 0.00 |

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 not less than 14 but no more than 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, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and several farmers and ranchers.

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

The Committee may meet publicly 2 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 2023 the Committee did not meet because its Charter was being vetted and was finally approved August 2023.

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 consists of members with a broad scope of knowledge.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or

partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

No new recommendations have been put forward (no members) in FY23 as the Committee charter has just recently been approved on August 15, 2023. A call for nominations has been sent and closes on October 10, 2023, after which we will have a panel review of all nominees and choose up to 20 (not less than 14) candidates (and up to 20 alternates) to submit for the Secretary's consideration.

Designated Federal Officer

Rosalie J. Cabrera 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



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| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| 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

This data has not been captured for FY2023 as the committee has been inactive without an approved charter in place until 8/23. We expect all committee activities planned for FY2024 will be within the limits of the allocated budgeted amounts. The Committee's contributions in prior years regarding the overall effectiveness of Department program has been clear and unequivocal. Adverse impact on Departmental operational costs operations nonquantifiable.

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

286

Number of Recommendations Comments

No additional recommendations in FY 23

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 request was made on what recommendations have been implemented, and to what extent (for those partially employed)? The percentage below is a rough assumption; hopefully the feedback will present a more definitive conclusion.

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

Ditto - as to response for fully implemented recommendations. (A request was made on what recommendations have been implemented, and to what extent (for those partially employed)? The percentage below is a rough assumption; hopefully the feedback will present a more definitive conclusion.)

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

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| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input checked="" 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

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A