

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Animal and Animal Products

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Agriculture		2025	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Animal and Animal Products		1930	
<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	06/13/2023	06/13/2027	
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No			
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Authorized by Law			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Section 135(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.	03/27/1975	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Other Committee			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
<b>17a. Open</b>	<b>17b. Closed</b>	<b>17c. Partially Closed</b>	<b>Other Activities</b>
0	0	0	0
<b>17d. Total</b>			
0			
<b>Meetings and Dates</b>			
No Meetings			

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

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture on trade and other economic issues that affect U.S. agriculture. In recent years, the Administration has consulted the Committee frequently on trade issues such as

WTO negotiations, as well as the evaluation of benefits from existing FTAs with Canada, Mexico and Korea. The Administration relied heavily on the Committee's guidance on many aspects of the formulation of trade strategies, proposals, and agreements. The Committee accomplishes its purpose by reviewing sensitive materials provided by USTR/USDA and providing feedback to the principal parties either through written or electronic communications. Members also attend face-to-face meetings with the Secretary of Agriculture and USTR in attendance. Advisors are required to hold a Secret Clearance. The minutes from the meetings are not available due to an exemption granted within the Trade Act of 1974.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Members are selected from producers, processors, traders, manufacturers, and consumer representatives that are self-nominated or nominated by an organization for membership. Also, special emphasis has been placed on soliciting nominations from traditionally underrepresented groups.

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

The Committee meets as needed to provide advice and counsel to the Administration on significant and timely agricultural trade matters. This Committee meets in person approximately twice a year. Virtual meetings and conference calls are also methods used to hold ad hoc meetings. For 2023, the committee met three times, once in person and two times virtually.

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

Meetings are conducted so that U.S. trade negotiators can use the meetings to discuss and seek private sector advice regarding sensitive trade policy matters, the disclosure of which could seriously compromise the U.S. Government's development of policy priorities, negotiating objectives, and bargaining positions. Members must obtain a confidential security clearance so that government-classified documents can be discussed. Thus, meetings are closed to the public. Given the nature of these discussions, no other setting can be used to seek such advice without compromising U.S. trade policy.

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

Section 135(g) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)) protects certain communications between and among committee members and appropriate Federal government officials in connection with trade matters, more specifically, trade negotiations, the operation of an existing trade agreement, and other matters arising in connection with the administration of U.S. trade policy.

#### **21. Remarks**

The meetings for this committee are typically closed to the public in accordance with the Trade Act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. 2155(f)(2), and the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6).

#### **Designated Federal Officer**

Dawn Williams DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bacus, Kent	01/15/2021	01/15/2025	National Cattlemen's Beef Association	Representative Member

Borkhuis, Garret	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	USA Poultry and Egg Export Council	Representative Member
Borrer, Erin	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	U.S. Meat Export Federation (non-profit)	Representative Member
Castaneda (Chair), Jaime	06/15/2019	06/10/2027	National Milk Producers Federation	Representative Member
Chiaia, Lindy	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	National Turkey Federation	Representative Member
Clifford, John	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	USA Poultry & Egg Export Council	Representative Member
Coyne, Colleen	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	Food Export USA-Northeast	Representative Member
Cumberbatch, Rachel	01/15/2021	01/15/2025	Animal Health Institute	Representative Member
Downing, Dana	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	North American Renderers Association	Representative Member
Flores, Elizabeth	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	Pet Food Institute	Representative Member
Geiger, Thad	06/15/2019	06/10/2027	Geiger Cattle, Inc.	Representative Member
Gfeller, Warren	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	Stranger Valley Land Co. LLC	Representative Member
Graner, Kenny	07/29/2024	07/29/2028	Graner Angus Ranch	Representative Member
Hernandez, Eduardo	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	Nutriom	Representative Member
Holland, Larry	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	Holland Hills Farm	Representative Member
Kehoe, Thomas	06/15/2019	06/10/2027	East Coast Shellfish Growers Association	Representative Member
Kuball, Cassandra	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	Edge Dairy Cooperative	Representative Member
Lichte, Michael	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	Dairy Farmers of America	Representative Member
Matheson, James	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	National Bison Association	Representative Member
McClain, James	07/29/2024	07/29/2028	McClain's Flying Leatherneck Ranch, LLC	Representative Member
Menotti, Todd	06/15/2019	06/10/2027	Tyson Foods, Inc.	Representative Member
Meyers, Ken	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	MCT Dairies	Representative Member

Murphy, Anne	06/15/2019	06/10/2027	Cargill, Inc.	Representative Member
Peugh, Wayne	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	Peugh Farms	Representative Member
Ratcliff, Kimberly	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	Caney Creek Ranch	Representative Member
Ryan-Numrich, Suzanne	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	Kansas Department of Agriculture	Representative Member
Sanko, Erica	07/29/2024	07/29/2028	American Sheep Industry Association	Representative Member
Schumpp, Michael	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	North American Meat Institute	Representative Member
Shenson, Hal	06/15/2019	06/10/2027	Nature's SunGrown Foods, Inc.	Representative Member
Sieber, Martin	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	U.S. Livestock Genetics Export	Representative Member
Smith, Patricia	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	Dairy America	Representative Member
Sothmann, Stephen	06/15/2019	06/10/2027	U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association	Representative Member
Strickland, Renee	07/29/2024	07/29/2028	Strickland Ranch & Exports, Inc.	Representative Member
Vincent, Chad	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin	Representative Member
Weiker, Jay	06/10/2023	06/10/2027	National Association of Animal Breeders	Representative Member
Westman, William	07/29/2024	07/29/2028	Meat Import Council of America	Representative Member
Yeboah, Osei-Agyeman	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	North Carolina Agricultural & Tech State University	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 37**

### **Narrative Description**

The Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Animals ATAC) supports USDA's international trade functions by providing technical advice to the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture on trade issues that affect U.S. agriculture.

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

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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

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**

NA

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

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The number of recommendations varies from year-to-year. Historically, the Agency has misunderstood the use of this field and therefore, the total number of recommendations noted above for the life of this Committee is underreported. Efforts are underway to search historical records to be able to amend this section in the future to include the total number of recommendations produced since inception. For FY 24, The Animals ATAC committee proposed no resolutions.

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

100%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Implementation does not necessarily apply to a number of the recommendations. The committee provides formal recommendations in the form of resolutions, but the committee provides numerous recommendations orally at meetings. The recommendations in all cases are fully considered by USTR and USDA negotiators in the course of pursuing free trade agreements and resolving trade disputes.

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

0%

### % of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

See above.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### Agency Feedback Comments

Through frequent conference calls jointly held with USTR, and during in-person committee meetings.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities



Reallocated resources



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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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