

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Tobacco, Cotton, Peanuts and Hemp

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Agriculture		2024	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Tobacco, Cotton, Peanuts and Hemp		1934	
<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			

	<b>Current Next</b>	
	<b>FY</b>	<b>FY</b>
<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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</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 recommended 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, two times virtually and once in person.

**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**

Sharynne Nenon DFO

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Atagi, Patrick	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	National Industrial Hemp Council	Representative Member
Belden, Grant	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	Golden Peanut & Tree Nuts Plains Cotton	Representative Member
Brinkley, Charles	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	Cooperative Association (PCCA)	Representative Member
Evans, Wayne	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	Barry and Linda Evans Farms	Representative Member

Harnish, Gregory	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	Birdsong Peanuts	Representative Member
Huffman, Michelle	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	(non-profit) National Cotton Council of America	Representative Member
Ishee, Shea	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	American Cotton Shippers Association	Representative Member
Klumpp, Michael	01/17/2021	01/17/2025	MAK Enterprises LLC	Representative Member
Koehler, Donald	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	(non-profit) Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Peanuts	Representative Member
Muggli, Monique	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids	Representative Member
Pasco, Richard	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	American Peanut Product Manufacturers Inc.	Representative Member
Pike, Eric	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	Oregon Hemp Commission	Representative Member
Quarles, Roger	08/10/2019	08/10/2027	Burley Tobacco Growers Co-op Association	Representative Member
Sheikh, Patricia	08/10/2023	08/10/2027	National Industrial Hemp Council	Representative Member
Zimmer, Karl	01/15/2020	01/15/2024	Premium Peanut	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

## Narrative Description

The Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Tobacco, Cotton, Peanuts and Hemp (TCPPH 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



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 type="checkbox"/>            |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Outcome Comments

N/A

### 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

N/A

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

19

### 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 23, The Tobacco Cotton Peanuts and Hemp ATAC committee proposed 0 resolutions and letters.

**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 committee meetings.

**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 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**

N/A

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

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

**Access Comments**

The advisors receive information via email notifications which direct them to go to a secured access website which is not available to the public and access is limited.