

# 2006 Current Fiscal Year Report: Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee

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**1. Department or Agency**

Department of Agriculture

**2. Fiscal Year**

2006

**3. Committee or Subcommittee**

Burley Tobacco Advisory  
Committee

**3b. GSA Committee  
No.**

1277

<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	04/17/2003	04/17/2005	04/15/2005

<b>8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes		10/01/2005

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No	Enacted

**11. Establishment Authority** Agency Authority

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Department Regulation 1042-101	05/14/1990	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Non Scientific Program Advisory  
Board

**16a. Total  
Number of  
Reports** No Reports for  
this FiscalYear

**17a.** 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

**Current Next  
FY 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. 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?**

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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

NA

**21. Remarks**

This committee is inactive.

**Designated Federal Officer**

William Coats DFO

**Narrative Description**

The Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee (BTAC) was a discretionary committee to assist the Secretary of Agriculture in providing inspection services in an equitable manner to all producers and promote an orderly marketing system for burley tobacco. The BTAC met on a regular basis to review and make recommendations on marketing regulations, opening and closing dates for auctions and receiving stations, assignment of tobacco inspectors, and annual selling schedules for burley tobacco to be sold each year. The Secretary of Agriculture had the responsibility for providing mandatory tobacco inspection services at designated auction markets under the Tobacco Inspection Act (7 U.S.C. 511-511q) and non-auction tobacco under the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2002 (Appropriations Act). Pursuant to the requirements of section 759 of the Appropriations Act, referenda were conducted among producers of each type of tobacco to determine whether they favored mandatory grading of all tobacco by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). A majority of producers who voted in the referenda favored mandatory grading and regulations were implemented May 24, 2002. With the adoption of mandatory grading of all tobacco, except cigar types, approximately 98 percent of tobacco marketed required Federal grading for the 2002 and subsequent crop years. Without said inspection services, no tobacco could be sold. The BTAC proved to be an effective instrument in assisting the USDA in the performance of its regulatory responsibilities in the marketing of

burley tobacco. In addition to recommending opening dates and selling schedules, the BTAC enabled the Secretary of Agriculture to establish policies and procedures for the marketing of burley tobacco. The functions of the BTAC were in the public interest and strengthened the program and aided the USDA in equitably administering tobacco inspection services.

**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**

N/A

**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**

NA

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

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

0

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

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

0

**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**

0

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

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

N/A

**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**

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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**

This committee was terminated in FY2006.