

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production
Advisory Committee

84610

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/17/2023 01/17/2025

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

8b. Specific Termination Authority

7 U.S.C. §
6923(b)(7)(A)

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b.

Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific

Establishment Authority

7 U.S.C. § 6923(b)(1)

13.

Effective Date

12/20/2018

14.

Committee Type

Continuing

14c.

Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Public meeting to deliberate and vote on
recommendations for the Secretary of
Agriculture.

Start

End

11/29/2023 - 11/29/2023

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current Next	
	FY	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	\$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 2018 Farm Bill also directs the Secretary to appoint a senior official to serve as the Director of the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production ("Director"). The mission of the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production shall be to encourage and promote urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural practices, including: (1) community gardens and farms located in urban areas, suburbs, and urban

clusters; (2) rooftop farms, outdoor vertical production, and green walls; (3) indoor farms, greenhouses, and high-tech vertical technology farms; (4) hydroponic, aeroponic, and aquaponic farm facilities; and (5) other innovations in agricultural production, as determined by the Secretary.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

4 Representatives who are agriculture producers including 2 individuals who are located in an urban area or urban cluster; and 2 individuals who are farmers that use innovation technology. 2 Representatives from an institution of higher education or extension program. 1 Representative from a nonprofit organization, which may include a public health, environmental, or community organization. 1 Representative who represents business and economic development, which may include a business development entity, a chamber of commerce, a city government, or a planning organization. 1 Special Government Employee with supply chain experience, which may include a food aggregator, wholesale food distributor, food hub, or an individual who has direct-to-consumer market experience. 1 Representative from a financing entity. 2 Representative with related experience or expertise in urban, indoor, and other emerging agriculture production practices, as determined by the Secretary.

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

Pursuant to the direction of Congress at 7 U.S.C. § 6923(b)(4)(A), the Committee shall meet not fewer than three (3) times per year.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this

committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The committee is authorized by statute that the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee will advise the Secretary on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices; and any other aspects of the implementation of the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production section of the 2018 Farm Bill.

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

All committee meetings are open to the public and are advertised at least 15 days in advance in the Federal Register.

21. Remarks

The committee held four public meetings in Fiscal Year 2023. A total of 14 recommendations are expected to be reported.

Designated Federal Officer

Brian Guse Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Curtis, Zachari	01/07/2022	01/07/2025	Student	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Erwin, John	01/07/2022	01/07/2025	University of Minnesota	Representative Member
Fang, Ted	01/08/2024	01/08/2027	Executive Director	Representative Member
Greenburg, Kate	01/08/2024	01/08/2027	Commissioner of Agriculture	Representative Member
Hebron, Jerry Ann	01/07/2022	01/08/2026	Northend Christian CDC	Representative Member
Mason, Angela	01/07/2022	01/07/2025	Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center	Representative Member
Mickie, Qiana	01/08/2024	01/08/2027	Executive Director	Representative Member
Paap, Allison	01/07/2022	01/08/2026	American AgCredit	Representative Member

Puri, Viraj	01/07/2022	01/07/2025	Gotham Greens	Representative Member
Smallwood, Kaben	01/07/2022	01/08/2026	Symbiotic Aquaponics, LLC	Representative Member
Wallace, Carl	01/07/2022	01/08/2026	Abundant Life Farm	Representative Member
Young, Jeffery	01/08/2024	01/08/2027	Director of Urban Extension	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

First final report submitted in FY 2023 to the Secretary, the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, describing the recommendations developed in 7 U.S.C. § 6923.

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input 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

Unable to determine at this time.

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

14

Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommendation count based on 6 total public meetings held between FY 2022 and 2023.

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

First (final) recommendation report submitted to the Secretary at the end of FY 2023. Implementation not expected until FY 2024.

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

N/A

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Agency feedback expected in FY 2024.

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

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments