



# *Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers*

September 29 - 30, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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<b>Day 1: Thursday, September 29</b>
<b>Call to Order Introductions, 8:30am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kenya Nicholas, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), USDA</li><li>• R. Jeanese Cabrera, Deputy DFO and Facilitator, USDA</li><li>• Committee Member Introductions</li></ul>
<b>Introductory Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chairperson, Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Committee Chair (Emily Best)</li></ul>
<b>Administrative Overview (DFO)</b>
Gary Matteson, Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Committee Member
<b>Land Tenure – An Update</b>
<i>Break, ±10:45am</i>
Lilia McFarland, New and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator
<b>USDA Farm Service Agency</b>
<b>Public comments period, ±11:45am</b>
Lunch, ±12:00pm-1:00pm
Latrice Hill, Director of Outreach
<b>USDA Farm Service Agency</b>
James Murray, Deputy Director
<b>USDA National Appeals Division</b>
<i>Break ±2:30-2:45pm</i>
<b>Public comments period, ±2:45pm</b>
Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee Members,
<b>Deliberations towards framework for recommendations</b>
<b>Wrap-up and Adjourn, ±4:15pm</b>



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<b>Day 2: Friday, September 30</b>
<b>Call to Order and Review of Day 1, 8:30am</b>
Michael Alston, Associate Administrator (Deputy Manager FCIC Board of Directors), I <b>USDA Risk Management Agency (Remote Address—teleconference only)</b>
<b>USDA (Ohio and Regional) Agency Briefings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tony Logan, State Director Rural Development – <i>Urban Agriculture</i></li><li>• Steven Maurer, Executive Director Farm Service Agency</li><li>• Terry Cosby, State Conservationist, National Resources Conservation Service</li></ul>
<i>Break, 10:15am</i>
Leslie Wheelock, Director Office of Tribal Relations <b>Report on the Council for Native American Farming and Ranching</b>
Daniel Whitley, Deputy Administrator <b>USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Office of Global Analysis (Remote Address)</b>
<b>Public comment period</b>
<i>Lunch 12:00pm</i>
Desiree Rucker-Ross, National Institute of Food and Agriculture <b>Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program (Remote Address)</b>
<b>Public comment period, ±1:30pm</b>
Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee Members <b>Continue deliberations</b> <b>Draft recommendations</b>
<b>Wrap-up and Adjourn, 4:15pm</b>