

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR COMMODITY BOARD
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**Advisory Committee/
 Commodity Board Name:**

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

1. Legal Name (Last, First, Middle) Mr., Mrs., Miss., Ms., Dr. 1a. Name as you would prefer it to appear on official correspondence.	2. Social Security Number: Are you a U.S. Citizen? (Mark yes or no) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (foreign citizens only) If no, please provide passport number, expiration date, and issuing country:
3. Residential Address (include ZIP code): 3a. If foreign national, have resided in U.S. for 3 years or more continuous years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Business Phone: Home Phone: Mobile Phone: Fax #: E-mail Address:
5. Place of Birth (City and State, Country):	6. Date of Birth:

7. *This information is voluntary, and data will not be used to grant preferential treatment:* (See last page for definition of categories.)

Sex:

Male Female

Veteran:

Yes No

Disability/Impairment:

Yes No

Race and/or Ethnicity: (Mark all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White

8. Company/Business Name:	8a. Are you a federally registered lobbyist? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide registrant identification #:
9. Company/Business Address (include Zip Code):	9a. Occupation/Title:

10. Complete appropriate commodity question(s) from supplemental list forms. (For AMS Commodity Boards Only)

Placeholder for Hyperlink to: AD-755 Supplemental List Form for AMS Research & Promotion Board Candidates Only

Placeholder for Hyperlink to: AD-755 Supplemental List Form for AMS Marketing Order Board Candidates Only

10a. If applicable, how long have you been engaged in farming or production, and what is the size of your farming operation. (i.e. List acreage and pounds produced by kind of crop, as well as kinds and numbers of livestock?)

11. List your business experience. *(Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)*

12. List education and any specialized experience. *(Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)*

13. List applicable farm/handler/producer/importer or co-op member industry organizations (indicate whether a member or officer and how long affiliated).

14. List other affiliations and/or service as a community leader that would benefit you in your role as a member of the advisory committee or commodity board.

15. If **currently** serving on a USDA federal advisory committee or commodity board, identify the name and include the original membership term start date and term end date (XXXX/XX/XXXX – XXXX/XX/XXXX).

16. List sources of income in excess of \$10,000 for the past calendar year from other than your primary employment. List only sources; do not show amounts of income from each source. *(To be completed by Advisory Committee Nominees Only)*

17. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (A felony is defined as any violation of law punishable by imprisonment of longer than one year). Yes No. If yes, please explain on the attached continuation sheet.

18. As a result of your participation in Federal programs, have any judgments/liens been rendered against you? As a result of participation in any governmental programs relative to the purposes of the advisory committee or research and promotion board/council for which you are a nominee, have any civil or criminal actions been initiated against you?
 Yes No. If yes, please explain on the attached continuation sheet.

19. Print Name & Sign:

Signature:

Date:

Continuation Sheet for Form AD-755

If you need more space for an answer, use this sheet. Please number each answer to correspond to the number on Form AD-755. When you have completed your answer(s), attach to Form AD-755.

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Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security or Passport Number: _____

Additional space for answers (if needed):

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Definition of Categories

Race and Ethnicity:ⁱ

American Indian or Alaska Native. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, and South America, including, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, and Maya.

Asian – Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Central or East Asia, Southeast Asia, or South Asia, including, for example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, and Japanese.

Black or African American – Individuals with origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa, including, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, and Somali.

Hispanic or Latino. Includes individuals of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, and other Central or South American or Spanish culture or origin.

Middle Eastern or North African. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of the Middle East or North Africa, including, for example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, and Israeli.

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands, including, for example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, and Marshallese.

White. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, including, for example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, and Scottish.

Mark all that apply – A person having two or more origins in any race and/or ethnicity.

Individual with a Disability:

A person who (1) has a physical impairment or mental impairment (psychiatric disability) that substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities; (2) has a record of such impairment; or (3) is regarded as having such an impairment. This definition is provided by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 701 et. seq., as amended.

Veteran:

The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. This definition is provided by 38 U.S. Code § 101 (2).

ⁱ These race and ethnicity definitions are in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) revisions to the Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (SPD 15).