

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Performance Review Board Appointments

**AGENCY:** Office of Human Resources Management, Departmental Management, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of appointment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and Senior Level (SL) and Scientific or Professional (ST) Performance Review Boards (PRB) for the Department of Agriculture, as required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). Agriculture has a total of six PRBs: the Secretary's PRB; Departmental Management and Staff Offices PRB; Natural Resources and Environment PRB; Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Rural Development, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services PRB; Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Food Safety PRB; and Research, Education, and Economics PRB. The PRBs comprise of career and noncareer executives and Chairpersons to make recommendations on the performance of executives to the Secretary, including performance ratings and bonuses for SES, SL, and ST employees. The boards meet annually to review and evaluate performance appraisal documents and provide written recommendations to the Secretary for final approval of performance ratings and base salary increases.

**DATES:** Effective October 24, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Milton, Director, Office of Human Resources Management, telephone: (202) 690-2139, email: [william.milton@dm.usda.gov](mailto:william.milton@dm.usda.gov) or Patricia Moore, Director, Executive Resources Management Division, telephone: (202) 720-8629, email: [patty.moore@dm.usda.gov](mailto:patty.moore@dm.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the

following executives may be appointed by mission areas to the USDA PRBs:

#### Office of the Secretary

Baenig, Brian; Christenson, Daniel; Wheelock, Leslie

#### Departmental Management (OAO, OBPA, OCIO, OCFO, OHSE, OHRM, OJO, OO and OPPM) and Staff Offices (ASCR, OCE, OC, OCR, OGC and NA)

Batta, Todd; Parham, Gregory L.; Baumes, Harry S.; Bender, Stuart; Bice, Donald; Black, David O.; Brewer, John; Bumbary-Langston, Inga P.; Christian, Lisa A.; Clanton, Michael W.; Coffee, Richard; Cook, Cheryl L.; Foster, Andrea L.; Glauber, Joseph; Grahn, David P.; Heard, Robin; Hohenstein, William G.; Holladay, Jon; Hunter, Joyce; Jackson, Yvonne T.; Jeanquart, Roberta; Jenson, William; Johansson, Robert C.; Jones, Carmen; Jones, Diem Linh L.; Kelly, Janet Karleese; Leland, Arlean; Leonard, Joe; Linden, Ralph A.; Lippold, David; Lowe, Christopher S.; Lowe, Stephen O.; McClam, Charles; Milton, William; Moulton, Robert Jeffrey; Paul, Matt; Parker, Carolyn C.; Pfaeffle, Frederick; Repass, Todd; Ruiz, Carl Martin; Shorter, Malcolm; Shearer, David P.; Turner, Calvin; Vos, John P.; Ware, Joseph A.; Wallace, Charles; White, John S.; Wilburn, Curtis; Wiley, Curtis; Wilusz, Lisa; Young, Benjamin; Young, Mike; Zehren, Christopher J.

#### Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP)

Avalos, Ed; Cordova, Elvis; Woodward II, Gary

#### Agricultural Marketing Service

Alonzo, Anne; Bailey, Douglas; Barnes, Rex; Coale, Dana; Earnest, Darryl; Guo, Ruihong; McEvoy, Miles; Morris, Craig; Neal, Arthur; Parrott, Charles W.

#### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Bandla, Murali; Bech, Rebecca; Berger, Philip; Blakely, Cheryle L.; Brown, Charles; Clark, Larry; Clay, William; Clifford, John; Davidson, Mark L.; Diaz-Soltero, Hilda; Dick, Jere; El Lissy, Osama A.; Firko, Michael J.; Gipson, Chester A.; Granger, Larry; Gregoire, Michael; Grode, Jeffrey; Hill, Jr., Richard; Hoffman, Neil E.; Holland, Marilyn; Huttenlocker,

Robert; Jones, Bethany; Juarez, Bernadette; Kaplan, David; Lautner, Elizabeth; Levings, Randall L.; McCammon, Sally L.; McCluskey, Brian; Mendoza, Jr., Martin; Morgan, Andrea; Murphy, Virginia; Myers, Thomas; Royer, Matthew; Shea, A. Kevin; Shere, Jack; Simmons, Beverly; Smith, Cynthia; Thiermann, Alejandro B.; Thompson, Barbara L.; Watson, Michael T.; Washington, Gary S.; Wiggins, Marsha A.; Zakarka, Christine

#### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Alonzo, Mary C.; Jones, Randall; Keith, Susan; Mitchell, Lawrence W.

#### Food Safety

Almanza, Alfred; Banegas, Ronald; Basu, Parthapratim; Blake, Carol L.; Chen, Vivian; Dearfield, Kerry L.; Derfler, Philip; Edelstein, Rachel; Engeljohn, Daniel; Esteban, Jose Emilio; Gilmore, Keith Allyn; Hill, Joseph; Jones, Ronald; Kause, Janell R.; Lowe, Mary F.; Mian, Haroon S.; Myers, Jacqueline; Nintemann, Terri; Ronholm, Brian; Sidrak, Hany Z.; Smith, William; Stevens, Janet; Tawadrous, Armia; Tohamy, Soumaya M; Watts, Michael

#### Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

Gutter, Karis T; Scuse, Michael

#### Foreign Agricultural Service

Foster, Christian; Karsting, Philip; Palmieri, Suzanne; Nuzum, Janet; Quick, Bryce

#### Farm Service Agency

Beyerhelm, Christopher; Diephouse, Gregory; Garcia, Juan M.; Dolcini, Val; Harwood, Joy; Rucker, Mark A.; Schmidt, John M.; Stephenson, Robert; Thompson, Candace; Trimm, Alan; Ware, Heidi Grace

#### Risk Management Agency

Alston, Michael; Nelson, Leiann H.; Willis, Brandon C.; Witt, Timothy; Worth, Thomas W.

#### Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS)

Bailey Jr., Robin David; Barnes, Darlene; Burr, David Glenn; Concannon, Kevin; Dean, Telora; Dombroski, Patricia; English, Timothy D.; Jackson, Yvette S.; Kane, Deborah J.; Ludwig, William; Mande, Jerold; Rowe,

Audrey; Shahin, Jessica; Thornton, Jane; Tribiano, Jeffrey

#### Rural Development (RD)

Ferguson, Katherine; O'Brien, Doug; Kunesh, Patrice

#### Rural Business Service

Parker, Chadwick O.

#### Rural Housing Service

Allen, Joyce; Davis, Richard A.; Glendenning, Roger; Hannah, Thomas; Hooper, Bryan; Primrose, Edna; Ross, Robert H.; Salguero, Francisco; Atkins, Anita

#### Rural Utilities Service

Adams, Keith; Ackerman, Kenneth; Bojes, Gary; Ponti-Lazaruk, Jacqueline

#### Natural Resources and Environment

Blazer, Arthur; Bonnie, Robert Farrell; Harrell, Meryl; Mills, Ann C.

#### Forest Service

Atkinson, Kathleen; Blount, Emilee; Brown, Thomas C.; Bryant, Arthur; Bytnerowicz, Andrzej; Christiansen, Victoria; Cleaves, David A.; Cohen, Warren Bruce; Coleman, Angela V.; Cullen, Daniel; Dixon, Antoine; Doudrick, Robert; Ferguson, Tony; Ferrell, David L.; Foster, George S.; Friend, Alexander L.; Grant, Gordon E.; Guldin, Richard; Gutman, Theodore H.; Hammel, Kenneth E.; Harbour, Thomas C.; Hubbard, James E.; Iverson, Louis R.; Jiron, Daniel J.; Joyner, Calvin N.; Krueger, Faye L.; Lago, Jacquelyn L.; Lemly, Dennis; Lepore, Mary Beth; Lugo, Ariel E.; Mangold, Robert D.; McGuire, Jennifer; Meade, Joe L.; Meinzer, Frederick C.; Mezainis, Valdis E.; Moore, Randy; Myers, Jr., Charles L.; Nash, Douglas R.; Pena, James M.; Pendleton, Beth G.; Peterson, David L.; Phipps, John E.; Rains, Michael T.; Raphael, Martin G.; Rasure, Nora B.; Reaves, Jimmy L.; Rodriguez-Franco, Carlos; Ross, Robert J.; Sears, George A.; Shortle, Walter C.; Smith, Gregory C.; Spies, Thomas A.; Stanturf, John A.; Strong, Thelma J.; Thompson III, Frank R.; Tidwell, Thomas; Tooke, Tony; Vose, James M.; Wagner, Mary A.; Wear, David; Weldon, Leslie; West, Cynthia

#### Natural Resources Conservation Service

Barry, Gayle N.; Boozer, Astor F.; Christensen, Thomas; Coleman, Ray-Deleon J.; Erickson, Terrell; Gelburd, Diane; Herbert, Noller; Honeycutt, C. Wayne; Jordan, Leonard; Kramer, Anthony; Kunze, Stephen; Perry, Janet; Reed, Lesia; Salinas, Salvador;

Smith, David W.; Suarez Oliva, Carlos; Weller, Jason; Wilkes, Homer L.

#### Research, Education and Economics

Abebe, Yeshimebet, Bartuska, Ann; Woteki, Catherine

#### Agricultural Research Service

Ahuja, Lajpat R.; Allen, Lindsay; Arnold, Jeffrey G.; Baldus, Lisa; Brennan, Deborah; Bahar, Mojdeh; Bretting, Peter K.; Chandler, Laurence; Cleveland, Thomas; Erhan, Sevin; Fayer, Ronald; Gay, Cyril G.; Gibson, Paul; Gottwald, Timothy R.; Hackett, Kevin J.; Hammond, Andrew; Hatfield, Jerry L.; Hefferan, Colien; Huber, Steven C.; Hunt, Patrick G.; Jackson, Thomas J.; Jacobs-Young, Chavonda; Jenkins, Johnie Norton; Kappes, Steven; Kochian, Leon V.; Kunickis, Sheryl; Lillehoj, Hyun S.; Lindsay, James A.; Liu, Simon; Loper, Joyce E.; Magill, Robert; Matteri, Robert; Mattoo, Autar K.; McGuire, Michael; McMurtry, John; Nackman, Ronald J.; Onwulata, Charles; Ort, Donald R.; Pollak, Emil; Rango, Albert; Riley, Ronald T.; Sebesta, Paul; Shafer, Steven; Starke-Reed, Pamela; Simmons, Mary W.; Smith, Timothy P.; Spence, Joseph; Suarez, David Lee; Swietlik, Dariusz; Upchurch, Dan; Whalen, Maureen; Willett, Julious L.; Zhang, Howard

#### Economic Research Service

Bianchi, Ronald; Bohman, Mary; Munisamy, Gopinath; Pompelli, Gregory K.; Variyam, Jayachandran N.; Weinberg, Marca J.

#### National Agricultural Statistics Service

Barnes, Kevin L.; Hamer, Jr., Hubert; Harris, James Mark; Parsons, Joseph L.; Picanso, Robin; Reilly, Joseph; Valivullah, Michael

#### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Broussard, Meryl; Desbois, Michel; Holland, Robert E.; Montgomery, Cynthia R.; Qureshi, Muquarrab A.; Ramaswamy, Sonny

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Thomas J. Vilsack,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-LPS-14-0081]

#### Notice of Inquiry; Request for Comments on a New Beef Promotion, Research, and Information Order

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Inquiry, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests public comments to inform its development of a beef promotion, research, and information order under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1996 (1996 Act). This request for comments offers the opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to provide views concerning provisions that would be included in an industry-funded promotion, research, and information program for beef and beef products. The proposed order would be in addition to the existing beef promotion and research program established under the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 (1985 Act). A referendum on an order established under the 1996 Act would be conducted 3 years after assessments begin to determine whether beef producers favor the program and if it should continue. A second referendum would be held within 7 years of the start of the program.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by December 10, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons and organizations are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking:* At [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Comments may be sent to Beef Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Research and Promotion Division; Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program; Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Room 2096-S, STOP 0249, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0249.

*Instructions:* All comments should reference the docket number, the date, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. In providing responsive comments concerning provisions of this program, please reference the heading below under which you are contributing information.

Please be advised that all comments submitted in response to this notice will