

# Notices

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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2024-0007]

#### General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; Solicitation for Membership

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture is soliciting nominations for the election of a member at-large and regional members and their alternates for the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before July 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit completed nomination forms to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Elena Behnke, Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, USDA, 1506 Klondike Road, Suite 301, Conyers, GA 30094; phone (770) 922-3496; email: [elena.behnke@usda.gov](mailto:elena.behnke@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The General Conference Committee (the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is the Secretary's Advisory Committee on poultry health. The Committee serves as a forum for the study of problems relating to poultry health and, as necessary, makes specific recommendations to the Secretary concerning ways the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) may assist the industry in addressing these problems. The Committee assists the Department in planning, organizing, and conducting

the Biennial Conference of the NPIP. The Committee recommends whether new proposals should be considered by the delegates to the Biennial Conference and serves as a direct liaison between the NPIP and the United States Animal Health Association.

The Committee consists of an elected member-at-large who is an NPIP participant and an elected member (and alternate) from each of the six U.S. regions represented on the Committee. Terms will expire for three current regional members and the member-at-large of the Committee in August 2024. We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals to replace the member-at-large as well as the members and alternates from the North Atlantic (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont), East North Central (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin), and Western (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming).

Member selection is determined by a majority vote of the NPIP delegates from the respective regions. There must be at least two nominees for each position. Persons interested in serving on the Committee or nominating another individual to serve must submit a nomination with information and a complete Form AD-755, which is available on the internet at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf> or may be obtained by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

To ensure the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent underrepresented groups (minorities, women, and persons with disabilities). At least one nominee from each of the three regions must have demonstrated the ability to represent an underrepresented group. The voting will be by secret ballot of official delegates from their respective region, and the results will be recorded.

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sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken in account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women and person with disabilities.

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Dated: February 27, 2024.

**Egypt Simon,**  
Acting USDA Committee Management Officer.

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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2024-0008]

#### General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and 46th Biennial Conference

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice of a meeting of the General Conference Committee (GCC or the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and the NPIP's 46th Biennial Conference.

**DATES:** The General Conference Committee meeting will be held on August 27, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The General Session of the Biennial Conference will begin on August 28, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. and end no later than August 30, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting and conference will be held at the Omni Providence Hotel, One West Exchange Street, Providence, RI.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The General Conference Committee (the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), representing cooperating State agencies and poultry industry members, serves an essential function by acting as liaison between the poultry industry and the Department in matters pertaining to poultry health.

Topics for discussion at the upcoming meeting include:

1. New diagnostic tests seeking NPIP approval.
2. *Salmonella* update.
3. National Veterinary Services Laboratories avian influenza and Newcastle disease virus update.
4. *Mycoplasma* update.

The meeting will be open to the public; however, public participation in discussions during the sessions will only be allowed if time permits. Written statements may be filed at the meeting or filed with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Please refer to Docket No. APHIS-2024-0008 when submitting your statements.

#### Reasonable Accommodations

If needed, please request reasonable accommodations no later than July 29, 2024, by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Requests made after that date may be considered, but it may not be possible to fulfill them.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 10).

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Dated: February 27, 2024.

**Egypt Simon,**

*Acting USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2020-0113]

#### Bayer U.S.-Crop Science: Availability of a Petition for a Determination of Nonregulated Status for Lepidopteran-Protected Maize

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received a petition from Bayer U.S.-Crop Science seeking a determination of nonregulated status for maize (corn) event MON 95379 that has been developed using genetic engineering to produce two insecticidal proteins to protect against feeding damage caused by target lepidopteran pests. We are making the petition available for review and comment to help us identify potential issues and impacts that we may

determine should be considered in our evaluation of the petition.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 3, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter APHIS-2020-0113 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2020-0113, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

The petition and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by entering APHIS-2020-0113 in the Search field, or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

The petition is also available on the APHIS website at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/regulatory-processes/petitions/petition-status/petitions-table>. Search for APHIS petition 20-205-01p.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Subray Hegde, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238; (301) 851-3901; email: [subray.hegde@usda.gov](mailto:subray.hegde@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of the plant pest provisions of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the regulations in 7 CFR part 340, "Movement of Organisms Modified or Produced Through Genetic Engineering," regulate, among other things, the importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment of organisms modified or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or pose a plausible plant pest risk.

The petition for nonregulated status described in this notice is being evaluated under the version of the regulations effective at the time that it was received. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued a final rule, published in the **Federal Register** on May 18, 2020 (85 FR 29790-29838, Docket No. APHIS-