

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Agriculture  
Statistics

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

320

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

09/22/2021

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

09/22/2023

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 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

Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

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### 13. Effective Date

10/06/1972

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program  
Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open

0

### 17b. Closed

0

### 17c. Partially Closed

0

### Other Activities

0

### 17d. Total

0

### Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next  
FY FY

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00 \$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00 0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee is a discretionary committee that provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). It makes recommendations on the conduct of the periodic censuses and surveys of agriculture, other related surveys, and the types of agricultural information to obtain from respondents. The committee also advises on the content and frequency of agriculture reports, and presents the views and needs for data of major suppliers and users of agriculture statistics.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Committee is composed of members with

professional knowledge regarding the data needs of the food and fiber sector. Nominations are accepted from organizations representing seven broad categories including consumer and information organizations, educational organizations, farm services organizations, government agencies, national farm organizations, producer and marketing associations, and professional organizations. NASS has actively sought nominations for membership from industries, educational institutions, and individuals representing women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. NASS will continue to encourage nomination of individuals from these groups to alert them of the opportunity to serve on the Committee.

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

The full Committee is expected to meet approximately once a year. The subcommittees will meet as deemed necessary by the Chairperson in consultation with the DFO. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture with regard to the agricultural statistics program of NASS. This input is vital to keep current with shifting data needs in the rapidly changing agricultural environment and keep NASS informed of emerging developments and issues in the agriculture community that can affect agriculture statistics activities.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Committee is composed of members with professional knowledge regarding the data needs of the food and fiber sector. It provides a direct link with the major agricultural organizations and farm groups which could not be as effectively or

efficiently obtained from any other source. The Committee is the primary forum for reconciling the divergent data needs among data user and provider groups. It is also instrumental in helping NASS provide the maximum value from their statistics, within available funding, and to continually improve its products and services.

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

There were no closed meetings.

**21. Remarks**

The Committee did not meet in FY23. Plans to solicit for nominations in FY24 as memberships have expired.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Bryan Combs DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Orsini, Nick	01/01/2016	01/01/2030	Associate Director for Economic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau	Ex Officio Member
Stefanou, Spiro	09/08/2020	09/08/2030	Administrator, USDA Economic Research Service	Ex Officio Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 2**

**Narrative Description**

The purpose of this Committee is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the conduct (scope, content, timing, etc) of periodic agricultural censuses and other related surveys. The Committee will prepare recommendations regarding the content of agricultural reports, and present the views and data needs of major suppliers and users of agricultural statistics. Our goals include providing the maximum value from the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) statistics, within available funding, and continually improving our products and services. The Committee will be particularly important in broadening and shaping the demographic aspects of NASS survey and census activities.

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

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input 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**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input 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**

NA

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

151

### Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations in FY22. The Committee did not meet.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

80%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

20%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

NA

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### Agency Feedback Comments

Informational memorandum to the committee members that update members on the status of the recommendations. The report is also published with Agency feedback for the recommendations.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" 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

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

After the meeting, the committee members are sent an email messages that contains the meeting minutes and

recommendations.[https://www.nass.usda.gov/About\\_NASS/Advisory\\_Committee\\_on\\_Agriculture](https://www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/Advisory_Committee_on_Agriculture)