# Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

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

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## Day 1: Thursday, September 29

### Call to Order Introductions, 8:30am
- Kenya Nicholas, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), USDA
- R. Jeanese Cabrera, Deputy DFO and Facilitator, USDA
- Committee Member Introductions

### Introductory Remarks
- Chairperson, Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Committee Chair  (Emily Best)

### Administrative Overview (DFO)
Gary Matteson, Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Committee Member

### Land Tenure – An Update

**Break, ±10:45am**

Lilia McFarland, New and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coordinator
USDA Farm Service Agency

### Public comments period, ±11:45am

Lunch, ±12:00pm-1:00pm

Latrice Hill, Director of Outreach
USDA Farm Service Agency

James Murray, Deputy Director
USDA National Appeals Division

**Break ±2:30-2:45pm**

### Public comments period, ±2:45pm

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee Members,
Deliberations towards framework for recommendations

**Wrap-up and Adjourn, ±4:15pm**
## Day 2: Friday, September 30

**Call to Order and Review of Day 1, 8:30am**

Michael Alston, Associate Administrator (Deputy Manager FCIC Board of Directors), I

**USDA Risk Management Agency (Remote Address—teleconference only)**

**USDA (Ohio and Regional) Agency Briefings**
- Tony Logan, State Director Rural Development – *Urban Agriculture*
- Steven Maurer, Executive Director Farm Service Agency
- Terry Cosby, State Conservationist, National Resources Conservation Service

**Break, 10:15am**

Leslie Wheelock, Director Office of Tribal Relations

**Report on the Council for Native American Farming and Ranching**

Daniel Whitley, Deputy Administrator

**USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Office of Global Analysis (Remote Address)**

**Public comment period**

**Lunch 12:00pm**

Desiree Rucker-Ross, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

**Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program (Remote Address)**

**Public comment period, ±1:30pm**

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee Members

**Continue deliberations**

**Draft recommendations**

**Wrap-up and Adjourn, 4:15pm**