

Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (ACBFR)

About Membership

The advisory committee is comprised of 20 members representing the following groups: (1) Farm Service Agency (FSA); (2) State beginning farmer programs; (3) commercial lenders; (4) private nonprofit organizations with active beginning farmer programs; (5) the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; (6) community colleges or other educational institutions with demonstrated experience in training beginning farmers or ranchers; (7) other entities or persons providing lending or technical assistance for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers; and (8) farmers and ranchers.

The following individuals will serve a two-year term through October 2021.

Farmers and Ranchers Representatives

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Denis Ebodaghe (USDA NIFA)

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