



URBAN AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION



USDA is committed to serving all types of agriculture, including urban farms, gardens and innovations like indoor vertical farms in our cities. Urban agriculture nourishes communities with local, healthy food; provides jobs; strengthens communities; teaches generations the joy and fulfillment of farming; benefits the environment and creates more green spaces in the city.

Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production

The 2018 Farm Bill directed USDA to create this committee to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices as well as identify any barriers to urban agriculture. This federal advisory committee is one of several ways that USDA is extending support and building frameworks to support urban and innovative agriculture.

Committee Members

The initial 12 members of the committee include agricultural producers, and representatives from the areas of higher education or extension programs, non-profits, business and economic development, supply chains, and financing.

Length of Terms

Committee members are appointed for one- to three-year terms. These terms will be staggered, with several new members being selected annually.



USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production was formed through the 2018 Farm Bill to improve USDA's support for urban and innovative farming operations. The office manages competitive grants and cooperative agreements. A new federal advisory committee on urban agriculture and innovative production and new Farm Service Agency urban and suburban county committees provide the public an opportunity to have input on USDA programs and services.

Learn About Committee Meetings

The federal advisory committee will host public meetings to discuss recommendations for USDA Secretarial consideration, including ways to support urban agriculture through USDA's programs and services. Meetings will be announced by Federal Register notices. Sign up for GovDelivery emails on the meetings at the top of farmers.gov/urban.

How Can I Serve?

Farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, and other stakeholders in urban areas and suburbs are eligible and nomination periods will be announced annually through the Federal Register and on farmers.gov/urban.

Learn More

More information and resources are available farmers.gov/urban.

