

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR COMMODITY BOARD BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**Advisory Committee/
Commodity Board Name:**

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1. Legal Name (Last, First, Middle) Mr., Mrs., Miss., Ms., Dr. a. Name as you would prefer it to appear on official correspondence.	2. Social Security Number: Are you a U.S. Citizen? (Mark yes or no) Yes No (foreign citizens only) If no, please provide passport number, expiration date, and issuing country:
3. Residential Address (include ZIP code): a. If foreign national, have resided in U.S. for 3 years or more continuous years? Yes No	4. Business Phone: Home Phone: Mobile Phone: Fax #: E-mail Address:
5. Place of Birth (City and State, Country):	6. Date of Birth:

7. *This information is voluntary, and data will not be used to grant preferential treatment:* (See last page for definition of categories.)

Sex:	Male	Female
Veteran:	Yes	No
Disability/Impairment:	Yes	No

Race and/or Ethnicity: (Mark all that apply)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White

8. Company/Business Name:	8a. Are you a federally registered lobbyist? Yes No If yes, provide registrant identification #:
9. Company/Business Address (include Zip Code):	9a. Occupation/Title:

10. Complete appropriate commodity question(s) from supplemental list forms. (For AMS Commodity Boards Only)

[AD-755 Supplemental List Form for AMS Research & Promotion Board Candidates Only](#)

[AD-755 Supplemental List Form for AMS Marketing Order Board Candidates Only](#)

- 10a. If applicable, how long have you been engaged in farming or production, and what is the size of your farming operation. (i.e. List acreage and pounds produced by kind of crop, as well as kinds and numbers of livestock?)
11. List your business experience. *(Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)*
12. List education and any specialized experience. *(Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)*
13. List applicable farm/handler/producer/importer or co-op member industry organizations (indicate whether a member or officer and how long affiliated).
14. List other affiliations and/or service as a community leader that would benefit you in your role as a member of the advisory committee or commodity board.
15. If **currently** serving on a USDA federal advisory committee or commodity board, identify the name and include the original membership term start date and term end date (XX/XX/XXXX – XX/XX/XXXX).
16. List sources of income in excess of \$10,000 for the past calendar year from other than your primary employment. List only sources; do not show amounts of income from each source. *(To be completed by Advisory Committee Nominees Only)*
17. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (A felony is defined as any violation of law punishable by imprisonment of longer than one year). Yes No. If yes, please explain on the attached continuation sheet.
18. As a result of your participation in Federal programs, have any judgments/liens been rendered against you? As a result of participation in any governmental programs relative to the purposes of the advisory committee or commodity board for which you are a nominee, have any civil or criminal actions been initiated against you?
Yes No. If yes, please explain on the attached continuation sheet.
19. Print Name & Sign:

Signature:

Date:

Continuation Sheet for Form AD-755

If you need more space for an answer, use this sheet. Please number each answer to correspond to the number on Form AD-755. When you have completed your answer(s), attach to Form AD-755.

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security or Passport Number: _____

Additional space for answers (if needed):

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Definition of Categories

Race and Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaska Native. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, and South America, including, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, and Maya.

Asian – Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Central or East Asia, Southeast Asia, or South Asia, including, for example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, and Japanese.

Black or African American – Individuals with origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa, including, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, and Somali.

Hispanic or Latino. Includes individuals of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, and other Central or South American or Spanish culture or origin.

Middle Eastern or North African. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of the Middle East or North Africa, including, for example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, and Israeli.

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands, including, for example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, and Marshallese.

White. Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, including, for example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, and Scottish.

Mark all that apply – A person having two or more origins in any race and/or ethnicity.

Individual with a Disability:

A person who (1) has a physical impairment or mental impairment (psychiatric disability) that substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities; (2) has a record of such impairment; or (3) is regarded as having such an impairment. This definition is provided by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29

U.S.C. 701 et. seq., as amended.

Veteran:

The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. This definition is provided by 38 U.S. Code § 101 (2)

These race and ethnicity definitions are in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) revisions to the Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (SPD 15).

**AD-755 Supplemental Form
Research and Promotion Board Candidates Only
AMS Commodity Specific Questions**

U. S. Highbush Blueberry Council	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the council. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be Completed by Producers Only	
How long have you been engaged in production of highbush blueberries?	
How many pounds of highbush blueberries did you produce last year?	
To be Completed by Handlers, Importers & Exporters Only	
How many pounds of highbush blueberries did you handle last year?	
How long have you been engaged in importing highbush blueberries?	
How many pounds of highbush blueberries did you import last year?	
How long have you been engaged in exporting highbush blueberries into the United States?	
How many pounds of highbush blueberries did you export into the United States last year?	
Hass Avocado Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be Completed by Producers Only	
How long have you been engaged in Hass avocado production?	
How many pounds of fresh Conventional Hass avocados did you produce last year?	
How many pounds of fresh Organic Hass avocados did you produce last year?	
Enter the name of packing house(s) that packed and sold your fruit in the United States during the last 12 months?	
To be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged importing fresh Hass avocados?	
How many pounds of fresh Conventional Hass avocados did you import last year?	
How many pounds of fresh Organic Hass avocados did you import last year?	
How many pounds of domestic Hass avocados did you produce or handle last year?	

National Honey Board (Packers and Importers)	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be Completed by Producers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the production of honey (please specify)?	
List by calendar years how many pounds of honey you produced in the last 5 years (please specify)?	
What is your best 3-year average production of the above most recent 5 calendar years (Minimum 50,000 pounds)?	
To be Completed by Handlers and Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the handling or importation of honey?	
How many pounds of honey did you handle last year?	
How many pounds of honey did you import last year?	
Did you import at least 75% of the honey you marketed in the U.S. last year? Specify.	
Mushroom Council	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the council. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
How long have you been engaged in mushroom production ?	
How many pounds of mushrooms did your company produce last year?	
How long has your company been engaged in mushroom importation ?	
How many pounds of mushrooms did your company import last year?	
National Peanut Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
How long have you been engaged in peanut production?	
How many pounds of peanuts did you produce last year?	
Popcorn Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
How many pounds of popcorn did you process for market last year?	

National Potato Promotion Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be Completed by Producers Only	
How long have you been engaged in potato production?	
How many acres of potatoes do you have under production?	
How many hundredweight of potatoes did you produce last year?	
How long have you been engaged in potato importation?	
How many hundredweight of potatoes and potato products did you import last year?	
To be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in potato importation?	
How many hundredweight of potatoes and potato products did you import last year?	
National Watermelon Promotion Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be Completed by Producers Only	
How long have you been engaged in watermelon production?	
How many acres of watermelon did you produce last year?	
How many pounds of watermelon did you produce last year?	
To be Completed by Handlers Only	
How long have you been engaged in watermelon handling?	
How many pounds of watermelon of your own production did you handle last year?	
To be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in importing watermelons?	
How many pounds of watermelons did you import last year?	
National Mango Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be Completed by Domestic Producers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the domestic production of mangos?	
To be Completed by Foreign Producers Only	
Do you export your mango crop to the U.S.?	
How many pounds of mangos did you export to the U.S.?	

Approximately what percentage of your mango crop did you export to the U.S.?	
To be Completed by First Handlers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the handling of domestic mangos?	
How many pounds of domestic mangos did you handle last year?	
To be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in importing mangos?	
How many pounds of mangos did you import last year?	
Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be Completed by Producers Only	
How long have you been engaged in cattle production?	
List what type(s) of operation and how many head of cattle you currently own.	
To be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the importation of beef/veal/cattle?	
List the volume of beef/veal/cattle you imported last year.	
List the type of cattle, beef/beef products/veal/veal products you import and the country of origin.	
National Pork Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
How long have you been engaged in the pork production?	
How many hogs/pigs did you market last year?	
To Be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the importation of hogs, pork and pork product?	
List the volume of hogs/pork or pork products you imported last year.	
List the type of hogs, pork or pork products you import and the country of origin.	
National Pork Producers Delegate Body	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
How long have you been engaged in the pork production?	
How many hogs/pigs did you market last year?	
To Be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the importation of hogs, pork and pork product?	
List the volume of hogs/pork or pork products you imported last year.	

List the type of hogs, pork or pork products you import and the country of origin.	
United Soybean Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
How long have you been engaged in the production of soybeans?	
Approximately how many bushels of soybeans did you produce last year?	
How many acres of soybeans did you plant last year?	
Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
List segment of the sheep industry in which you are engaged such as production, feeding, exporting, or packing.	
How long have you been involved in the sheep industry?	
Describe your operation including the number of sheep currently owned or processed annually.	
National Dairy and Fluid Milk Boards	
10. To be Completed by <u>National Dairy Board Nominees Only</u>	
Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be completed by Dairy Producers Only:	
Dairy Location (City, State, ZIP Code):	
How long have you been engaged in dairy production?	
Number of cows:	
To be completed by Dairy Board Importer Nominees Only:	
How long have you been engaged in importing dairy products?	
For your imports of dairy products, estimate how many kilograms of milk solids you imported last year.	
To be Completed by <u>Fluid Milk Board Nominees Only</u>	
Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
How long have you been engaged in dairy processing?	
How many pounds of packaged fluid milk products processed monthly?	

How many plants in operation?	
State(s) in which located:	
Cotton Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
Describe your or your company's operation. Include information on how long you or your company have been involved in the industry. If a cotton producer, please describe the size of operation including, acreage and pounds of kind of crop, as well as kinds and numbers of any livestock.	
American Egg Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
How long have you or your company been producing, processing, and/or handling eggs?	
What is the size of your egg production flock?	
If you raise pullets, what is the average size of the pullet flock?	
How many cases of eggs do you market per week/year?	
Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
How long have you been engaged in the production or importation of sorghum?	
Approximately how many bushels or tons of sorghum did you produce or import last year?	
National Sheep Industry Improvement Center	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
Of the following, in which industry(s) are you currently engaged:	<div> <div>Sheep</div> <div>Finance or management</div> <div>Lamb, wool</div> </div>
How long have you been involved in the sheep industry?	
Christmas Tree Promotion Board	
10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be Completed by Producers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the production of Christmas trees (please specify)?	

How many Christmas trees did you cut and sell last year (please specify)?	
Please specify the region(s): (Western, Central and/or Eastern).	
Was the majority of your Christmas tree production from the region you would represent?	Yes No

To be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the importation of Christmas trees?	
How many Christmas trees did you import last year?	
Are you listed in the import records for Christmas trees as the "Importer of Record"?	Yes No

Softwood Lumber Board 10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)
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To be completed by Domestic Manufacturers Only	
How long have you individually been engaged in the manufacturing of softwood lumber (please specify)?	
How many board feet (<i>1 cubic meter = 423.7760007 board feet</i>) of softwood lumber did you/your company manufacture and ship domestically last year? (please specify)	
Please specify region(s) (US West, US South, Northeast and/or Lake States).	

To be Completed by Importers Only (companies that ship softwood lumber into the United States)	
How long have you individually been engaged in the importation of softwood lumber?	
How many board feet (<i>1 cubic meter = 423.7760007 board feet</i>) of softwood lumber did you/your company import last year?	
Please specify region(s): (Canadian West, Canadian East, and/or list specific importing country(ies)).	

Paper and Packaging Board 10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)
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To be completed by Domestic Manufacturers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the manufacturing of paper and paper-based packaging? (please specify number of years)	
How many short tons of paper and paper-based packaging did the company you represent manufacture domestically last year? (please specify in tons)	
Please select each region in which the company you represent manufactures paper and paper-based packaging:	South (Other parts of U.S.)

To be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the importation of paper and paper-based packaging? (please specify number of years)	
How many short tons of paper and paper-based packaging did the company you represent import into the U.S. last year? (export from your country to the U.S, specify in tons.)	
Pecans 10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
To be Completed by Producers Only	
How long have you been engaged in the production of pecans?	
How many pounds of pecans did you produce on average over the last 4 years? (Please specify either in shell or shelled)	
Please specify region (East, Central, or West) of majority of production.	East Central West
To be Completed by Importers Only	
How long have you been engaged in importing pecans?	
How many pounds of pecans did you import on average over the last year? (Please specify either in shell or shelled)	
Public Member 10. Please elaborate on your personal and/or work experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and any other diversifying factors that make you a unique and engaging candidate for the board/council. (Use the Continuation Sheet for additional space to answer.)	
(a) Have you ever produced, handled, or imported this commodity?	Yes No If yes, please explain on the attached continuation sheet.
(b) Do you have a financial interest in this commodity?	Yes No If yes, please explain on the attached continuation sheet.

Continuation Sheet for Form AD-755, Research and Promotion Board Candidates Only

If you need more space for an answer, use this sheet. Please insert the section title for each answer that corresponds entry on this form. When you have completed your answer(s), attach to Form AD-755.

Name (Last, First, Middle):

Last 4 digits of Social Security or Passport Number: