

USDA's Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

Are you interested in serving your industry?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will be accepting nominations from qualified fruit and vegetable industry members only to fill 10 seats on the *Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee*. This Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on issues related to the programs and services that USDA provides to the produce industry. The Committee is composed of 25 members from every *commercial* capacity within the *fruit and vegetable industry*:

- Growers/Producers
- Wholesalers/ Distributors
- Importers/Exporters
- Processors
- Farmers Market Managers
- Food Hubs
- Association leaders
- Retail/Restaurant
- Food Service suppliers
- State departments of agriculture

Other Factors:

- Organic and conventional produce
- U.S. Geographic location
- Commodity Type
- Technical expertise such as food safety, quality assurance, supply chain management

If you currently serve in one of the above-mentioned agricultural capacities and are interested in serving on the Committee, please see the attached <u>FACT SHEET</u> and the required background clearance form AD-755 for further information.

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