

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BEGINNING FARMERS AND  
RANCHERS (ACBFR) MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

**1:00-1:15pm Opening of Meeting, Welcome and Introduction of Members**

Maria Goldberg, Designated Federal Official, Office of Partnerships  
and Public Engagement

Jason Brand, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers  
and Ranchers

Shelby Swain, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers  
and Ranchers

**1:15-2:40pm USDA Leadership Remarks**

Dr. Lisa Ramirez, Director, Office of Partnerships and Public  
Engagement

Gloria Montaña Greene, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm Production  
and Conservation

Mae Wu, Deputy Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory  
Programs

**2:40-2:45pm BREAK**

**2:45-4:30pm Sustainable Agriculture and Economic Growth: Animals, Plants,  
and Insects**

Mary Thomas Hart  
Environmental Counsel  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Dr. William Tracy  
Professor and Plant Breeder  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy  
President and CEO of Northwest Commission on Colleges and  
Universities

**4:30-4:55pm** Dr. Dwayne Goldmon, Senior Advisor, Racial Equity, USDA

**4:55-5:00pm** Meeting Wrap up and Closing

**Thursday, June 3, 2021**

**1:00-1:05pm** **Opening of Meeting, Welcome and Introduction of Members**

Jason Brand, Chairman, ACBFR

Shelby Swain, Co-Chair, ACBFR

**1:05-2:05pm** **USDA Leadership Remarks**

Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary

Zach Ducheneaux  
Administrator, Farm Service Agency

Dr. Carrie Castille  
Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Terry Cosby  
Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service (invited)

**2:05-3:25pm** **ACBFR Working Groups Recommendations to Full Committee**

Information Working Group – Katie Carpenter, ACBFR Member  
Land Access Working Group – Shelby Swain, ACBFR Member  
Transition Working Group – Adam Brown, ACBFR Member  
Capital Working Group - Alan Hoskins, ACBFR Member  
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Definition – Casey Spradley, ACBFR Member

**3:25-3:30pm** **Break**

**3:30-4:30pm Public Comment**

**4:30-5:00pm Committee Discussion and Meeting Closing**