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NORTHEAST REGION

CONNECTICUT

Name: David Peterson (2011)

Institution: University of Connecticut

Occupation: President and Owner, Peterson Landscaping Service, Inc. (property maintenance and lawn care)

Education: B. A. in Economics (Bates College)

Organizations: Connecticut Environmental Council; Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association; Connecticut Grounds Keepers Association; and, Elizabeth Park Conservancy

Other: Dean's Advisory Board, UConn College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

DELAWARE

Name: James (Jay) H. Baxter, IV (2016)

Institution: University Delaware

Occupation: President and Manager of Baxter Farms, Inc. (2,800-acre farm corn, soybeans, lima beans, endamme, and broilers)

Education: B. S. in Agriculture (University of Delaware)

Organizations: Delaware Farm Bureau; Delaware Soybean Board; Delmarva Tractor Pullers Association; Southern Delaware's Local on the Menu; Young Farmers and Ranchers; and, Delmarva Poultry Industry

Other:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Name:** **Beatrix D. Fields** (2006)
- Institution:** University of the District of Columbia
- Occupation:** Senior Legislative Specialist, DC Department of Housing & Community Development, Washington, District of Columbia
- Education:** B.A. in Political Science (Vassar College) and J.D. (Howard University School of Law)
- Organizations:** National Advisory Board, Gaston and Porter Health Improvement Center, Inc. (women's health & wellness support groups); Advisory Board, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability, and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES/UDC); Scholarship Development & former coordinator of several DC FilmFests, Vassar Club of Washington, DC
- Other:** Co-delegate on the DC Green Building Advisory Board, public meeting coordinator for DC Housing Production Trust Fund Advisory Board, and appointed member of the DC Board of Condemnation for Insanitary Buildings; former legislative staff director, DC Council Committee on Economic Development; former attorney-advisor with the National Credit Union Administration and the U. S. Securities & Exchange Commission
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- Name:** **Thornell K. Page** (2017)
- Institution:** University of the District of Columbia
- Occupation:** President, Page Research Associates, Inc. (legislative and technical services to a variety of state and local organizations in order to help them take advantage of the federal and local opportunities available) and president and chief executive officer of a scholarship fund (that has awarded over \$1 million to more than 105 outstanding D.C. public school graduates interested in earning a degree from a land-grant university)
- Education:** B.A. (Johnson C. Smith University); M. A. (Federal City College); and, Ed.D. (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)
- Organizations:** Howard Theatre Restoration Corporation; United Planning Organization; Black Lives Matter; Washington Urban League; and, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Other:

First director of the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of the District of Columbia and served as Director of Urban and Rural Economic Development Discretionary Grants in the Clinton Administration

MAINE

Appointment Pending

Name:

Institution: University of Maine

Occupation:

Education:

Organizations:

Other:

MARYLAND

Name: Kristen Hughes Evans (2018)
Institution: University of Maryland, College Park
Occupation: Executive Director and Founder, Sustainable Chesapeake
Education:
Organizations:
Other:

Name: J. Robert Frazee (2005)
Institution: University of Maryland, College Park
Occupation: President and Chief Executive Officer, MidAtlantic Farm Credit (retired)
Education: B. S. in Agricultural and Extension Education (University of Maryland, College Park)
Organizations:
Other: Secretary of CARET and CARET Executive Committee member; Board of Maryland 4-H Foundation; and, College of Agriculture Dean's Advisory Council, University of Maryland

Name: Mortimer H. Neufville (2013)
Institution: University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Occupation: Interim President, Coppin State University, Former Interim President, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and retired executive and consultant, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

Education: B. S. in Animal Science (Tuskegee University); M. S. and Ph. D. in Animal Science (University of Florida)

Organizations:

Other:

MASSACHUSETTS

Name: Ted Wales (2020)

Institution: University of Massachusetts

Occupation: Retired, Hartney Greymont, Inc.

Education: B. A in Psychology (Lake Forest College)

Organizations: Winter School for Turf Managers

Other: Board of Public Overseers (Extension Advisory Council)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Name: Christopher M. Streeter (1999)

Institution: University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

Occupation: New England Director of Sales, Blue Seal Feeds

Education: A. A. in Animal Science (Vermont Technical College)

Organizations:

Other: University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension State Advisory Council; Agricultural Experiment Station Advisory Board; Vice Chair of Hillsborough County Fair; Trustee, 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire, Inc.; Agricultural Experiment Station Advisory Board; and, current member of the CARET Executive Committee

NEW JERSEY

Name: William J. Cutts (2017)

Institution: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Occupation: Principal, Cutts Brothers, LLC and Wading River Cranberries, LLC (family cranberry farming operations);

Education: B. A. in Political Science (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey) and J. D. (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey)

Organizations: Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. Grower Council; New Jersey Department of Agriculture Beekeeping Advisory Group; New Jersey Blueberry-Cranberry Research Council; New Jersey Cranberry Industry Advisory Council; New Jersey State Bar Association; American Bar Association; and, Professional Advisory Board of Moorestown Visiting Nurses Association

Other: 2020 CARET Executive Committee member

Name: Roberta A. Moseley (2016)

Institution: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Occupation: Retired

Education: B. A. in Home Economics Education (Montclair State University) and M. A. in Home Economics (Montclair State University)

Organizations: Alliance for Morris County Parks; Wilks Fund Foundation Education; Morris County Caregivers Association; United Way of Morris County; Black United Fund, Morris County Affiliate; and, Morris County Advisory Committee on Women

Other: Associate Professor Emerita, Cook College, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and former consultant, Coordinator of Volunteers, Women's Center, County College of Morris

NEW YORK

- Name:** **Linda M. Ameroso** (2019)
- Institution:** Cornell University
- Occupation:** Urban Horticulture/Urban Agriculture Extension Specialist with Cornell University Cooperative Extension (retired)
- Education:**
- Organizations:** Gateway Environmental Study Center; Grow NYC New Farmer Development Program; and, Farmers Market Nutrition Education Program
- Other:** Headed efforts to expand SNAP-Ed in New York and was an acting supervisor for the Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)
- Name:** **James J. Bittner** (2012)
- Institution:** Cornell University
- Occupation:** Managing Partner, Bittner-Singer Farms (500-acre fruit farm of apples (some organically grown), sweet and tart cherries, peaches, plums, apricots, nectarines, and pears)
- Education:** B. S. (Cornell University)
- Organizations:** New York Farm Viability Institute; Western New York Cherry Producers Cooperative; New York Horticulture Society; Niagara County Farm Bureau; Niagara Soil and Water District Board; Niagara County Industrial Development Agency; Jaycees; New York Farm Viability Committee; and, Lions Club
- Other:** Niagara County Cornell Cooperative Extension Board and Cornell's CALS Alumni Association and CARET's liaison to the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee for Fiscal Years 2016-2017
- Name:** **Emmaline A. Long** (2017)
- Institution:** Cornell University
- Occupation:** Crop Production Manager, CY Farms, LLC (a 6,000-acre diversified crop farm that produces crops, custom raises heifers, and also grows turf for

golf courses and landscaping. She also oversees the crop side of the business including hay and corn silage for forage, corn grain, soybeans, wheat, barley, cabbage, onions, and processing crops like peas, snap beans, and spinach. She also raises a flock of Lincoln Longwool sheep for wool production

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Sciences (Cornell University) and is working on her M. S. (Cornell University)

Organizations: New York State 4-H Foundation; Farm Bureau; National Lincoln Sheep Breeders' Association; Genesee Community College Precision Agriculture Steering Committee

Other:

Name: Bernadette M. Reichle (2011)

Institution: Cornell University

Occupation: Retired Principal, Pine Bush Central Schools

Education: B. S. in Music Education (SUNY Potsdam); M. S. in Music Education (Western Connecticut State University); C. A. S. School Business Administration (SUNY New Paltz)

Organizations: New York Farm Bureau; Mid-Hudson Leadership Academy; Empire State School Administrators Association; New York State School Music Association; and, New York State Fair

Other: Board of Directors, Orange County Cornell Cooperative Extension; Orange County 4-H; and, Chair of Northeast CARET

PENNSYLVANIA

Name: Dan Eichenlaub (2009)

Institution: The Pennsylvania State University

Occupation: President, Eichenlaub, Inc. (a large full-service landscape contractor) and serial entrepreneur

Education: B. S. in Engineering (The Pennsylvania State University) and Entrepreneurial Leadership Certificate (Carnegie Mellon University)

Organizations: Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association; Botanical Garden of Western Pennsylvania; and, Eastern Regional Nurserymen's Association

Other: Certified Horticulturalist and Penn State's Sports Hall of Fame (Varsity Rifle Team)

Name: James A. Shirk (2002)

Institution: The Pennsylvania State University

Occupation: Poultry Vaccine Sales, CEVA/Biomune

Education: B. S. in Environmental Resource Management (The Pennsylvania State University)

Organizations: Penn State Agricultural Council; Northeast American Egg Board Caucus; Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America Association; Ag Action Network; Lancaster Farmland Trust; Poultry Science Affiliate Program Group; Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council; Garden Spot High School Ag Advisory Council; and, Alpha Gamma Rho Professional Agricultural Fraternity

Other: Past Chairman of CARET; University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School Board; Lancaster County Cooperative Extension; and, Lancaster County Conservation District

RHODE ISLAND

Name: **James Ritorto** (2015)

Institution: University Rhode Island

Occupation: Director of Agronomy, representing the TroonGolf at Lake of Isles

Education: B. S. in Turfgrass Management (University of Rhode Island)

Organizations: Golf Course Superintendents Association of America; Rhode Island Turfgrass Foundation; and, Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendent Association

Other:

VERMONT

Appointment Pending

WEST VIRGINIA

Name: Caird Rexroad *(2015)*

Institution: West Virginia University

Occupation: Retired USDA (ARS) administrator and scientist

Education:

Organizations:

Other:

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

ILLINOIS

- Name:** Leon (Len) Corzine (2015)
- Institution:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Occupation:** Small crop farmer
- Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Mechanization (University of Illinois)
- Organizations:** Assumption School Board; Illinois Corn Growers Association; National Corn Growers Association; Illinois Corn Marketing Board; USDA's Advisory Council for Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture; Governor's Advisory Council for Farms and Farm Families; USDA/USTR Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee; Shelby County State Bank; American Farmers for the Advancement and Conservation of Technology; Illinois Council on Food and Agriculture Research; Environmental Defense Fund; and, Monsanto Leading Grower Advisory Steering Team
- Other:** University of Illinois Dudley Research Advisory; College of ACES advisory committees; and Church of the Assumption United Methodist Church
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- Name:** Rebecca Carlisle Doyle (2018)
- Institution:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Occupation:** Partner, Hickory Grove Farm and Senior Associate, The Context Network (agribusiness consultants)
- Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Communications (University of Illinois); Certificate in International Affairs (Washington University); and, Certificate in Public Administration (Harvard University)
- Organizations:** Farm Foundation; Rotary International; Local Food Pantry; FARM Illinois; Round Barn Society; and National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
- Other:** 4-H Foundation; Alumni Foundation, University of Illinois College of ACES advisory committees; United Methodist Church; and Ext. 3.9 Task Force

INDIANA

Name: Louise Beaman (1999)

Institution: Purdue University

Occupation: Farmer (farrow to finish hog operation, corn, and soybeans)

Education: Franklin College and Leadership Johnson County Graduate

Organizations: Purdue CARET; Indiana Farm Bureau; and, American Sewing Guild

Other: Immediate Past CARET Chairwoman; former CARET Vice Chairwoman and Secretary; former CARET Liaison to the Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy (ACOP); Leadership Johnson County Graduate; past state and area CARET Chairs; past county Extension Board Chair; past county Farm Bureau Chair; past county Extension Homemaker president; past 4-H Council treasurer; and, Purdue Certified Sewing Educator

Name: Kenneth A. Huseman (1994)

Institution: Purdue University

Occupation: Owner/Operator Huseman Farm, Inc. (grains, soybean, and hog production)

Education: B. S. in Agriculture (Purdue University) and M. S. in Agricultural Economics (Purdue University)

Organizations: Purdue CARET; Indiana Farm Bureau; Lake County Farm Bureau; Lake County Planning Commission; and, Lake County Drainage Advisory Board

Other: Former CARET Executive Committee member; and, Lake County Extension Advisory Board

Name: Rebecca Roach (2011)

Institution: Purdue University

Occupation: Educational Coach and Cop Student Support Services, Vincennes University

Education: B. S. in Management (Indiana Wesleyan University) and A. S. in General Studies (Vincennes University)

Organizations: Purdue CARET; Area 3 P-CARET; Indiana Farm Bureau; and, Election Board, Knox County, Busseron Township

Other: Professional Staff Congress, Vincennes University; Knox County 4-H Council; Knox County Extension Board; and, Dean's Advisory Council, Purdue's College of Agriculture

Name: **Danita Rodibaugh** (2019)

Institution: Purdue University

Occupation: Farmer and Manager, Rodibaugh & Sons

Education: B. S. in Consumer and Family Sciences/Education (Purdue University)

Organizations: FLM Harvest; National Pork Board; U. S. Meat Export Federation; National Pork Producers Council; Indiana Pork; Indiana Commission for Agriculture; Indiana State Department of Agriculture Advisory Committee; and, Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research Board of Directorx

Other: Purdue College of Agriculture Advisory Committee; Purdue Animal Science Advisory Committee; and, Purdue Farm Policy Group

IOWA

Name: Don Latham (1992)

Institution: Iowa State University

Occupation: President, Latham Farms and DTB Farms, and Director, Peoples Trust and Savings Bank

Education: B. S. in Agronomy (Iowa State University)

Organizations: American Seed Trade Association, American Soybean Development Foundation, United Soybean Board, and Qualisoy

Other: Immediate Past Chairman of CARET; NRSP Review Committee; USDA/ USTR Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Grains, Feeds and, Oilseeds; and, Peoples Trust & Savings Bank Director

Name: Robert J. Petrzelka (2013)

Institution: Iowa State University

Occupation: Owner and President, Geode Forestry, Inc.

Education: B. S. in Forest Resource Management (Iowa State University)

Organizations: Society of American Foresters; Iowa Society of American Foresters; Iowa Tree Farm Committee; Iowa Wood Industries Association; Mount Pleasant Trees Forever; Statewide Forest Health Task Force; and, Southeast Iowa Forest Advisory Council

Other:

Name: Kevin Ross (2017)

Institution: Iowa State University

Occupation: Family farm and cow-calf operation (Ross Land & Cattle, LLC); Board officer, Western Iowa Energy, LLC (biodiesel production facility); and, licensed crop insurance agent for The Home Agency

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Studies (Iowa State University)

Organizations: Iowa Corn Growers Association; National Corn Growers Association; Iowa Ag-State Initiative; and, West Pottawattamie County Extension Council

Other:

Name: **Katie Stutsman** (2021)

Institution: Iowa State University

Institution: Iowa State University

Occupation: District Sales Leader at Corteva.
Former Territory manager, and product marketing role at Dow Agrosiences.

Education: B.S. Ag. Business and Economics, Iowa State University

Organizations: Agribusiness Association of Iowa, Leadership Iowa, and Curtiss League Member.

Other: Involved in various Industry organizations including legislative committee for AAI.

Past President, University of KY National Alumni Board/ Past President; UK CARET; Former UK Board of Trustees Past- KY 4-H Foundation; Owensboro Area- Hospital Board, Chamber of Commerce, Healthy Horizons (Chair); Citizens Committee on Education (Chair); Community & Technical College Foundation

KANSAS

Name: **Connie Pelton Kays** (2005)

Institution: Kansas State University

Occupation: Co-Owner, Joe Smith Company (wholesale provider for convenience store industry)

Education: B. S. in Agriculture and Business Administration and M. S. in Agriculture Business Economics (Kansas State University)

Organizations: Kansas 4-H Foundation Trustee and Corporate Secretary; Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas Board Member and Chair; Leadership Kansas graduate and former board member; Wildcat Extension District board member; past board member Crawford County Farm Bureau Board and Kansas State University Alumni Association.

Other: Inaugural CARET liaison to the APLU Board on Human Sciences; Former CARET Liaison to the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy; KSU Ag Alumni Association, Kansas Livestock Association and National Angus Association membership

Name: **Julie L. Voelker** (2017)

Institution: Kansas State University

Occupation: President, Community National Bank

Education: B. S. in Animal Science and Industry (Kansas State University)

Organizations: 4-H and Montgomery County 4-H Foundation; Future Farmers of America; Mainstreet; Rotary and Soroptimist International of Independence; and Friends of Riverside Park and Zoo

Other: Extension Council

Name: Donnie Lee Young (2017)

Institution: Kansas State University

Occupation: First generation farmer and businessman

Education: B. S. in Agronomy (Kansas State University)

Organizations: Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District; Grant County Farm Bureau; and, Kansas Corn Growers Association

Other: KSU College of Agriculture Alumni Board

MICHIGAN

Name: Douglas E. Lewis (2005)

Institution: Michigan State University

Occupation: Attorney/Director, Student Legal Services, University of Michigan

Education: B. A. (University of Michigan) and J.D. (Thomas M. Cooley School of Law)

Organizations: Washtenaw County Bar Association; Michigan Posse; Michigan Horse Council; Black Western Historical Society; African American West Project; and, Measure for Measure

Other: Washtenaw County 4-H and MSU Extension Advisory Board; and, Michigan 4-H Foundation

Name: Glenn Preston (2016)

Institution: Michigan State University

Occupation: Owner/Operator, Preston Farms (dairy farmer)

Education: Michigan State University Agriculture Technology Program

Organizations: Michigan Milk Producers Association; Algansee Township Planning Commission; Future Farmers of America; and, Farm Bureau

Other: Michigan Agriculture Leadership Program

Name: Saturnino “Nino” Rodriguez (2018)

Institution: Michigan State University

Occupation: Retired, Assistant Principal for Discipline at Gardner Middle School

Education: Ph.D. in Education (Michigan State University)

Organizations: Lansing School Board of Education; Lansing City Council; Ingham County Board of Health; Otto Community Health Center; Mayor’s Drug-Free Youth Task Force; Lansing’s Chicano Advisory Committee; and, MIAIMA

Other:

Name: **Charlotte L. Wenham** (2006)

Institution: Michigan State University

Occupation: Partner, Wood, Wenham & Henderson Consultants, LLC.

Education: B. A. in Communications, Speech (Michigan State University); M. A. in English (Michigan State University); and Ed. D in Educational Administration (Western Michigan University)

Organizations: Citizens for Michigan; Rotary Club; and, St. Joseph Township Zoning Board of Appeals; and, Shoreham Village Planning Commission

Other: 2019- 2022 CARET liaison to the Cooperative Extension Section/Extension Committee on Organization and Policy and MSUE County Advisory Council

MINNESOTA

Name: David G. Benson (2013)

Institution: University of Minnesota Extension

Occupation: Semi-retired farmer; managed a beef cattle and sheep operation for 22 years; organic-certified farmer for 14 years; and produced food-grade soybeans and small grains; and, currently raises hay and sells native prairie seed

Education: Bethel University (St. Paul, MN) and San Francisco State University

Organizations: Association of Minnesota Counties member; Minnesota Food Charter; and, SW Board of Directors-Regional Sustainable Development Partnership

Other: Former county commissioner; Extension Citizens Advisory Committee; and, University of Minnesota Citizens' Advisory Committee

Name: Patrick D. Duncanson (2014)

Institution: University of Minnesota

Occupation: Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Partner in Highland Family Farms which produces corn, soybeans, pork, and specialty grains

Education: B. A. in Ag Business Administration (University of Minnesota) and graduate of the Executive Program for Agricultural Producers (Texas A&M University)

Organizations: Southern Minnesota Ag Innovators; Association of Agricultural Producers; Minnesota Regents Candidate Advisory Council; American Soybean Association; Minnesota Pork Producers Association; and, Southern Minnesota Corn Economics Group

Other: Minnesota 201; South Central College, North Mankato, MN Foundation; and, University of Minnesota Alumni Association International Board

MISSOURI

Name: Meagan Perry Kaiser (2018)

Institution: University of Missouri-Columbia

Occupation: Chief Operating Officer and Soil Scientist, Perry Agricultural Laboratory, Inc.

Education: B. S. in Soils Environmental and Atmospheric Science (University of Missouri-Columbia)

Organizations: United Soybean Board; National Waterways Conference; Missouri Farm Bureau; Pike County Farm Bureau; Pike County Young Farmers and Ranchers; and, Bowling Green Rotary Club

Other:

Name: Howard C. (H. C.) Russell (2014)

Institution: University of Missouri-Columbia

Occupation: Area Credit Manager with MFA, Inc.

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Economics (University of Missouri-Columbia)

Organizations: Mizzou Alumni Association Legislative Network and the Broad Band Internet Initiative

Other: Alliance of University of Missouri Alumni Associations and Extension; University of Missouri's Capital Campaign; MU Extension Council; and, 4-H

Name: Webster E Davis (2019)

Institution: Lincoln University

Occupation:

Education:

Organizations:

Other:

NEBRASKA

Name: Amber Burge (2020)

Institution: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Occupation: Marketing Officer, Flatwater Bank and involved in family cow-calf operation

Education: B. S. in Agribusiness (University of Nebraska) and Master of Business Administration (University of Nebraska-Omaha)

Organizations: YMCA of Gothenburg; Gothenburg Improvement Corporation; Gothenburg Public School Board; Gothenburg Early Childhood Learning Coalition; Gothenburg United Fund; and, Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce

Other: Nebraska LEAD Program

Name: Barbara L. Cooksley (2015)

Institution: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Occupation: Grassland manager on family ranch and former ag field representative for Congressmen Tom Osborne and Adrian Smith

Education: B. S. in Agronomy (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) and M. S. in Agronomy (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Organizations: Nebraska Partnership for All-Bird Conservation; Nebraska Natural Legacy Project; Climate Assessment Response Committee; Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition; Nebraska Cattlemen's Association; Sand Hills Task Force; National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Nebraska Ag Builders;

TeamMates; Nebraska Agriculture Legal Foundation; International Society for Range Management; One Nebrasjal and Natural Resources Conservation Service

Other: 2020 CARET Executive Committee; Governor appointee to Climate Assessment Response Committee

Name: **Rodney K. Gangwish** (2003)

Institution: University of Nebraska

Occupation: Farming and agribusiness (corn, seed corn, and soybeans in an irrigated operation in central Nebraska)

Education: B. S. in Agronomy (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Organizations: KAAPA Ethanol; Energy Grain Development Group; KAAPA Cooperative; KAAPA Investments, LLC; National Corn Growers Association; Nebraska Corn Growers Association; Nebraska Corn Board; Agricultural Builders of Nebraska; Nebraska Farm Bureau; Nebraska Soybean Association; Agricultural Advisory Committee, Chicago Board of Trade; Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council; and, Nebraska Agribusiness Club; Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Other: CARET Liaison the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee for Fiscal Years 2014-2015; Agricultural Extension for the 21st Century Task Force: President's Advisory Council for the University of Nebraska; and, Nebraska Agricultural Relations Council

Name: **Rachel Ibach** (2020)

Institution: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Occupation: Cultivate ACCESS Program Manager and Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, Biological Systems Engineering Department, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Education-Leadership (University of Nebraska) and Master of Applied Science in Community Development (University of Nebraska)

Organizations: Great Plains AG IDEA Community Development Student Advisory Council; Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council; and Nebraska Women's Leadership Network

Other:

Name: **Michael B. Jacobson** (2007)

Institution: University of Nebraska

Occupation: Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of NebraskaLand National Bank and NebraskaLand Financial Services, Inc.,

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Education (University of Nebraska); Diploma, Colorado Graduate School of Banking; and, RMA Loan Management School

Organizations: American Bankers Association; Nebraska Bankers Association; Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka; Agriculture Builders of Nebraska; Museum of Nebraska Art; Nebraska Diplomats; Nebraska Champions Advisory Board; North Platte Development Corporation; North Platte Redevelopment Authority; Great Plains Health Care Foundation; North Platte Public Schools Foundation; North Platte Regional Airport Authority; North Chamber of Commerce; North Platte Public Schools Foundation; North Platte Chamber Ambassadors; Museum of Nebraska; and, North Platte Rotary Club

Other:

Name: **Ben Steffen** (2015)

Institution: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Occupation: Diversified dairy and crop production farm

Education: B. S. in Agriculture (University of Nebraska)

Organizations: Agriculture Builders of Nebraska; Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards; Nebraska Rural Radio Association; Richardson County Bank Director; Rural Water District #1; local Board of Education; Richardson County Planning Commission; and Richardson County Farm Bureau

Other: University of Nebraska President's Advisory Committee and Humboldt

Area Community Choir, Barbershop Quartette

NORTH DAKOTA

- Name:** Jerry Doan (2011)
- Institution:** North Dakota State University
- Occupation:** Fourth-generation rancher and farmer and the Doan family operates Black Leg Ranch, a large ranching, farming, hunting, and agritourism operation
- Education:** B. A. in Agribusiness (Bismarck State College); B. S. in Animal Science (North Dakota State University); and, attended Allen Savory's Holistic Resource Management School; North Dakota Junior High Rodeo Association; North Dakota High School Rodeo Association;
- Organizations:** North Dakota State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE); North Dakota Beef Commission; North Dakota Ag Coalition; Rural Leadership North Dakota; Central Grasslands Research Extension Advisory Board; North Dakota Stockmen's Association; National Beef Industry Council; National Livestock and Meat Board; North Dakota Consultation Board; Governor's Value-Added Ag Board; Northern Great Plains Research Lab Focus Group; Vision 2000 Committee; North Dakota Grazing Coalition; and, the Natural Resources Trust Board.
- Other:** North Dakota 4-H Foundation; NDSU Alumni Foundation; Bismarck State College Ag Advisory Board; NDSU President's Advisory Council; and, the NDSU President's Club .

OHIO

Name: Nathan L. André (1996)

Institution: The Ohio State University .

Occupation: Owner/Partner, André Farms, André Land Forming, and André Farm Composting

Education: B. S. in Agriculture majoring in Agricultural Education and Agricultural Systems Management (The Ohio State University); Certified Livestock Manager and Certified Pesticide Applicator

Organizations: American Society of Agricultural Engineers; Ohio Land Improvement Contractors; Ohio Farm Bureau; Organic Recycling Association; Future Farmers of America; Midwest Professional Nutrient Applicators Association; and, Fulton County Extension Advisory Committee

Other: The Ohio State University Vice President's Advisory Council and Ohio Agricultural Development Center Support Council

Name: James J. Buchy (2018)

Institution: Central State University

Occupation: Former member of the Ohio House of Representatives

Education: Graduate of Wittenberg University

Organizations: National Federation of Independent Business and Greenville Board of Education

Other:

Name: Susan Jennings (2017)

Institution: Central State University

Occupation: Executive Director, Arthur Morgan Institute for Community Solutions

Education: B. A. in English and Political Science (Washington and Jefferson College) and studied International Relations (University of Keele in the United

Kingdom)

Name: **Melanie Flax Wilt** (2020)

Institution: The Ohio State University

Occupation: Owner, Shiftology Communication (an ag/bioscience public relations firm) and current county commissioner

Education: B. S. in agriculture (The Ohio State University) and graduate of the JoAnn Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute

Organizations: WellSpring; Clark County Farm Bureau; Keep Clark County Beautiful; Springfield in Full Bloom; Leadership Clark County; and American Horticulture Society

Other: Former communications director at the Ohio Department of Agriculture

SOUTH DAKOTA

Name: **Brenda Forman** (1999)

Institution: South Dakota State University

Occupation: Executive Director, Ag Unity/South Dakota Association of Cooperatives

Education: B. S. in Animal Science Production and Plant Science (South Dakota State University)

Organizations: Pierre Kiwanis; South Dakota Rural Development Council; 4-H Club; South Dakota Highway Users; South Dakota Crop Advisory Program; Ag Unity; South Dakota Agricultural and Rural Leadership; South Dakota Value Added Development Center; Co-op State Councils; Co-op State Council; Ag Advisory Committee; South Dakota 2007 Farm Bill Coalition; South Dakota Crop Residue Management Coalition; South Dakota Health Care Round Table; South Dakota Ag in the Classroom Board of Directors; South Dakota Crop Improvement Association; South Dakota Cattlemen’s Association; and, South Dakota No-till Association

Other: South Dakota State University National Review

Name: **Rebecca “Becky” Walth** (2012)

Institution: South Dakota State University

Occupation: Owner/Operator of farm/ranch

Education: B. S. in Home Economics Education (South Dakota State University)

Organizations: National Cattleman’s Beef Association; National Beef Council; South Dakota Beef Industry Council; and, South Dakota Cattleman’s Association

Other: 2020 CARET liaison to the International Agriculture Section/International Committee on Organization and Policy and 2016 CARET liaison to the Experiment Station Section/Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP)

WISCONSIN

Name: Andy Diercks (2014)

Institution: University of Wisconsin

Occupation: President at Coloma Farms (fourth generation potato and vegetable grower)

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Engineering (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Organizations: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture; Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Grower's Association; Wisconsin Potato Industry Board; Potatoes USA; United Potato Growers of Wisconsin; Discovery Farm/Pioneer Farm Advisory Committee; Protected Harvest; and, Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative

Other:

Name: Nadine Miller (2021)

Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Occupation: Outagamie County Board Supervisor, Finance Committee Chair
Relocate Fox Cities, Relocation Advisor.

Education: UW-Madison B. S., Agricultural Economics & Animal Science.

Organizations: Sustainable Fox Valley, Inc.
League of Women Voters of Appleton

Other:

Name: Robert L. Wills (2021)

Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Occupation: President, Cedar Grove Cheese Inc, Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker.
Founder and Owner, Clock Shadow Creamery LLC

Education: J.D., Law School, University of Wisconsin – Madison,
Ph.D., Department of Economics, University of Chicago,
B.A., International Relations and Economics, American University.

Organizations: WDATCP Dairy Rules Advisory Committee
Sauk Prairie Hospital Foundation Board
Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association
Wisconsin Specialty Cheese Institute.

Other:

Name: Joe Bragger (2021)

Institution: University of Wisconsin

Occupation: Bragger Family Dairy – Farmer.
Past President of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

Education: Western Wisconsin Technical College.
Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute Class 1.
DuPont Young Leaders and the Monsanto Leadership Program.
UW- Extension Farm Management Assessment Program.

Organizations: Serves on the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors since 2010.

SOUTHERN REGION

ALABAMA

Name: **Billy Bridgeforth** (1999)

Institution: Alabama A&M University

Occupation: Farmer (cotton, soybean, wheat, and canola) and Managing Agent for Darden Bridgeforth & Sons (a fifth-generation family farm)

Education: B. S. in Soil Science (Alabama A&M University)

Organizations: National Cotton Council; Alabama Soybean Association; Rotary International; Athens-Limestone Industrial Development Board; and, Alabama Agriculture and Forestry Leaders Program

Other: Alabama A&M University Department of Agriculture Advisory Council

Name: **Brian Hardin** (2014)

Institution: Auburn University

Occupation: Director, Governmental and Agricultural Programs, Alabama Farmers Federation

Education: B. S. in Animal Sciences (Auburn University) and M. S. in Horticulture (Auburn University)

Organizations: Alabama Agribusiness Council and Alabama Public Policy Foundation

Other:

Name: **Guyon Delon Shipman** (2019)

Institution: Alabama A&M University

Occupation: Certified Surgical Representative, CooperSurgical Medical Devices

Education: B. S. in Soil Science (Alabama A&M University)

Organizations: The Dannon Project and Choosing to Help Others in Our Community Excel (CHOICE)

Other: Mentor/Recruiter, Alabama A&M University Agriculture Programs

ARKANSAS

Name: **L. Dow Brantley, III** (2009)

Institution: University of Arkansas System

Occupation: Partner, Brantley Farm Company (8,000-acres family farm operation with cotton, corn, rice, soybeans, and wheat)

Education: B. S. in Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences (University of Arkansas)

Organizations: National Cotton Council; USA Rice Federation, Arkansas Rice Federation; and Arkansas Ag Council

Other:

Name: **Mildred Barnes Griggs** (2014)

Institution: University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Occupation: Professor and Dean Emeritus, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Education: B. S. degree (Arkansas A&M College now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) and M. S. degree (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign); and, J. D. (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Organizations: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Other:

Name: **Debra G. Moreland** (1995)

Institution: University of Arkansas System

Occupation: Real estate broker specializing in farms, ranches, and rural properties and her husband farms 2,000+ acres of soybeans and wheat) and Program Administrator, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts

Education: B. S. N. in Nursing (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences); Real Estate License and Broker License

Organizations: Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts; Arkansas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils, Inc; Southwestern States RC&D Council; Natural Resource Conservation Service; and, Arkansas LeadAR.

Other:

Name: **Scott N. Sullivan** (2013)

Institution: University of Arkansas System

Occupation: Owner-Manager, Triple S Farm and Ranch (beef cattle, Hereford herd, timberland, cow-calf operation, stocker calf operation, hog feed-out operation, and broilers) and Government Relations with Farm Credit Services of Arkansas and Southern Arkansas University Systems

Education: B. S. in Agribusiness (Southern Arkansas University) and State Legislative Leaders Foundation's ***Program for Emerging Political Leaders: Preparing the Next Generation of Leadership in America*** (University of Virginia)

Organizations: Arkansas Cattlemen's Association; Sevier County Cattlemen's Association; National Rifle Association; Farm Credit; Sevier County Cattlemen's Board; Sevier County Development Board; Boy Scouts; and, Lions Club

Other: Former member of the Arkansas House of Representatives

FLORIDA

Name: **Billie L. Dean** (1998)

Institution: Florida A&M University

Occupation: City Commissioner and retired vocational agriculture teacher

Education: B. S. in Agriculture Education; M. S. in Agriculture Administration/Supervision (Florida A&M University)

Organizations: former sponsor of the Future Farmers of America at Apopka High School; Biracial Committee, Orange County Public Schools; Florida League of Cities; Advisory Council for Orange County Arts and Cultural Affairs; 100 Black Men of Orlando; Apopka Veterans of Foreign Wars; Lake Apopka Natural Gas Board of Directors; SERTOMA; Orange County Arts and Cultural Board; Community Action Board; and, The Black Caucus

Other: Retiree; former chairperson of the Agriculture Department at Apopka High School

Name: **Jim Handley** (2011)

Institution: University of Florida

Occupation: Executive Vice President, Florida Cattlemen's Association; Chief Executive Officer, Florida Beef Council; and, Acting Editor, *The Florida Cattleman & Livestock Journal*

Education: B. S. in Animal Science (University of Florida)

Organizations: National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Florida Cattlemen's Association; Florida Beef Council; Florida Farm Bureau; and, Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame Board

Other: CARET liaison to the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee for Fiscal Years 2019-2020

Name: **Eric F. Hinson** (2019)

Institution: Florida A&M University

Occupation: Owner, EFH Solutions (educational contractor)

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Business and a Master's in Applied Social Sciences (Florida A&M University)

Organizations: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Florida Association of Counties; One Gadsden Foundation, Inc; National Association of Counties; Havana Kiwanis Club; National Association of Black County Officials; Gadsden County School Board; Havana Little League Baseball Committee; and, C. H. Henry Masonic Lodge

Other:

Name: **Madeline E. Mellinger** (2009)

Institution: University of Florida

Occupation: Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Glades Crop Care, Inc. (independent agricultural consulting firm)

Education: B. S. in Biology (Louisiana State University)

Organizations: Florida Ag Council; Florida Farm Bureau; and, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association

Other: CARET Liaison to the Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Initiative of the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly and Board on Human Sciences, Inc.; Former CARET liaison to the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP); various UF/IFAS advisory boards and committees; and, F/IFAS Doctor of Plant Medicine Program

Name: **Kenneth Parker** (2020)

Institution: University of Florida

Occupation: Executive Director, Florida Strawberry Growers Association and oversees the Florida Strawberry Patent Service Corporation and Florida Strawberry Research and Education Foundation

Education: B. S. in Business Administration and Citrus (Florida Southern College)

Organizations: Florida Ag Council; Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association; Florida Cattlemen's Association; Hillsborough County Farm Bureau; Florida Farm Bureau Federation; Florida FFA Foundation; Hillsborough County Strawberry and Vegetable Advisory Committee; and, USDA Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Fruits and Vegetables

Other:

Name: **Willie Pittman** (2019)

Institution: Florida A&M University

Occupation: President, Mid-Atlantic Consulting Enterprises, LLC; Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Willie's Construction; and, retired National Program Manager, National Resources Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture

Education: Associate of Arts in General Science (Chipola Junior College) and a B. S. in Soil Science (Florida A&M University)

Organizations: National School Boards Association; New York State School Boards Association; Odessa-Montour Falls School Board; and, Odessa-Montour Falls Lions Club

Other:

GEORGIA

Name: **Patty J. Bentley** (2011)

Institution: Fort Valley State University

Occupation: Commissioner, Taylor County Board of Commissioners; Director, Taylor County Chamber of Commerce;

Education: Gordon College

Organizations: West Central Georgia CAC, Inc.

Other: State Representative (House District 139), Georgia House of Representatives; Agriculture Committee, State Retirement Committee, and Inter-governmental Coordination Committee

Name: **Willie Buchanan** (2008)

Institution: Fort Valley State University

Occupation: Team Manager, Pickwick-Wheeler Watershed Team, Tennessee Valley Authority

Education: B. S. in Agronomy (Fort Valley State University) and M. S. in Agronomy (Tuskegee University)

Organizations: National Management Association; American Society of Agronomy; Water Protection Council; Boys Club; Community Action Agency; and, Tuscumbia Little League

Other: Elected to the Tuscumbia City Council

Name: **Chris Butts** (2020)

Institution: University of Georgia

Occupation: Executive Director, Georgia Green Industry Association (a statewide trade association for the horticulture and landscape industry of Georgia)

Education:

Organizations: Advancing Leaders in Agriculture

Other: UGA CAES Dean's Advisory Council

Name: **James W. Ford** (2019)

Institution: Fort Valley State University

Occupation: Chief Executive Office of Square O Consulting, LLC – a rural development natural resource outreach company and off-site manager of the family farm

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Education (Fort Valley State University) and M. S. in Public Administration (Georgia College and State University)

Organizations: Men at the Gate and Fort Valley State University Agricultural Alumni Association

Other:

Name: **Greg Leger** (2019)

Institution: University of Georgia

Occupation: President and Owner, Leger & Son, Inc. and Greg Leger Farms, LLC (nut and produce business)

Education:

Organizations: Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association; Georgia Watermelon Association; National Watermelon Association; National Watermelon Promotion Board; Produce Marketing Association; and, United Fresh Grower-Shipper Board

Other: UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Advisory Council

KENTUCKY

Name: Michael Andrews (2018)

Institution: Kentucky State University

Occupation: Retired from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service with 40 years of service

Education: BSA degree in Agriculture (Murray State University)

Organizations: Future Farmers of America and 4-H

Other:

Name: Rebecca Webb (2021)

Institution: Kentucky State University

Occupation: Co-founder and Executive Director for Community Inspired Solutions in Lexington, Kentucky.

Education: Associate Degree Nursing- Kentucky State University 1997
Bachelor's Degree Nursing – Midway College 2005
MidSouth Healthcare Network Leadership Institute- Department of Veterans Affairs 2007

Organizations: CO-founder and CEO Community Inspired Solutions
Kentucky Rivers Foothills Development Council, Friend of Children's Network- Member

Name: Nancy Dawson (2018)

Institution: Kentucky State University

Occupation: Professor and Director, African-American Studies, Southern Illinois University and Austin Peay State University; Consultant, Center for Community Engagement at Albany State University

Education: Masters of Science Curriculum Development and Instructional Technology; Ph.D. in Arts (Humanistic Studies) (University of Albany)

Organizations: Russellville Urban Gardening Project and the National Park Service

Other:

Name: **Marianne Smith Edge** (2021)

Institution: University of Kentucky

Occupation: Registered Dietitian; Founder/Principle, The AgriNutrition Edge

Education: M.S. Nutrition-Public Health, Western Kentucky University
B.S. Dietetics, University of Kentucky
Certification of Training in Appreciative Inquiry, Case Western University

Organizations: Foundation for Healthy Kentucky Board; IMPACT 100 Owensboro, Co-founder/Board

Other: Served 2 terms- USDA NAREEE Advisory Committee

Name: **Robert H. Foree** (2014)

Institution: University of Kentucky

Occupation: Attorney (civil practice) and seventh-generation farmer of a Revolutionary War land grant

Education: B. S. in Animal Science (University of Kentucky); M. S. in Education (University of Kentucky); and, a J. D. (University of Kentucky)

Organizations: Kentucky Beef Network; Kentucky Cattlemen's Association; Kentucky Burley Farmers Advisory Committee; Kentucky Association of County Agricultural Agents; and, Kentucky Farm Bureau

Other: Former instructor of Agricultural Law at the University of Kentucky; County Extension Board; County Extension Council; and, CARET Executive Committee member

Name: **Drew A. Graham** (2019)

Institution: University of Kentucky

Occupation: Executive Vice President, Kentucky Farm Bureau

Education: B. S. in Agriculture (University of Kentucky) and M. S. in Education (University of Kentucky)

Organizations: Kentucky Farm Bureau; Clark County Farm Bureau; and, Clark County Historical Society

Other: Former Assistant to the Dean and Director of Advancement and Government Affairs at the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment at the University of Kentucky

LOUISIANA

Name: Lynda D. Danos (2007)

Institution: Louisiana State University

Occupation: State Coordinator, Ag in the Classroom, Louisiana Farm Bureau and Co-Owner, Danos Farms, Inc.

Education: B. S. in Science Education (Nicholls State University)

Organizations: Louisiana Farm Bureau; American Farm Bureau; and, Louisiana Science Teachers Association

Other: Graduate of the LSU AgCenter Agricultural Leadership Development Program

Name: Deacue Fields, Jr. (2015)

Institution: Southern University

Occupation: Retired (former vocational agriculture teacher; Assistant County Supervisor, Farmers Home Administration, and Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Louisiana Department of Elections and Registration)

Education: B. A. in Vocational Agriculture (Southern University); B. T. and M. R. E. (United Theological Seminary)

Organizations: Louisiana Cattlemen's Association; Men of Distinction; Louisiana Sheriffs; and, Scott A. Lewis Lodge 176

Other:

Name: Charles A. "Buck" Vandersteen (1993)

Institution: Louisiana State University

Occupation: Executive Director, Louisiana Forestry Association

Education: B. S. in Forestry (University of Massachusetts); M.B.A. (Louisiana

Tech University); and, graduate of the Institute of Organizational Management in non-profit management, U. S. Chamber of Commerce

Organizations: Louisiana Forestry Association; Alliance for America; American Forest and Paper Association; American Tree Farm Program; Louisiana Society of American Foresters; Louisiana Society of Association Executives; Agricultural Leaders of Louisiana; National Council of Forestry Association Executives; Water Board; Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission; YMCA; Lions Club; United Way; and, Louisiana Forest Recovery Task Force (hurricane salvage and recovery)

Other: CARET Executive Committee and a past Chairman of CARET; Peace Corps; LSU Agricultural Leadership Program; Louisiana State University Agriculture Development Council; and. CARET liaison to the National Association of University Forestry Research Programs (NAUFRP)

MISSISSIPPI

Name: Ben Burkett (2011)

Institution: Alcorn State University

Occupation: Farmer (150-acre farming operation of vegetables production, beef cattle, and timber) and part-time employee of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/LAF

Education:

Organizations: Mississippi Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association; Mississippi Agri-Business Advisory Council; Federal Reserve Bank Advisory Board; Mississippi State Farm Service Agency Committee. Lower Mississippi Delta Planning Commission; Crescent City Farmer's Market; Indian Springs Cooperative; Southeast Mississippi Resource and Conservation District; Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund; National Rifle Association; Masonic Order; and, the NAACP

Other: He serves an advisory committee with Congressman Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS-2)

Name: Sells J. Newman, Jr. (2012)

Institution: Mississippi State University

Occupation: Senior Vice President, Marketing and Legislative Affairs, First South Farm Credit

Education: B. S. in Business Administration (Bellhaven University); graduate of the School of Bank Marketing and Bank Management (University of Colorado); and, graduate of the Bank Marketing School (University of New Hampshire)

Organizations:

Other:

Name: Clyde Douglas Simmons (2017)

Institution: Mississippi State University

Occupation: Partner, Simmons Planting Company, Mississippi Delta

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Economics (Mississippi State University)

Organizations: United Soybean Board of Directors; Animal Agriculture Alliance Board of Directors; MS Soybean Promotion Board of Directors; Delta Council Board of Directors (Chairman of Advisory Research Committee); Delta F.A.R.M. Board of Directors

Other:

Name: Delmer Stamps (2017)

Institution: Alcorn State University

Occupation: Retired State Resource Conservationist and Owner/Manager, Stamps Livestock, Forestry, and Hunting Farms

Education: B. S. in Agronomy (Alcorn State University)

Organizations: Professional Soil Classifiers Association of Mississippi; National Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees Organization; Alcorn State University National Alumni Association Agriculture Committee; Alcorn State University National Alumni Association Legislative Committee; Hinds County Farm Bureau Federation; Mississippi Cattlemen Association; Hinds County Cattlemen Association; Council of Urban Schools of Education; Council of Great City Schools; Mississippi State School Board Association; Jackson Public Schools Board; and, Hinds County Planning Commission

Other: Graduate, Leadership Mississippi

NORTH CAROLINA

- Name:** **Elvis L. Graves** (2013)
- Institution:** North Carolina A&T State University
- Occupation:** Retired – Natural Resources Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Council, U. S. Department of Agriculture
- Education:** B. S. in Plant and Soil Science Technology (North Carolina A&T State University)
- Organizations:**
- Other:** CARET Executive Committee; School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Design Advisory Board and Alumni Society of the College of Agriculture and Environment Sciences of North Carolina A&T State University
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- Name:** **Sue Leggett** (2019)
- Institution:** North Carolina State University
- Occupation:** Partner and Owner, Leggett Farming Partnership, a diversified row crop and produce farm (tobacco, sweet potatoes, cotton, peanuts, strawberries and certified sweet potato seed)
- Education:** B. S. in Agronomy/Soil Science (North Carolina State University)
- Organizations:** Nash County Board of Commissioners; North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission; 4-H; Farmers Market Advisory Committee; North Carolina Farm Bureau; American Farm Bureau Federation; and, National Clean Plant Network
- Other:** North Carolina State University's CALS' Leadership Program and the Executive Program for Agricultural Producers (Texas A&M University)
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- Name:** **Erica Peterson** (2018)

Institution: North Carolina A&T State University

Occupation: Executive Vice President/Chief Executive Officer, North Carolina Agribusiness Council

Education: B. A. in Communications (School of Humanities) (North Carolina State University) and Program Negotiation (Harvard Law School)

Organizations: Women's Club; Future Farmers of America; and Agriculture Foundation Board, North Carolina State University

Other: Advisory Board, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, North Carolina A&T State University

Name: **J. Noland Ramsey** (2009)

Institution: North Carolina State University

Occupation: Farmer/Beef Cattle; Real Estate Investing/Recycle Houses; and, retired public school educator

Education: B. S. in Special Education (Western Carolina University); Master's in Special Education (Western Carolina University); and, Educational Specialist in School Administration (Western Carolina University)

Organizations: North Carolina Cattlemen's Association; North Carolina Farm Bureau; North Carolina State Employees Credit Union Advisory Council (Flat Rock); North Carolina State Employees Credit Union Advisory; Committee; and, Agribusiness Henderson County

Other: CARET Chairman and CARET Executive Committee; Henderson County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council; North Carolina Cooperative Extension Advisory Council

OKLAHOMA

Name: Lester Clark (2015)
Institution: Langston University
Occupation: Former City Councilman, Langston
Education:
Organizations: Master Gardner; Farmers Market – Langston;
Other:

Name: Claud D. Evans (1999)
Institution: Oklahoma State University
Occupation: Veterinarian, Okfuskee County Veterinary Clinic and farming operation (Angus cattle and Spanish meat goats with a gene for cashmere)
Education: B. S. in Agricultural Biochemistry (Oklahoma State University) and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (Tuskegee Institute)
Organizations: American Veterinary Medical Association; Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association; Okemah Chamber of Commerce; Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, Southern Region; and, Lion's Club International
Other: Past Chairman of CARET; Former member of the Board of Regents, Oklahoma State University; Dean's Advisory Council for the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; and, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Name: Rodd Moesel (2012)
Institution: Oklahoma State University
Occupation: President, American Plant Products & Services, Inc. (a wholesale company that specializes in greenhouses and horticultural equipment, supplies,

and services to commercial growers, schools and universities, research facilities, retail garden centers, and conservatories.

- Education:** Attended Oklahoma State University with studies in horticulture and political science and graduate of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program and Leadership Oklahoma
- Organizations:** Oklahoma Business Council; Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology; U. S. Small Business Administration Advisory Board; National Federation of Independent Business; Oklahoma Greenhouse Growers Association; Oklahoma Horticulture Industries Council; Oklahoma Horticulture Society; Oklahoma Farm Bureau; and, National American Horticulture Supply Association
- Other:** Advisory Board, College of Agriculture, Oklahoma State University; President's Advisory Council OSU-OKC; Commission on Re-inventing State Government: Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program and Leadership Oklahoma; and, volunteered with the ACDI/ VOCA program

PUERTO RICO

Name: Veny L. Marti (2021)
Institution: University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
Occupation: President of Martex Farms, Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico.
Education: B. S. Industrial Engineering, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
M.B.A Business Administration and Marketing, University of Miami
Organizations: National Mango Board
Puerto Rico Manufacturer Association
Board Member MIDA

Name: Sol Rosado Arroyo (2021)
Institution: University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
Occupation: President of Martex Farms, Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico.
Education: MSc - Crop Protection/Nematology
BSc. - Agronomy and Soils
Certifications: LEAN and SixSigma, Project Management, Organizational Coaching
Organizations: Puerto Rico Agricultural Biotechnology Association Puerto Rico
Agronomist Association ARA - Farmer's Association , PR Farmer's Association Radio Agricultural Magazine (WIPR940), IGEM-RUM
Mentor
Puerto Rico Manufacturer Association
Board Member MIDA
Other: Puerto Rico Secretary of Department of Agriculture Puerto Rico
Agricultural Insurance Corporation - Executive Director House of Representatives Senate - Puerto Rico

SOUTH CAROLINA

Name: Craig A. Harris (2019)

Institution: South Carolina State University

Occupation: Lieutenant, Mount Pleasant Police Department

Education: B. S. in Criminal Justice (South Carolina State University); M. S. degree (Springfield College); and, Ph. D. in Public Safety (Capella University) and Instruction

Organizations: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Passion to Forgive Foundation; and, Charleston County Missionary Baptist Association

Other: Former adjunct professor at Springfield College and current social science/criminal justice professor at Voorhees College

Name: Phil Perry (2017)

Institution: Clemson University

Occupation: Seed Salesman & Certified Crop Adviser, Mixon Seed Company and retired County Extension Agent

Education: B. S. in Dairy Science (Clemson University) and M. A. in Dairy Science (Clemson University)

Organizations: Saluda County Cattlemen's Association; Saluda County Forestry Association; South Carolina Cattlemen's Association; South Carolina Jersey Cattle Association; South Carolina Seedmen's Association; South Carolina 4-H Foundation Board; South Carolina Forage & Grazing Lands Coalition; American Forage & Grassland Council; National Dairy Shrine; American Society of Agronomy-Certified Crop Adviser; American Jersey Cattle Association; Saluda Quail Hunters Association; South Carolina Rehabilitation Corporation; and National Association of County Agricultural Agents

Other: Former candidate for the South Carolina House of Representatives

Name: Amika Thomas (2019)

Institution: South Carolina State University

Occupation: Associate Child Development Director, Anderson Area YMCA

Education: B. S. in Elementary Education (Anderson University) and M. A. in Curriculum and Instruction (Phoenix University)

Organizations: YMCA; Westside Community Center; African-American Leadership Council; African-American Leadership Society; United Way; Anderson County Gang Task Force; and, City of Anderson Dream Team

Other:

TENNESSEE

Name: Julius Thomas Johnson (2021)

Institution: University of Tennessee

Occupation: Outagamie County Board Supervisor, Finance Committee Chair
Relocate Fox Cities, Relocation Advisor.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry, University of Tennessee

Organizations: 4-H Foundation Board of Directors
Rehabilitation Corporation of Tennessee
Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors

Other: Former UT Extension, Livestock farmer, and Chief Administrative Officer
for Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation.

Name: Charles (Chuck) Adam Yoest (2016)

Institution: University of Tennessee

Occupation: Assistant Chief of the Tennessee Wildlife and Forestry Resources Division; State White-tailed Deer, Elk and Wild Hog Coordinator, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and, Wildlife Officer, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Education: B. S. in Wildlife Fisheries Science (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) and M. B. A. (Lipscomb University)

Organizations: Toastmasters International; Tennessee Achieves Mentor; Tennessee Farm Bureau; Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers; The Wildlife Society; UT-Martin Natural Resources Management Advisory Council; and Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

Other: Fellow of the National Conservation Leadership Institute; Lipscomb University Graduate School of Business Student Ambassador; University Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Middle Tennessee Advisory Council; and, Shepherd at Christ Family Church

TEXAS

Name: Ernest B. Collins (2011)

Institution: Prairie View A&M University

Occupation: Retired from Exxon Mobil

Education: B. A. and M. S. in Business Administration (Prairie View A&M University) and Advanced Studies (Texas Southern University)

Organizations: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Soil and Water Conservation Board, Walker County, TX; and, 100 Ranchers Organization

Other: Trustee, Prairie View A&M Foundation

Name: Juan M. Garcia (2021)

Institution: Prairie View A&M University

Occupation:

Education: BS Animal Science, Texas A&I University

Organizations: St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Dripping Springs, Texas.
Rural Coalition and Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Assn. -Volunteer
Texas USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee

Other: Retired in 2015 after 40 years with USDA Farm Service Agency,
Served as State Executive Director for Texas and FSA Administrator in
Washington DC.

Name: Jim N. Roppolo (2020)

Institution: Texas A&M University

Occupation: General Manager at United Agricultural Cooperative, Inc.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University

Organizations: College of Ag.Development Council; Board member/Chairman of Education Committee, Member of Texas Grain & Feed Association, Member of Fiber quality committee and National Cotton Council

Name: **Bonnie McGee** (2020)

Institution: Texas A&M University

Occupation: Former Professor/Associate Director of 4H, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Education: PhD, College of Education, Texas A&M University
M.Ed, College of Education, Colorado State University
M.S, College o Home Economics, University of Southern Mississippi

Organizations: Member of College Station Noon Lions Club, Board member of Mobility Worldwide Brazos Valley, Extension Service Club

Name: **Marcus Edward Hill** (2014)

Institution: Prairie View A&M University

Occupation: President, Worth Casualty Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ag Workers

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Education (Texas A&M University)

Organizations: Fort Worth Stock Show; 4-H Foundation; National FFA; Texas FFA; Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership; State Fair of Texas; and, Tarrant County College of Business

Other: College of Agriculture Dean's Advisory Council at Tarleton State University

Name: **Oscar D. Taylor** (2010/2012)

Institution: Prairie View A&M University

Occupation: Restaurateur; Area Business Manager, Biogen Idec Corporation; and, agricultural chemical sales

Education: B. S. and M. S. in Agricultural Economics (Prairie View A&M University)

Organizations: Cargill, Inc; American Cyanamid (BASF); Perrier Group of America; Eli Lilly & Company; Greater Houston Restaurant Association; Safari Club International; Texas Guide Right; and 713 Ministries

Other: Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program and PVAMU College of Agriculture and Human Sciences Advisory Board

VIRGINIA

- Name:** **Richard T. Crowder** (2011)
- Institution:** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Occupation:** Retired
- Education:** B. S. in Agricultural Economics (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University); M. S. in Agricultural Economics (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University); and, Ph. D. in Agricultural Economics (Oklahoma State University)
- Organizations:** American Seed Trade Association; The Pillsbury Company; Armour-Swift Eckridge; DEKALB Genetics; and, Wilson & Company
- Other:** Former CARET liaison to the International Agricultural Section; former CARET liaison to the Academic Programs Section; former U. S. Chief Agriculture Negotiator and senior advisor to the U. S. Trade Representative and former Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs for the U. S. Department of Agriculture
- Name:** **Katie K. Frazier** (2013)
- Institution:** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Occupation:** Director of External Affairs, Farm Credit of the Virginias
- Education:** B. S. in Agricultural and Applied Economics and Political Science (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)
- Organizations:** Virginia Agribusiness Council; Virginia Grain Producers Association; Farm Credit; Virginia Forever; Virginia Cooperative Council; Center for Rural Virginia; and, the Virginia Wine Council
- Other:** 2020-2023 CARET Liaison to the Experiment Station Section (ESS)/ Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOPE); Virginia Tech Alumni Association; Virginia Tech Agricultural & Applied Economics Advisory Council; and, State Fair of Virginia Youth Development Board
- Name:** **Larry S. Holmes** (2014)

Institution: Virginia State University

Occupation: Retired

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Education (Virginia State University) and Certificate of Professional Photography, Washington School of Photography

Organizations: Soil and Water Conservation Society and National Organization of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees and Soil and Water Conservation Society

Other: CARET's Liaison to the Minority-Serving Institutions (1890)

U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Name: Grantley Samuel (2015)
Institution: University of the Virgin Islands
Occupation: Crop farmer
Education:
Organizations:
Other: Member, AES Advisory Council

WESTERN REGION

ALASKA

Name: Bryce J. Wrigley (2015)

Institution: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Occupation: Owner, Wrigley Farms; Owner, Alaska Flour Company; and, District Manager, Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District

Education: Ricks College and University of Alaska Southeast

Organizations: Alaska Food Policy Council; Alaska Farm Bureau; and, Farm Service Agency

Other: Pork Act Delegate for Alaska

AMERICAN SAMOA

Name:

Institution:

Occupation:

Education:

Organizations:

Other:

ARIZONA

Name: P. Andrew “Andy” Groseta (2013)

Institution: The University of Arizona

Occupation: Owner, Groseta Ranches, LLC (a statewide agribusiness firm specializing in farm and ranch brokerage, appraisals, management, and consulting) and cattleman

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Education and Animal Science (The University of Arizona); and, M. S. in Agricultural Education (The University of Arizona)

Organizations: Arizona Cattle Growers Association; National Cattlemen’s Beef Association; Catholic Community Foundation; Northern Arizona Healthcare; Arizona Department of Water Resources; Verde Watershed Association; Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee; Arizona Town Hall Board of Directors; and, Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVRREO)

Other: CARET Executive Committee; Former Agricultural Education Teacher/FFA Advisor; Yavapai County Cooperative Extension Advisory Board; National Leadership Council (NLC) at the University of Arizona Foundation

Name: Kevin G. Rogers (2019)

Institution: The University of Arizona

Occupation: Executive Vice President, Arizona Cotton Growers and family farmer (40 years)

Education:

Organizations: Arizona Cotton Growers; Arizona National Livestock Show; and, Arizona Farm Bureau

Other:

AT-LARGE

Name: James. R. Durglo (2019)

Institution: American Indian Higher Education Consortium

Occupation: Intertribal Timber Council Fire Technical Specialist

Education: B. S. in Forest Resource Management (University of Montana)

Organizations: Intertribal Timber Council and Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee

Other: Board of Directors, Salilsh Kootenai College and Dean's Impact Advisory Council, W. A. Franke College of Forestry and Resource Conservation, University of Montana

CALIFORNIA

Name: William E. Frost (2018)
Institution: University of California
Occupation: University of California Cooperative Extension Advisor Emeritus and former Associate Vice President of University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources
Education: Ph.D. in Range Management (University of Arizona)
Organizations:
Other:

Name: Ismael Herrera (2021)
Institution: University of California
Occupation: CA Fwd's Director of Regional Stewardship.
Education: Ed.M. Education Policy and Management, Harvard Graduate School of Education
B.A. Sociology & Chicano/Latino Studies, University of California, Irvine
Organizations: California Stewardship Network (CSN)
California Economic Summit

Name: Michael Anthony Mellano (2008)
Institution: University of California
Occupation: Vice President of Production, Mellano & Company – Growing Division (a cut flower and distribution operation)
Education: B. S. in Plant Science (University of California-Riverside) and Ph.D. in Plant Pathology (University of California-Riverside)

Organizations: California Cut Flower Commission; San Diego County Farm Bureau; USDA Floriculture Task Force; Kee Kitayama Research Foundation; and, USDA-Pacific Area Wide Program for Methyl Bromide Alternatives

Other: UC President's Advisory Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources and former chairman of the California Ornamental Research Federation

Name: **Dina J. Moore** (2016)

Institution: University of California

Occupation: Partner/Owner of cattle ranching at the Lonestar Ranch, non-industrial timber ranching, Partners for Conservation; and community leader for Agriculture on Conservation for Working Landscapes

Education: University of California, Davis

Organizations: Yager/Van Duzen Environmental Stewards and Partners for Conservation; Farm Bureau; California Cattlemen's Association; North Coast Regional Land Trust and, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and Partners for Conservation

Other: California Agricultural Leadership Class 26

Name: **Jean-Mari Peltier** (2011)

Institution: University of California

Occupation: President, Environmental Solutions Group, LLC

Education: B. S. (Summa Cum Laude) in Agricultural Communications (California State University, Fresno)

Organizations: National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; California Citrus Quality Council; California Pear Advisory Board; California Pear Growers; California Grape and Tree Fruit League; and, USDA's National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

Other: CARET Executive Committee -- Secretary; Former CARET liaison to the BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP); Former Chair, USDA's National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Former Counselor for Agricultural Policy to the Admini-

strator of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (Bush); Alumnae of the Year by Fresno State University School of Agriculture; former Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation for the California EPA; former Senior Policy Specialist for the California State World Trade Commission (Deukmejian); and, former Legislative Assistant for U. S. Congressman Tony Coelho.

- Name:** Cher Watte (201)
- Institution:** University of California
- Occupation:** Executive Director, California Asparagus Commission
- Education:** B. A. (University of California, Davis)
- Organizations:** California Farm Bureau Federation
- Other:** California Agriculture Leadership Program; former Director of International Trade for the California Department of Food and Agriculture; and, former legislative assistant to Congressman Tony Coelho.

COLORADO

Name: Robert T. Mattive (2009)

Institution: Colorado State University

Occupation: Owner/Operator of Worley Seed and Hi-land Potato Company

Education: B. S. in Business Administration (Colorado State University)

Organizations: Colorado Certified Potato Growers Association; Colorado Seed Growers Association; Sargent Board of Education; San Luis Valley Overall Advisory Board for Cooperative Extension; Rio Grand County Drainage District; Colorado Farm Bureau; and, Sargent Community 4-H Club

Other: CARET Executive Committee

GUAM

Appointment Pending

HAWAI'I

Name: Mae Nakahata (2019)

Institution: University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Occupation: Executive Assistant, Maui County Councilwoman Yuki Sugimura

Education: B. S. degree (Hilo College)

Organizations: Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Maui County Farm Bureau; Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Board; Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts; Hawai'i Ag Foundation; National Association of Conservation Districts; and, Invasive Species Policy Board for Pacific Region

Other:

Name: Eric S. Tanouye (2008 and 2018)

Institution: University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Occupation: President, Green Point Nurseries, Inc. (exporter of Hawaiian tropical flowers, foliage, and plants)

Education: Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i graduate

Organizations: Hawai'i Floriculture and Nursery Association; Synergistic Hawai'i Agriculture Council; Hawai'i Florists and Shippers Association, Hawai'i Tropical Flower Council, and, Hawai'i Anthurium Industry Association

Other:

IDAHO

Name: Mary L. Hasenoehrl (2017)

Institution: University of Idaho

Occupation: Owner of a 700-acre dry land farm and partner in a native grass seed company

Education: Advanced Technical Certificate in Respiratory Therapy (Kaley Medical Center)

Organizations: Port of Lewiston Commission; Lewiston Urban Renewal Board; Idaho State Bar Bode of Conduct

Other: Former Regional Director for U. S. Senator Mike Crapo and former Director, College Advancement and Executive Director, Lewis-Clark State College Foundation

Name: Pat Purdy (2017)

Institution: University of Idaho

Occupation: Vice President, Picabo Livestock Company (a 4,500-acre farming operation and guiding and outfitting operation); Owner/Partner Purdy Enterprises, Inc. (manufactures commercial packaged pumping systems and pumping controls)

Education: B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering (University of Idaho)

Organizations: Idaho Barley Commission; Leadership Idaho Agriculture; and, Idaho Grain Producers

Other:

MONTANA

Name: **Jane Marie (Jamie) Doggett** (2013)

Institution: Montana State University

Occupation: Rancher, Camas Creek Cattle and Sheep Company (a commercial cow-calf business with alfalfa/grass hay and small grain crops)

Education: B. A. in History/Education (Montana State University)

Organizations: Smith River Coordinated Management Commission; Montana Cattlewomen; Meagher County Conservation District; National Association of Counties (NACo); Montana Committee for the Humanities; Federation of State Humanities Councils; and the National Council of the National Endowment of the Humanities

Other: Former county commissioner; Montana State University President's Advisory Council; and, completed the Leadership Montana Program

Name: **Dale R. Schuler** (2016)

Institution: Montana State University

Occupation: Managing Partner, Schuler Brothers Partnership (focus on wheat production)

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Economics (Montana State University)

Organizations: Montana Grain Growers Association; National Association of Wheat Growers; Montana Grains Foundation; Montana Plant Sciences Endowed Chair; U. S. Wheat Associates; and, Joint International Trade Policies Committee

Other:

NEVADA

- Name:** **Jeremy Drew** (2019)
- Institution:** University of Nevada, Reno
- Occupation:** Natural Resource Project Manager, Resource Concepts, Inc.
- Education:** B. S. in Environmental Resource Sciences (University of Nevada, Reno) and B. S. in Civil Engineering (University of Nevada, Reno)
- Organizations:** Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council; Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife; Safari Club International; and Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
- Other:** University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Advisory Committee
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- Name:** **Jake Tibbitts** (2016)
- Institution:** University of Nevada, Reno
- Occupation:** Nevada Natural Resources Manager, Eureka County
- Education:** B. S. in Biology (Idaho State University) and M. S. in Geographic Information Sciences (Idaho State University)
- Organizations:** Nevada Association of Conservation Districts; National Association of Conservation Districts; Nevada State Conservation Districts; Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council; Eureka Conservation District; Society for Range Management; Nevada Weed Management Association; Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Partnership; U. S. Forest Service White Pine-Nye County SRS Resource Advisory Committee; and, registered lobbyist with the Nevada State Legislature
- Other:** CARET liaison to the Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) of the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) and former CARET liaison to the Cooperative Extension Section/Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP)

NEW MEXICO

- Name:** Arthur “Butch” Blazer (2019)
- Institution:** New Mexico State University
- Occupation:** President, Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Education:** B. S. in Range Management (New Mexico State University) and American Indian Program of the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Native American Institute
- Organizations:** National Congress of the American Indian; National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (EPA); Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission; Native American Advisory Council; Your Conservation Corps Commission; Conservation Legacy; Native American Fish and Wildlife Society; Intertribal Timber Council; Intertribal Agricultural Council; Native American Agricultural Fund; New Mexico Association of Counties; National Association of Counties; National Association of State Foresters; National Association of Conservation Districts; Conservation Legacy Board; Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and, Board of Otero County Electric Cooperative
- Other:**
- Name:** Dina Chacón-Reitzel (2003)
- Institution:** New Mexico State University
- Occupation:** Executive Director, New Mexico Beef Council and Partner, Chacón LLC/Pinavetal Ranch
- Education:** B. S. in Home Economics in Business (New Mexico State University) and M. B.A. in Marketing and Management (New Mexico State University)
- Organizations:** New Mexico Beef Council; National Cattlemen’s Beef Association; Consumer Trends International; Consumer Science and Business Professionals Association; Western Rural Development Center Board; New Mexico 4-H Foundation; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; and, New Mexico Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Other:** Immediate Past CARET Chairwoman; New Mexico State University Board of Regents; former CARET Liaison to the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP)

Name: **Jeff Mayberry** (2019)

Institution: New Mexico State University

Occupation: Farmer and Farm Manager, Mayberry, Inc. (maintains and works 1,000 acres of alfalfa, corn, and winter grains along with custom work for additional clients)

Education: B. A. in History (New Mexico State University) and New Mexico Agricultural Leadership Program

Organizations: New Mexico Young Farmers and Ranchers and Eddy County Farm and Livestock Bureau; FFA

Other:

OREGON

Name: W. Bryan Wolfe (2015)

Institution: Oregon State University

Occupation: Owner, Wolfe Ranch and Wolfe Feedlot; Partner and Board President, Growers Fertilizer, Inc. (prior to closure); and Umatilla Morrow Growers Co-Op

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Economics (Oregon State University)

Organizations: Hermiston Rotary Club; Hermiston School District Blue Ribbon Panel; State of Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council; Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Oregon Wheat Growers League; Oregon Cattlemen's Association; Al Kader Shrine; Mason; Oregon Hanford Clean Up Board; State of Oregon Board of Forestry; and Ag-Pac

Other: OSU College of Agricultural Sciences Dean's Advisory Committee; Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center Advisory Committee and American Leadership Forum of Oregon Class XX

UTAH

Name: Kathleen Clarke (2020)

Institution: Utah State University

Occupation: Director, Utah's Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office

Education: B. A. in Political Science (Utah State University)

Organizations: Utah Department of Agriculture and Food; Bureau of Land Management; Utah Department of Natural Resources; Utah food pantries and homeless shelters

Other: Executive Director for the late Congressman Jim Hansen

Name: Linda Clark Gillmor (2018)

Institution: Utah State University

Occupation: Director, Office of Rural Development (Governor's Office of Economic Development) and Assistant Managing Director, Urban and Rural Business Services; Co-Owner of St. Gillmor Sheep Company; and Co-Founder of Morgan Valley Lamb, LLC

Education: B. S. in Business (Utah State University) and M. S. in Human Resources with an emphasis on organizational leadership (Utah State University)

Organizations: Millard County Economic Development Board; Utah Alliance for Economic Development; Delta Area Chamber of Commerce; Governor's Rural Partnership Board; Agriculture & Wildlife Damage Prevention Board (Utah Department of Agriculture and Food); Salt Lake City Downtown Alliance; Snow College's Economic Development and Workforce Preparation Advisory Board; and, Intermountain Health Care

Other: Board of Trustees, Utah State University

WASHINGTON

Name: Michael J. Miller (2020)

Institution: Washington State University

Occupation: Owner/Manager of Washington Genetics, LLC; private consultant and, agriculture production for 45 years

Education: AA in Agriculture Economics and Agriculture Business

Organizations: National Wheat Improvement Committee; Washington Grain Commission; U. S. Wheat Associates; and, Washington State Crop Improvement Board

Other:

WYOMING

Name: **Robert L. Kidd** (1988)

Institution: University of Wyoming

Occupation: Businessman, rancher, and alpine ski coach

Education: B. S. in Farm and Ranch Management (University of Wyoming)

Organizations:

Other: Past Chairman of CARET; past Chairman of Western CARET; and, former CARET liaison to the National Association of Counties

Name: **Shane C. Schulz** (2012)

Institution: University of Wyoming

Occupation: Manager, Government Affairs, QEP Energy Company (oil and gas company)

Education: B. S. in Agricultural Business (University of Wyoming) and J. D. (University of Wyoming)

Organizations: Louisiana Oil and Gas Association; Wyoming Taxpayers Association; Wyoming Business Alliance; Wyoming Rural Development Council; America's Natural Gas Alliance; and, Western Energy Alliance

Other: