



Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers
September 23 - 24, 2014 · 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Central Time**
Austin Marriott South
4415 South Interstate Highway (IH) 35, Austin, TX
Limestone II Room
(Public) Listen-Only Call 888-942-8514 Passcode: 6697201

Tuesday, September 23

Call to Order & Introductions, 9:00am

- Kenya Nicholas, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) (Welcome)
- RJ Cabrera, Deputy DFO and Facilitator (Administrative)
- Committee Members Roll Call

Remarks

- Gary Matteson, Chair and Peter Scheffert, Vice Chair

Plenary Committee Session I, 9:30am

- Process, Guidance, and Schedule – Chairs and DFOs

Subgroup Tasks I, 10:00am

- **Communications Service & Advocacy (Armadillo)**
- **Lending Credit & Statistics (Limestone II)**
- **Agency Program-Specific Changes (Longhorn)**

Breaks(as needed)

Lunch ± 12:00pm

Plenary Session II, 1:00pm

- Special Inquiry of AMS (Increasing Diversity among Research & Promotions Boards)

Subgroup Tasks II, 1:30pm

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- **Lending Credit & Statistics (Limestone II)**
- **Agency Program-Specific Changes (Longhorn)**

Breaks(as needed)

Plenary (Close Day 1), 3:45pm

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Committee Members, 4:15pm

Issues with process, report back from subgroups

Public comments

Wrap-Up and Adjourn, 5:00pm



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Call to Order and Review of Day 1 – DFO/Chair, 9:00am

Plenary Session III, 9:15am

- Review of Day 1, questions for agencies, troubleshoot issues

Subgroup Tasks III, 9:30am

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Lunch, ± 12:00pm

Plenary Session IV, 1:00pm

Large screen review of subgroup recommendations

- **Communications Service & Advocacy - Presentation**
- **Lending Credit & Statistics - Presentation**
- **Agency Program-Specific Changes – Presentation**

Deliberations, Q&As, Roundtable Review of Recommendations

Closing Remarks, 4:30pm

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Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Committee Members

Chairs

Public comments

Wrap-up and Adjourn, 5:00pm