

NAREEE Board Seeks Nominations for the Citrus Disease Subcommittee

The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board seeks nominations for the Citrus Disease Subcommittee. The Citrus Disease Subcommittee was established by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Sec. 7103). The purpose of the committee is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on citrus research, extension, and development needs, engage in regular consultation and collaboration with USDA and other organizations involved in citrus, and provide recommendations for research and extension activities related to citrus disease. The Citrus Disease Subcommittee will also advise the Department on the research and extension agenda of the Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program.

The subcommittee is composed of 9 members who ***must*** be a producer of citrus with representation from the following States: three members from Arizona or California, five members from Florida, and one member from Texas.

Nominations are sought for three (3) positions; one to represent California and two to represent Florida. All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance. All nominees will be vetted before selection. The nominations sought are for a 3-year appointment.

Individuals and organizations who wish to nominate experts for this or any other USDA advisory committee should submit a letter to the Secretary listing these individuals' names and business address, phone, and e-mail contact information. These individuals may be contacted now or in the future to determine their interest in serving as a committee member.

Candidates who wish to be considered for membership on the Citrus Disease Subcommittee ***must*** submit an AD-755, "*Advisory Committee Membership Background Information*," application form and their resume to the REE Advisory Board Office, Room 3901, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0321. Cover letters and letters of support for nominees should be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture. The application form and more information about advisory committees can be found at www.usda.gov/advisory_committees.xml. **Nomination packages should be submitted by close of business on Friday, March 28, 2014 to be considered.**

Nominations are open to ***all*** individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure the recommendations of the Advisory Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent all racial and ethnic groups, geographical areas, women and men, and persons with disabilities.

Appointments to the Citrus Disease Subcommittee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

For additional information, please contact Michele Esch, Executive Director, NAREEE Advisory Board, Room 3870, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0321, Telephone: 202-720-3684, Fax: 202-720-6199, or e-mail: Michele.esch@usda.gov.

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