

CITRUS DISEASE SUBCOMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue recently appointed eight individuals to serve on the Citrus Disease Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board.

The Agricultural Act of 2014 formally established the Citrus Disease Subcommittee to study the scope and effectiveness of research, extension, and economics programs affecting the citrus industry as it directly relates to citrus diseases, particularly Huanglongbing (citrus greening). The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 increased committee membership from 9 to 11 members, increasing the representation from California.

Each of the 11 Citrus Disease Subcommittee members must be a citrus producer from Florida (5 representatives), California or Arizona (5 representatives), or Texas (1 representative). Each member serves a 2-3-year appointment. Terms for members overlap so that approximately one-third of the Subcommittee is replaced and/or reappointed each year.

The Citrus Disease Subcommittee advises the Secretary of Agriculture on citrus research, extension, and development needs; engages in regular consultation and collaboration with USDA; and provides recommendations for research and extension activities related to citrus disease.

The members of the Citrus Disease Subcommittee will start work almost immediately when the subcommittee meets beginning at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, through Thursday, December 5, 2019, at the Hamilton Hotel, 1001 14th St NW, Washington, DC. Members will develop recommendations on the priorities, budget and focus of the Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension program, a granting program administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

The meeting is open to the public, but those interested in attending must register by contacting Shirley Morgan-Jordan at Shirley.Morgan@usda.gov or calling (202) 720-3684. A public comment period will be available at the end of each meeting or interested individuals may provide written comment for the public record if it is postmarked by December 20, 2019.

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, or e-mail: Michele.esch@usda.gov.

The following are the Citrus Disease Subcommittee members:

- **Justin D. Brown**, D Bar J Orchards, Inc., Orange Cove, CA (Term: 2017–2020)
- **Dr. Harold Browning**, Permier Citrus, Vero Beach, FL (Term: 2020-2022)

- **Gregory Galloway**, Sierra Crest Agriculture Inc., Porterville, CA (Term 2020–2021)
- **John C. Gless**, Gless Ranch Inc., Riverside, CA (Term: 2020–2022)
- **Justin Golding**, Wonderful Citrus, Bakersfield, CA (Term: 2020–2021)
- **David Howard**, Graves Brothers Company, Vero Beach, FL (Term: 2017-2020)
- **Julia Inestroza**, Tenalu Richardson Farm, Springville, CA (Term: 2020-2022)
- **Matt McLean**, Uncle Matt’s Organic, Clermont, FL (Term: 2017-2020)
- **William “Gee” Roe III**, W.G. Roe & Sons, Port Saint Lucie, FL (Term: 2020-2022)
- **James Snively**, Southern Gardens Groves Corp., Lake Placid, FL (Term: 2020-2021)
- **Dr. Mani Skaria**, US Citrus, Hargill, TX (Term: 2020-2021)

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