



National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board

USDA National Pollinator Subcommittee Office of the Chief Scientist



The committee shall be known as the USDA National Pollinator Subcommittee; hereafter referred to as the Pollinator Subcommittee. This Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board, which is implemented by the Research, Education, and Economics (REE) Mission Area.

The mission of the subcommittee is to provide advice to the NAREEE Board on the subcommittee's current understanding of annual pollinator research priorities, consistent with the 2018 Farm Bill, Title 10, Section 1672, Subsection 4. Further, the subcommittee will be asked to advise USDA on the best available science in informing specific USDA pollinator programmatic or policy needs. These identified programmatic and/or policy needs will be defined by the chairperson who will work with the DFO to establish priorities, as described in Section 7 below.

Description of Duties

The subcommittee is advisory in nature and will be asked to make pollinator health-related recommendations, reviews, and consultations to the NAREEE Board to:

1. Provide input on long and short-term national priorities consistent with the 2018 Farm Bill, Title 10, Section 1672, Subsection 4.
2. Provide input on USDA's annual establishment of national pollinator priorities per the 2018 Farm Bill, Title 10, Section 1672, Subsection 4.
3. Research needs and/or considerations of current research to ensure USDA pollinator-related policy and program decisions are informed by the best available science.
4. Evaluate what is considered the best available science with regards to pollinator research, extension, education, and economics, and make recommendations to the NAREEE Board of such evaluations.
5. Submit a report of the results and findings from each subcommittee meeting within 60 calendar days from the time of the meeting's adjournment.

Membership

The Board shall be composed of 9 members appointed by the Secretary (with equal representation, to the maximum extent practicable, of public and private sector members). The USDA Departmental Honey Bee and Pollinator Research Coordinator will serve as an ex-officio member.

Of the 9 members, one will become the chairperson who is recognized for their ability to lead a group in a fair and focused manner and who has been briefed on the mission of this Subcommittee. A vice-chairperson may be assigned, especially to facilitate his or her transition to become the chairperson in the future.



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