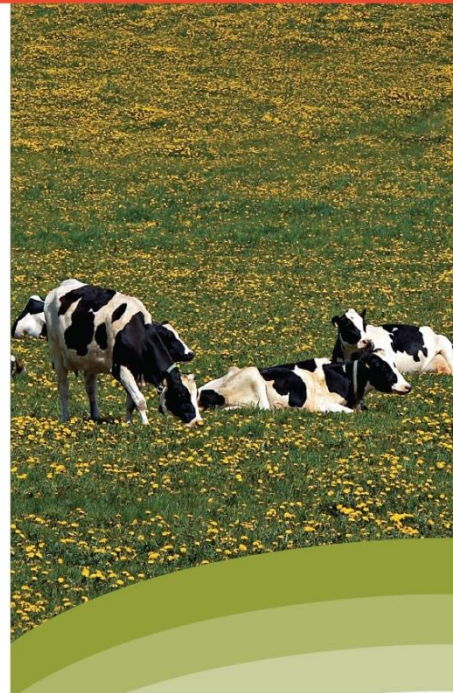
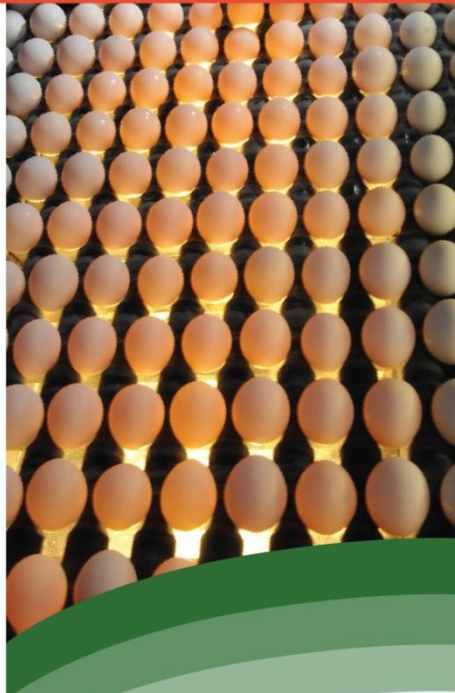


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# What are R&P Programs?

- Industry-funded, self-help programs designed to develop and strengthen markets for specific commodities
- R&P programs are implemented based on requests of industry or through specific legislation
- Funding is provided through assessments collected on individual commodities
- R&P programs allow commodity groups to pool resources for the conduct of promotion, market research, nutrition education and new product development programs
- Overseen by USDA for fairness and appropriateness

# What are R&P Boards?

- Commodity specific group of stakeholders appointed by the Secretary to administer specific R&P programs
- Provide strategic direction on how industry assessments are spent to enhance overall demand
- Size of Board ranges from less than 10 to over 100 members

# Who Serves on R&P Boards?

- Board members may consist of producers, processors, importers, others in the marketing chain, and/or at-large public representatives
- Eligibility for appointment depends on specific commodity and assessment requirements
  - Individual ineligibility may result from de minimis exemptions, geographic location if regional Board requirements, or specific production practice exemption
- Depending on the Board, individuals may be nominated by national, regional and state industry organizations or themselves

# Who is Eligible for Nomination on R&P Boards?

- Diverse eligible individuals representing various aspects of their industry
- Individuals representing the changing face of agriculture based on:
  - Gender
  - National origin or race
  - Operational size
  - Geographic location
  - Production methods
  - Marketing strategies
  - Age

# Why Serve on R&P Boards?

- Direct how assessment money is spent
- Build consumer confidence and work to protect the industry's reputation
- Collaborate and network with stakeholders and board members from across the country and overseas
- Uphold authorizing statutes and order requirements
- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Advocate for your industry



# What is Required to Serve on R&P Boards?

- Attend meetings: 2-6 meetings per year, may include travel between 6 and 15 days
- Participate in teleconferences, video conferences, or other activities as needed

# What Does it Cost to Serve on R&P Boards?

- Board members serve without compensation
- All travel costs—including meals—are reimbursed
- Depending on the Board, some technology costs are reimbursed (iPads, telephone calls, etc.)

# R&P Board's Opportunities to Serve – Current Openings

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# R&P Board's Opportunities to Serve – Future Openings

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# For More Information:

- Contact AMS Office of Outreach at (202) 690-0487
- Web site: [www.ams.usda.gov/researchandpromotion](http://www.ams.usda.gov/researchandpromotion)
- Call-to-Action Flyer
- AMS R&P Board Contacts
- R&P Boards Contact List

The flyer features the USDA logo and the text 'United States Department of Agriculture' at the top. Below this is the 'Agricultural Marketing Service' logo. The main title is 'Shape the Future of Agriculture' in a large, bold font. A speech bubble contains the text: 'Be a Voice For Your Industry by Serving on a Research and Promotion Program Board'. To the right, there are several circular photos of diverse people. Below the main title, there is a section titled 'Join a group that represents all facets of your industry—from producers to processors, manufacturers to importers—and help strengthen the future of American agriculture.' This is followed by a list of benefits for board members, each preceded by a checkmark icon. At the bottom right, there is a call to action: 'Contact the AMS Office of Outreach at 202-690-0487 to find out how you can get involved.' The footer includes the date 'April 2014', the website 'www.ams.usda.gov/ResearchAndPromotion', and the USDA equal opportunity statement.

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## Shape the Future of Agriculture

Be a Voice For Your Industry by Serving on a Research and Promotion Program Board

Join a group that represents all facets of your industry—from producers to processors, manufacturers to importers—and help strengthen the future of American agriculture.

As a Board Member, You Will:

- On average, attend 2-6 meetings per year (6-15 days)
- Receive reimbursement for travel costs
- Help direct how assessment money is spent
- Build consumer confidence and protect the industry's reputation
- Collaborate and network with stakeholders and board members from across the industry
- Develop leadership and communication skills

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**What is a Research and Promotion Program?**  
Research and Promotion programs focus on nutrition, research, marketing, and consumer outreach efforts that improve, maintain, and develop opportunities for agricultural commodities and products.

The programs allow stakeholders across an industry to pool their expertise and resources. Research and promotion programs are administered by a board or council whose members are nominated by the specific industry and then appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

There are over 20 national research and promotion programs serving a variety of commodity industries.

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Questions?