

<b>Board/Council</b>	<b>Requirements for Membership on Board</b>	<b>Process for Accepting Nominees to the Board</b>
Cattlemen's Beef Board	<p>The Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, usually referred to as the Cattlemen's Beef Board, consists of 100 members (94 producers and 6 importers), including domestic beef, dairy and veal producers, as well as importers of live cattle or beef and beef products. All board members serve 3-year terms. No board member shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. A nominee to the Cattlemen's Beef Board must be a domestic beef producer or importer of cattle, beef or beef products and must pay the mandatory assessment.</p>	<p>Nominations to the Board are accepted from certified eligible organizations representing producer and importer organizations. The eligibility of State cattle or general farm organizations or associations is determined by USDA and is based on provisions defined in the Beef Promotion and Research Act. Within each State and for importers, these certified organizations may caucus to jointly nominate persons or they may nominate persons on their own. Certified organizations are asked to submit two nominees for each vacant position.</p>
Cotton Board	<p>The Cotton Board consists of at least one member from each cotton-producing state and members for every 1 million bales or major fraction thereof. Cotton-producing states include Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Also, the Board includes importer of cotton and cotton-containing products. The Board members serve 3-year terms (no term limits), and approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. The Board also has two consumer</p>	<p>Nominations to the Board are accepted from certified eligible organizations representing producer and importer organizations. Within each State and for importers, these certified organizations may caucus to jointly nominate persons or they may nominate persons on their own. Certified organizations are asked to submit two nominees for each vacant position.</p>

	<p>advisors. In 2014, the Board is composed of 23 producer members (and respective alternates), 14 importers and respective alternates, and 2 consumer advisors.</p>	
<p>National Dairy Board</p>	<p>The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, usually referred to as the National Dairy Board, consists of 38 members (36 milk producers and 2 milk importers), including a specific number of producers representing each of the 12 regions, as dictated in the Dairy Promotion and Research Order. A milk producer may be nominated only to represent the region in which such producer's milk is produced. All board members serve 3-year terms. No board member shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year.</p>	<p>Nominations to the Board for producer and importer representation are accepted from all certified eligible organizations representing producer and importers of dairy products, respectively. For nominations of producers, if the Secretary determines that a substantial number of producers are not members of, or their interests are not represented by, such eligible organizations, the Secretary shall also solicit nominations from such producers through general farmer organizations or by other means. The eligibility of any organization to represent milk producers and to participate in the making of nominations is determined by USDA and is based on provisions defined in the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983. The primary considerations in determining the eligibility of an organization shall be whether its membership consists primarily of milk producers who produce a substantial volume of milk and whether the primary or overriding interest of the organization is in the production or processing of fluid milk and dairy products and promotion of the nutritional attributes of fluid</p>

		<p>milk and dairy products. Within each geographic region and for importers, these eligible organizations may caucus to jointly nominate persons or they may nominate persons on their own.</p>
American Egg Board	<p>The Egg Board, hereinafter called the “Board,” is composed of 18 egg producers or representatives of egg producers, and 18 specific alternates, all appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by eligible organizations, associations, or cooperatives, or by other producers. The members of the Board, and their alternates, shall serve for terms of 2 years, except initial appointments shall be, proportionately, for terms of 2 and 3 years. Each member and alternate member shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed by the Secretary and has qualified. No member shall serve for more than three consecutive terms. The 48 contiguous States of the United States shall be grouped into 6 geographic areas. Board representation among the 6 geographic areas is apportioned to reflect the percentages of United States egg production in each area times 18 (total board membership).</p>	<p>Nominations to the Board are accepted from certified eligible organizations representing producer organizations. The eligibility of organizations or associations is determined by USDA and is based on provisions defined in the Egg Research and Consumer Information Act, and Egg Research and Promotion Order. Certified industry organizations caucus to nominate eligible candidates. The caucuses then submit to USDA first and second choice nominees for every position to be filled. All nominees are subject to USDA background review.</p>
National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board	<p>The National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board, usually referred to as the Fluid Milk or MilkPEP Board,</p>	<p>Nominations to the Board are accepted from individual fluid milk processors and other interested parties, including</p>

	<p>consists of 20 members (15 representing geographic regions of fluid milk processing operations of differing sizes and 5 at-large members, including 3 fluid milk processors and at least one member of the general public). No fluid milk processor shall be represented on the Board by more than three members. Except for the non-processor member or members from the general public, nominees appointed to the Board must be active owners or employees of a fluid milk processor. All board members serve 3-year terms. No board member shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. The 15 Board members representing geographic regions are each selected from the 15 regions, as dictated in the Fluid Milk Order.</p>	<p>eligible organizations. Fluid milk processors and other interested parties may submit nominations for positions on the Board for regions in which they are located or market fluid milk, and for at-large members. An eligible organization is determined by the Fluid Milk Order and must be a nonprofit organization of the Internal Revenue Code, be governed by a board comprised of a majority of fluid milk processors, and represents fluid milk processors on a national basis whose members process more than 50 percent of the fluid milk products processed and marketed within the United States.</p>
<p>Hass Avocado Board</p>	<p>The Hass Avocado Board consists of 12 members (7 producers and 5 importers). For each member there is an alternate position. All members and alternates serve 3-year terms. No board member shall serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. A board member may serve as an alternate during the years the member is ineligible for a member position. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. Producer members and alternates are nominated by</p>	<p>Nomination forms are mailed to all producers and importers. The nominees are then placed on a ballot, and producers and importers vote by mail ballot to select their respective nominees to be considered for appointment by the Secretary. Two nominees are submitted for each position.</p>

	<p>producers and importer members and alternates are nominated by importers. Nominees are placed on a ballot and mailed to producers and importers of Hass avocados, respectively.</p>	
<p>U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council</p>	<p>The U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council consists of 16 members and alternates (10 producers, 3 importers, 1 exporter, 1 first handlers, and 1 public member). All Council members and alternates serve a 3-year term. No council member or alternates shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. A member may serve as an alternate during the years the member is ineligible for a member position. Nominations and appointments take place in two out of every three years. Producer members are nominated by producers. Importers, exporter, first handler, and public member positions are nominated by the Council.</p>	<p>Nominations for the State or Regional producer seats are submitted by State blueberry commissions or marketing order committees. In States where no commission or order is in place (such as Michigan), nominations are solicited by Council staff from the specific state. Names are then placed on a ballot that is sent to producers in the State for a vote. The person with the highest number of votes is the member nominee, the person with the second highest vote is the alternate nominee, and the individuals with the third and fourth highest number of votes cast are designated as additional nominees for consideration by the Secretary. Importer and handler member nominees are recommended by the Council. From the nominations submitted, the Secretary selects the member and alternate members of the Council.</p>
<p>National Honey Board</p>	<p>The National Honey Board consists of 10 members and alternates (3 first handlers, 2 importers, 1 importer-handler, 3 producers, and 1 marketing cooperative). All board members and alternates serve a 3-year term. No member or alternate may serve more than two consecutive terms.</p>	<p>Nominations for first handlers, importers, producers and marketing cooperatives are made by qualified national organizations that are certified by the Department of Agriculture. If necessary, certified organizations will caucus to submit a single slate of nominees for each vacant</p>

	<p>Producer representatives must produce a minimum of 150,000 pounds. Importer-handler representatives must import at least 75 percent of the honey or honey products they market in the U.S. and handle at least 250,000 pounds annually.</p>	<p>position.</p>
<p>American Lamb Board</p>	<p>The American Lamb Board consists of 13 members, including 6 producer representatives, 3 feeder representatives, 3 first handlers, and 1 seedstock producer. Members serve 3-year terms. No Board member may serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. A nominee to the Board must be a lamb producer or first handler who has paid the mandatory checkoff assessment.</p>	<p>Nominations to the Board are accepted from Certified Nominating Organizations (CNO) representing U.S. producers and first handlers. The eligibility of CNOs is determined by USDA and is based on provisions in the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order. CNOs representing producers, feeders, first handlers, and seedstock producers submit to the Secretary of Agriculture at least 2 nominees for each vacancy on the Board.</p>
<p>National Mango Board</p>	<p>The National Mango Board consists of 18 members (8 importers, 1 first handler, 2 domestic producers, and 7 foreign producers). All members shall serve 3-year terms. No board member shall serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. Importers, first handlers and domestic producers will be nominated by their respective group and placed on a ballot for a vote by said group.</p>	<p>Nominations for the importer seats are made by U.S. importers, nominations for first handlers are made by first handlers, and nominations for the domestic producer seats are made by domestic producers. After all of the nominations are received, mango importers, first handlers, and domestic producers vote on their respective candidates by mail ballot to identify their preferred nominees. Two nominees are submitted for each importer, first handler and domestic producer positions. Nominees for the foreign producer seats are</p>

		solicited from organizations of foreign mango producers, and foreign mango producers can also self-nominate. Each country's organization may submit up to two nominees for each vacant foreign producer position.
Mushroom Council	The Mushroom Council consists of 9 members -- 8 producers (by Regions) and 1 importer. All Council members serve a 3-year term. No council member shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Council is appointed each year. Producers are nominated by producers and importers are nominated by importers.	Nominations are made at regional caucuses of producers (or importers) or by mail ballot. To be eligible to be a producer or importer member nominee, a person must produce or import on average, over 500,000 pounds of mushrooms per year. The candidate with the highest number of votes is the first choice nominee for a position, and the candidate with the highest volume of production voted is the second choice nominee for a position. If a proposed nominee receives both the highest number of votes cast and the highest volume of production or imports voted, then the proposed nominee with the second highest number of votes cast is included as the second choice nominee
Paper and Packaging Board	The Paper and Paper-Based Packaging Board consists of 12 members (11 manufacturers and 1 importer). Manufacturers represent four regions. With the exception of the initial Board, each Board member shall serve for a term of 3 years. No member may serve more than two-full consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of	Nomination forms are mailed to all manufacturers and importers. The nominees are then placed on a ballot, and manufacturers and importers vote by mail ballot to select their respective nominees to be considered for appointment by the Secretary. Two nominees are submitted for each position.

	<p>the Board is appointed each year. Manufacturers nominate manufacturers and importers nominate importers.</p>	
<p>Processed Raspberries</p>	<p>The National Processed Raspberry Council consists of 13 members and alternates (7 producers, 3 importers, 2 foreign producers, and 1 at-large). All Council members and alternates serve a 3-year term. No council member or alternates shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. A member may serve as an alternate during the years the member is ineligible for a member position. Nominations and appointments take place in two out of every three years. Producer members are nominated by producers. Importers are nominated by importers; foreign producers nominated by foreign producers, and the at-large member is nominated by the Council.</p>	<p>Nominations for producers shall come from State raspberry commissions or committees, if there are none, the Council will seek nominations from State Departments of Agriculture. Nominations for importers and foreign producers shall be from qualified national organizations representing importers or foreign producers, respectively, or individuals who have paid their assessments may submit their name to the council. Nominations for at-large members and alternates shall be made at the council meeting.</p>
<p>National Peanut Board</p>	<p>The National Peanut Board consists of 12 members and their alternates. All members shall serve 3-year terms. No board member shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. Producers are nominated by certified peanut producer organizations.</p>	<p>The Order requires the Board to issue a call for nominations by March 1. The Board sends packages to each of the State Certified Peanut Producing Organizations (CPPO), notifying them of the requirement to hold nomination meetings. Eligible peanut producer organizations within each State nominated qualified individuals for each open position. In order to identify the industry's preferred candidates, the nominees are then voted upon at open meetings of peanut</p>



		producers eligible to serve on the Board.
Popcorn Promotion Board	The Popcorn Board consists of 5 members. All members shall serve 3-year terms. No board member shall serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately half of the Board is appointed every two out of three years. Popcorn processors (members) shall be appointed by processors.	To be eligible for nomination, an individual must be either an officer or an employee of a popcorn processor who processes and distributes over 4 million pounds of popcorn in the market per year. No more than one officer or employee of a processor may serve as a Board member at the same time. All processors may participate in submitting nominations.
National Potato Board	The National Potato Promotion Board, often referred to as the Potato Board, is composed of producers (based on production), importers and a public member (Currently 92 producers, 2 importers and 1 public member). Nominations for producer members are submitted by potato producers in the various States. Importers nominate importer members, and the Board nominates the public member. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. Producer members must produce five or more acres of potatoes to be eligible to serve. All board members serve a 3-year term. No board members shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms.	Nominations for producers are determined at meetings in the producing sections of the States. Nominations for importers are made by importers of potatoes, and the public member is nominated by members of the Board.
National Pork Board	The Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order is authorized by the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of	A slate of nominees is developed by a Nominating Committee comprised of National Pork Producer Delegate Body members. Nominees must be from a

	<p>1985 [7 U.S.C. 4801-4819]. The Act was passed as part of the 1985 Farm Bill. The program became effective on September 5, 1986, and assessments began November 1, 1986. The National Pork Board is comprised of 15 members consisting of producers representing at least 12 States or importers appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted the National Pork Producers Delegate Body. All board members serve 3-year terms. No board member shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year.</p>	<p>minimum of 12 States or importers and not less than one and one-half persons (rounded up to the nearest person) for each vacancy on the Board that requires nominations thereafter. Each nomination shall be by a majority vote of the Delegate Body voting in person</p>
<p>National Pork Delegate Body</p>	<p>The Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order is authorized by the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985 [7 U.S.C. 4801-4819]. The Act was passed as part of the 1985 Farm Bill. The program became effective on September 5, 1986, and assessments began November 1, 1986. The Order is administered by the National Pork Producers Delegate Body, which has approximately 160 members with a minimum of 2 producers authorized from each of the 43 States and importers. The Secretary appoints Delegate Body members from pork producers who have been nominated through special elections or</p>	<p>Delegate Body nominations for appointment as producer members are submitted to the Secretary by State pork Association recognized to nominate. State are allocated members to the Delegate Body based on Production but receive a minimum of two delegate positions. The Secretary appoints the Delegate Body members from the nominations submitted by the State Associations.</p>

	<p>other USDA-approved selection processes in each State. Importers are selected from individuals nominated by eligible organizations. All Delegate Body members serve 1-year terms. There are no limits to serving consecutive terms.</p>	
Softwood Lumber Board	<p>The Softwood Lumber Board consists of 19 members -- 12 domestic manufacturers (3 regions) and 7 importers (3 regions). All board members serve a 3-year term. No board members shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the board is appointed each year.</p>	<p>To be eligible to serve, domestic manufacturers and importers must manufacture and domestically ship or import to the United States 15 million board feet or more of softwood lumber annually. The Board conducts outreach to all segments of the softwood lumber industry to solicit nominations. Eligible persons may nominate themselves or other eligible persons for a seat on the Board. The Board then conducts an election by mail ballot in each region. The votes are tabulated by region, with the nominee receiving the highest number of votes at the top of the list in descending order. The top two candidates for each position are submitted to the Secretary.</p>
Sorghum Board	<p>The United Sorghum Checkoff Program Board, consists of 13 sorghum producer members with provision to add importers. All board members serve 3-year terms. No board member shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. A nominee to the Sorghum Board must be a</p>	<p>Nominations to the Board are accepted from certified nominating organizations representing producer and importer organizations. The eligibility of organizations or is determined by USDA and is based on provisions defined in the Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Order. Within each State and for importers, these certified organizations may caucus to</p>

	sorghum producer or importer of sorghum.	jointly nominate persons or they may nominate persons on their own. Certified organizations are asked to submit two nominees for each vacant position.
United Soybean Board	The United Soybean Board has 70 members representing 29 States and 2 combined regional units. Board members serve for 3-year terms. The Secretary of Agriculture appoints approximately one-third of the Board each year. Board members must be U.S. soybean producers who have paid the mandatory checkoff assessment.	Nominations to the Board are submitted by Qualified State Soybean Boards (QSSB) from each of the 29 States and 2 combined regional units. The QSSBs must submit 2 nominees, who must be U.S. producers, for each vacancy on the Board. For States having only 1 allocated Board member, they may submit to the Secretary for approval the names of alternate members in the event the appointed Board member cannot attend Board meetings.
National Watermelon Promotion Board	The National Watermelon Promotion Board, often referred to as the Watermelon Board, consists of 37 members composed of 14 producers, 14 handlers, 8 importers, and 1 public member. All board members serve a 3-year term. No board members shall serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. For the purpose of nominations, the production area is divided into seven districts of approximately equal production. Each district is represented by two handlers and two producers on the Board. Producer members are nominated by producers and handler members are nominated by	The Watermelon Research and Promotion Plan (Plan) requires nomination conventions to be held in each of the respective Districts. Nominations for importers are made by ballot, nomination convention, or other means. The public member is nominated by the other Board members. In accordance with the Plan, nominations are conducted at district conventions in each district with vacancies, and the Board calls and opens all district conventions.

	<p>handlers. Producers and handlers are nominated through conventions held in each of the respective districts. Importer members are nominated by importers by mail ballot or nomination convention. The public member is nominated by the Board. To be nominated, producers must grow 10 acres or more; handlers must handle watermelons; and importers must import watermelons, and they must pay the mandatory assessment.</p>	
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