

**SECRETARY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
BEGINNING FARMERS AND RANCHERS  
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Marian Beethe of Tecumseh, Neb. Beethe heads a beginning farmer program for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Traci Bruckner of Wayne, Neb. Bruckner assists in directing policy at the Center for Rural Affairs and also has a cow-calf operation.

Richard Cates Jr. of Spring Green, Wisconsin. Cates directs a school for beginning farmers at the University of Wisconsin and has a cattle operation.

Ray Ellenberger of Belleville, Wisconsin. Ellenberger is FSA's Farm Loan Chief in Wisconsin.

Katherine Good Luck of Pendleton, Oregon. Good Luck is the Northwest Regional Representative of the Intertribal Agriculture Council and has a farming operation.

Timothy Harlow of Mylo, North Dakota. Harlow is an outreach liaison for the National Tribal Development Association, an organization that promotes economic opportunities for American Indians. He also operates a fruit and vegetable farm.

Juan Carlos Hernandez of Miami, Florida. Hernandez is a loan officer for Farm Credit of South Florida.

Latrice Hill of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Hill is an FSA outreach specialist in Mississippi.

Janie Hipp of Washington D.C. Hipp is a National Program Leader for USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, in Washington, DC.

Travis Jett of Laverne, Oklahoma. Jett is a beginning rancher and a senior at Oklahoma State University.

Lisa Koester of Wadesville, Indiana. Koester is part owner of Koester Brothers Farms, Inc.

Karen Kritz of Pemberton, New Jersey. Kritz is involved in Agricultural Economic Development at the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

Ryan Luter of Morrison, Oklahoma. Luter is a farmer and an Assistant Vice President at BancFirst Corp. in Oklahoma.

Trenton McKnight of Throckmorton, Texas. McKnight is a rancher and director of several banks in Texas. He served as Vice-Chair for the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers in 2006-2007.

Ray Mobley of Tallahassee, Florida. Mobley is an extension veterinarian at Florida A&M University and operates a small farm.

Maria Moreira of Lancaster, Massachusetts. Moreira is the project director of Flats Mentor Farm and immigrant farming project in Massachusetts. She also owns a dairy farm.

Mary Peabody of Burlington, Vermont. Peabody is an associate professor at the University of Vermont and director of the Women's Agricultural Network.

William Zachary Penn of Deming, New Mexico. Penn is a partner in Penn Farms.

Amarjit Sohal of Yuba City, California. Sohal is an assistant vice president at Sacramento Valley Farm Credit in California.

Jeffrey Ward of Windsor Heights, Iowa. Ward is executive director of the Iowa Agricultural Development Authority and Chairman of the National Council of State Agricultural Finance Programs.