



United States Department of Agriculture
Research, Education and Economics Mission Area

USDA Research, Education, and Economics Mission Area
To Host Farm Bill Listening Session

NOTE: Federal Register URL listed below

WASHINGTON, March 12, 2019 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area will host a listening session on Thursday, March 21, at USDA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the listening session is for REE to hear from stakeholders and other interested members of the public about the programs that are being implemented or revised by REE as required by the 2018 Farm Bill. REE consists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Economic Research Service (ERS), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), and the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS).

We invite you to participate in the listening session in-person or by submitting written comments to the *Federal Register* at https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=ARS_FRDOC_0001-0206.

Please refer to the name of the ARS, ERS, NASS, NIFA, or OCS program in your comments and the relevant section number in the 2018 Farm Bill. In your oral or written comments, provide your input about program changes, and anything else that may be helpful to USDA.

LISTENING SESSION INFORMATION

- Pre-registration is required to attend the listening session.
- You must register by 5 p.m. EDT on March 20 to attend the listening session by emailing REElistsens@usda.gov
- If you are attending the listening session there is an expectation that the organization you are representing will be presenting oral comments.
- Attendance is limited to three individuals per organization; all individuals must register, but all three are not required to speak.
- Individual speakers providing oral comments will be limited to 3–5 minutes each.
- In addition to presenting orally, you are encouraged, but not required to submit written comments to the *Federal Register* at https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=ARS_FRDOC_0001-0206 by 5 p.m. EDT March 29.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

- If you are unable to attend the listening session in-person, written comments are welcome and are due by 5 p.m. EDT on March 29, 2019, to the *Federal Register* at https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=ARS_FRDOC_0001-0206.
- All written comments received will be publicly available.
- Stakeholder input received orally and in writing will be treated equally.

WHAT: Research, Education, and Economics Farm Bill Listening Session

WHEN: Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 1 p.m.

WHERE: USDA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Exact room information will be made available once you have registered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION/REGISTRATION CONTACT: REElistsens@usda.gov

The purpose of the listening session is for REE to hear from the public; this is not a discussion with REE officials or a question and answer session. The listening session will be transcribed and posted online within one month on the REE website. Written comments will be made publicly available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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