

# USDA Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production



# Agenda



- **Event moderator:** Terry D'Addio, Natural Resources Specialist, NRCS
- **Introductory Remarks:** Louis Aspey, Deputy Chief for Management and Strategy, Interim Director, Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production.
- **Office Overview:** Joseph Heller, Natural Resources Specialist –New York Urban Conservationist, NRCS
- **Pilot Urban/Suburban County Committees:** Stuart Lee, Program Analyst, Office of Urban Agriculture & Innovative Production NRCS (Detail).
- **Federal Advisory Committee:** Faith Burns, NRCS Policy Advisor



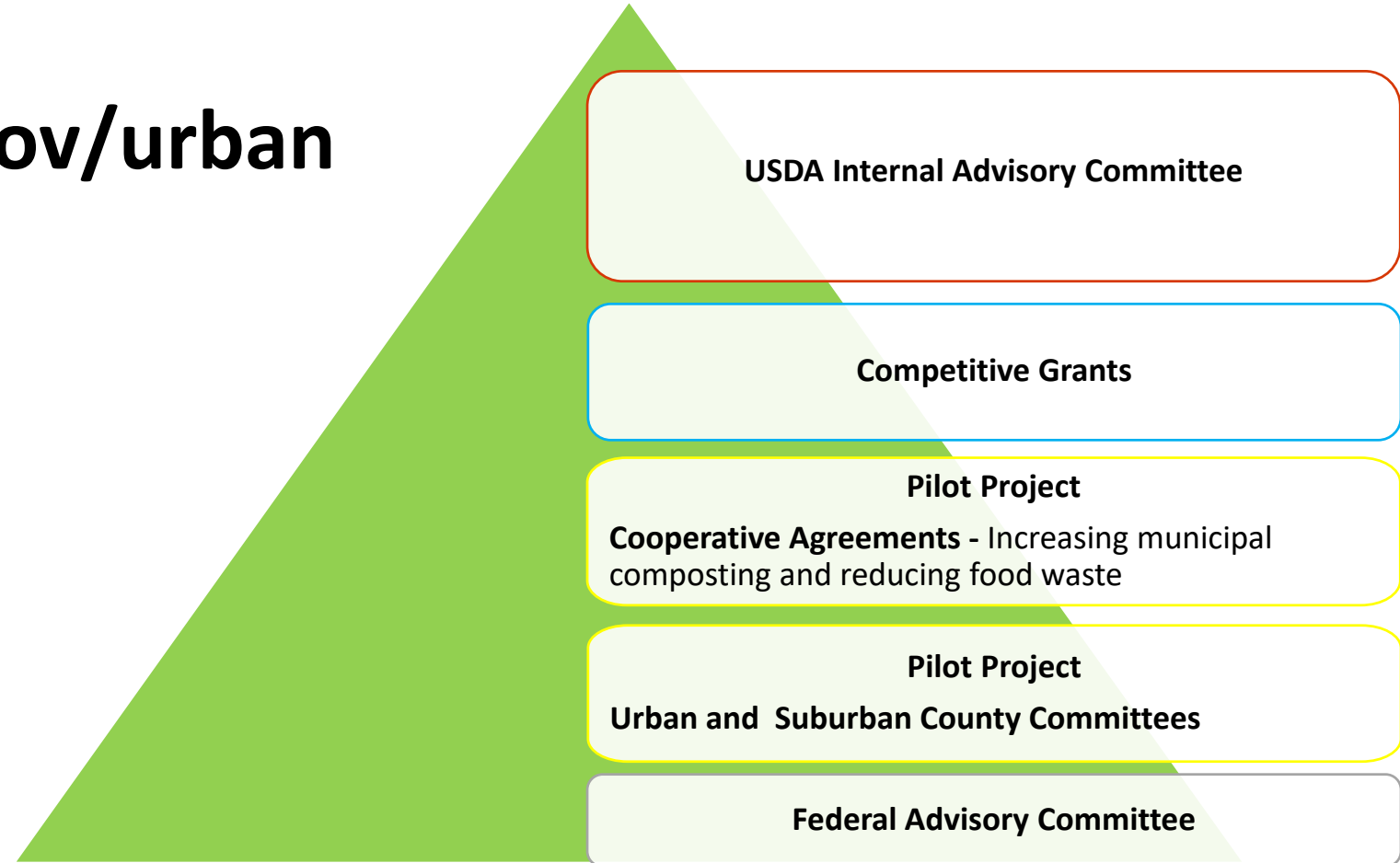
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USDA Internal Advisory Committee

Competitive Grants

**Pilot Project**

**Cooperative Agreements** - Increasing municipal composting and reducing food waste

**Pilot Project**

**Urban and Suburban County Committees**

Federal Advisory Committee

# Internal USDA Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee



- **Agricultural Marketing Service**
- **Agricultural Research Service**
- **Animal Plant Health Inspection Service**
- **Economic Research Service**
- **Farm Service Agency**
- **Food and Nutrition Service**
- **Foreign Agricultural Service**
- **Forest Service**
- **National Agricultural Statistics Service**
- **National Institute of Food and Agriculture**
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service**
- **Office of Partnership and Public Engagement**
- **Rural Development**
- **Risk Management Agency**
- **Office of the Chief Economist**
- **Office of Tribal Relations**



# Urban Agriculture and Innovative Competitive Grants



In 2020 Competitive Grants supported the development of urban agriculture and innovative production activities by funding planning and implementation projects.

Focus on urban and suburban areas where access to fresh foods is limited or unavailable.



# Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Projects



The 2020 cooperative agreement provided to municipalities, counties, local governments, or city planners in the United States to carry out planning and implementing activities that will-

- 1) generate compost;
- 2) increase access to compost for agricultural producers;
- 3) reduce reliance on, limit fertilizer;
- 4) improve soil quality;
- 5) encourage waste management, permaculture business development;
- 6) increase rainwater absorption;
- 7) Reduce municipal food waste; and
- 8) divert food waste from landfills.



# USDA Resources for Urban and Suburban Producers



## **Agricultural Marketing Service**

Farmers Market Promotion Program  
Local Food Promotion Program

## **Farm Service Agency**

Farm loans  
Organic Cost Share Initiative

## **Food and Nutrition Service**

Farm to School Grants  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program & Farmers Market Nutrition Program

## **National Institute of Food and Agriculture**

Urban agriculture research and extension Competitive Grants  
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Grants

## **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Environmental Quality Incentives Program  
Conservation Innovative Grants

# FSA Urban County Committees



The 2018 Farm Bill authorizes the Secretary to establish ten new Urban and Suburban Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committees to be established as part of a five-year pilot project. Locations are to be either suburban, urban or urban clusters and do not replace existing County Committees

Phase 1 – Five Locations Established in Fiscal Year 2020

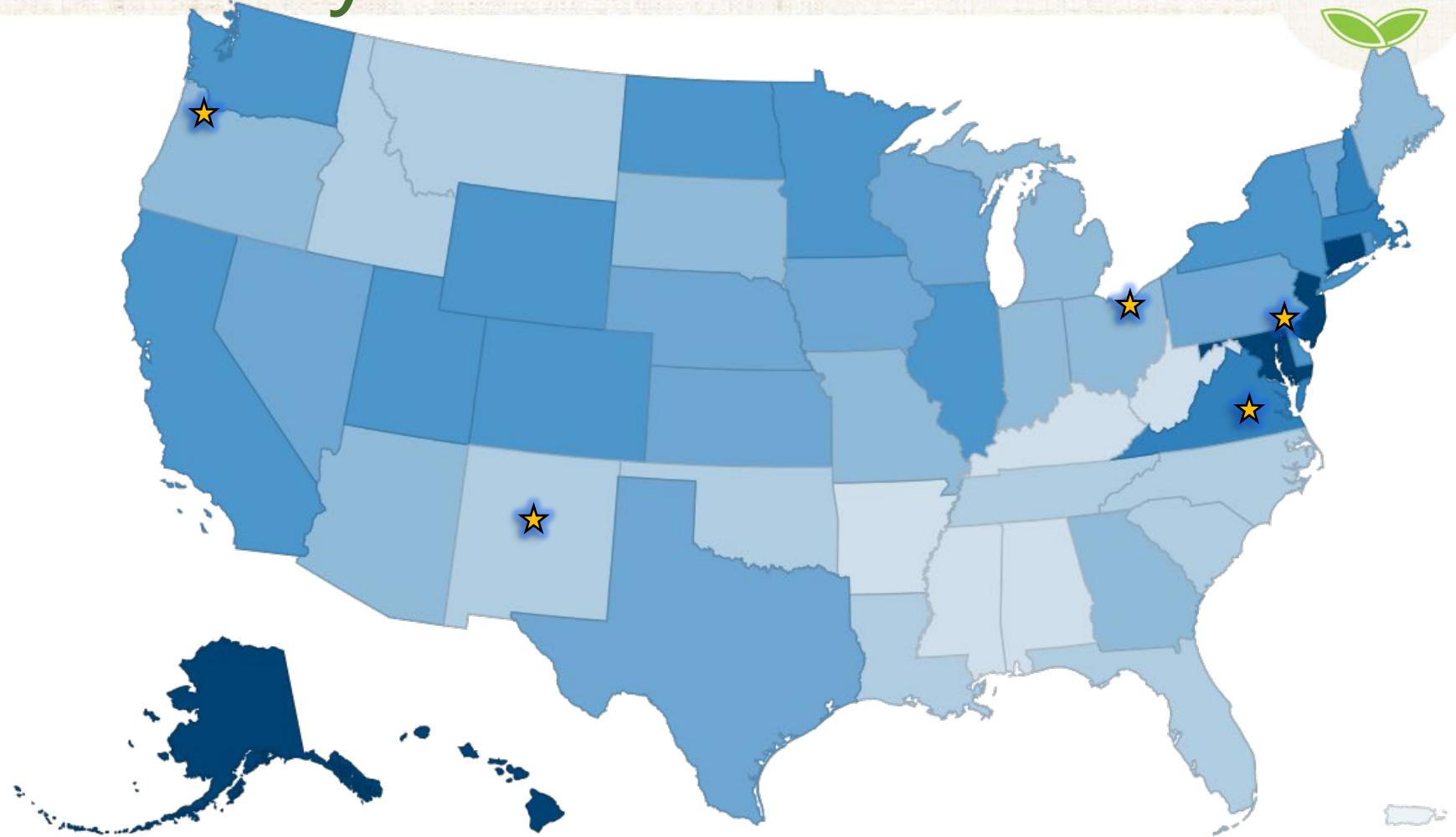
Phase 2 – Five Locations Established in Fiscal Year 2021

# New Urban County Committees



## Phase 1 Pilot Project County Committees

- Portland, Oregon
- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Richmond, Virginia
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



# Local Engagement



- **Role and Function of the New County Committees for Urban Agriculture**
- **Working with the New County Committees for Urban Agriculture**
- **Additional Opportunities to Become Involved in Farm Bill Program Decisions at the Local Level.**

## FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT



- U.S. General Services Administration

<https://www.gsa.gov/policy-regulations/policy/federal-advisory-committee-management/legislation-and-regulations/the-federal-advisory-committee-act>

- 5 U.S.C. App. 2

<https://uscode.house.gov/browse/prelim@title5/title5a/node2&edition=prelim>

- 41 CFR Parts 101-6 and 102-3

[https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/FACAFinalRule\\_R2E-cNZ\\_0Z5RDZ-i34K-pR.pdf](https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/FACAFinalRule_R2E-cNZ_0Z5RDZ-i34K-pR.pdf)

## 2018 Farm Bill

### 7 USC §6923(b)(1)

# FACA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

## 12 MEMBERS

- **4 shall be individuals who are agricultural producers, of whom –**
  - 2 individuals shall be agricultural producers located in an urban area or urban cluster**
  - 2 individuals shall be farmers that use innovative technology;**
- **2 shall be representatives from an institution of higher education or extension program;**
- **1 shall be an individual who represents a nonprofit organization, which may include a public health, environmental, or community organization;**
- **1 shall be an individual who represents business and economic development, which may include a business development entity, a chamber of commerce, a city government, or a planning organization;**

# FACA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (Cont'd.)

## 12 Members

- **1 shall be an individual with supply chain experience, which may include a food aggregator, wholesale food distributor, food hub, or an individual who has direct-to-consumer market experience;**
- **1 shall be an individual from a financing entity; and**
- **2 shall be individuals with related experience or expertise in urban, indoor, and other emerging agriculture production practices, as determined by the Secretary.**

# FACA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP TERMS

## 12 Members

- 4 - appointed for a term of 3 years
- 4 – appointed for a term of 2 years
- 4 – appointed for a term of 1 year

# FACA COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



# RURAL AND URBAN AGRICULTURE



# VALUE OF FACA COMMITTEES



# VALUE OF THE URBAN AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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## FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE



- Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee Charter
- Federal Register Notice published seeking membership to the Advisory Committee
- USDA Press Release announcing the Federal Register notice

# URBAN AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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