

USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee in Maine

The following individuals are serving on the Maine State Farm Service Agency Committee. The State Committee oversees the activities of the agency, including carrying out the state agricultural conservation programs, resolving appeals from the agriculture community and helping to keep producers informed about FSA programs.

"These individuals will work with USDA to help farmers and ranchers build and maintain successful operations that produce the safe, nutritious food supply that America needs while spurring economic development in our nation's rural communities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "They bring the experience and passion necessary to help continue the Obama Administration's efforts to rebuild and revitalize rural America."

The individuals appointed to serve on this committee are:



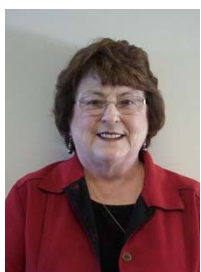
Annie Allen (Chairperson)

Allen is the Vice President and the fourth generation farming G.M. Allen & Son, Inc., a 97 year old family owned wild blueberry farm and plant. Together the Allen family farms 1200 acres of blueberry land. She also serves on the Black Bear Board of Advisors and the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine.



Anthony Carroll (Vice-Chairperson)

Carroll raises a sixty cow dairy herd and produces corn and hay on Alderwood Farm in Limerick, Maine. Carroll is also the President of the Maine Association of Conservation Districts and Chairman of the York County Soil and Water Board.



Jackie Lundeen

Lundeen grows potatoes and grain with her husband in Aroostook County. Lundeen is also a former member of the Maine House of Representatives and served on the Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation Committee.



Sandra Nutting

Nutting formally operated a national recognized Registered Holstein farm with her husband since 1972. In addition to farming, she has been active in several organizations, including the Androscoggin Sagadahoc FSA County Committee, the Maine Farm Bureau, and the National Holstein Association.

USDA's Farm Services Agency works to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans. Some of the agency's efforts include facilitating income support, disaster assistance and conservation programs, providing operating loans for the procurement of farm equipment, seed and fertilizer, as well as offering ownership loans to help new and veteran producers purchase a farm. FSA also works to procure various commodities to benefit low-income families through domestic food assistance programs.

The USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture and natural resources and touches the life of every American. Reflecting President Obama's commitment to expanding economic opportunities in rural America, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and the USDA are working to enhance availability of broadband, promote the development of renewable energy, to conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment, and promote a sustainable, safe, sufficient and nutritious food supply.

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