



WELCOME

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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Massachusetts State Committee Members:

James Larkin, Chair
Jacqueline Chamberlain
Adrienne Kravitz
Donald Leab
H. Michael Smolak, Jr.

James Larkin, State Committee Chair

Jim operates Larkin Farm, a large family dairy farm in Sheffield, Massachusetts with his wife and son. Jim served many years on the Berkshire County Committee as the Chairman and as a regular member. Jim works closely with the Sheffield Land Trust and Berkshire Natural Resources Council and is a supporter of the Berkshire Conservation District. Jim is an active member of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau and the Massachusetts Association of Dairy Farmers.

Jacqueline Chamberlain, State Committee Member

Jacqui and her husband Bob own and operate Chamberlain Farm in Bristol County, Massachusetts. Their main crops are butternut, cranberries, pumpkins and hay. They operate a pavilion on the farm where they host functions of all kinds and do agritourism, especially in the fall. Jacqui has served on the Bristol County FSA Committee and the Bristol County Farm Bureau, and is proud to represent the producers of Massachusetts on the FSA State Committee.

Adrienne Kravitz, State Committee Member

Adrienne and her family are involved in the ownership, management and growth strategy for over 150 acres of cranberry bogs in Southeastern Massachusetts. In addition, she owns and operates a local real estate company. She is on the board for SEMAP (Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership), and Ocean Spray's Grower Council. Adrienne was selected as the 2010 Eisenhower Agricultural Fellow.

Donald Leab, State Committee Member

Donald has owned and operated Ioka Valley Farm, a 600 acre farm in Hancock, Massachusetts, since 1966. A dairy farmer for 30 years, Don transitioned to an ag-entertainment farm in 1996, with pick-your-own pumpkins, strawberries and Christmas trees, and maple sugaring. Ioka Valley Farm also sells baled hay and grain corn. Don has served on many agricultural boards, including the FSA County Committee, the Farm Bureau, and Farm Viability.

H. Michael Smolak, Jr., State Committee Member

Michael has managed his family farm in North Andover, Massachusetts since 1974. Smolak Farms has been a leader in Agritourism, offering many seasonal, educational events and festivals. Michael previously served in the Massachusetts FSA State Committee between 2002 and 2008. He also served as a member of the Mass. Fruit Growers Association, Board of Directors of Land for Good, Mass. Farm Bureau, and many other local boards and associations.