



North American Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance Steering Committee

Fred Yoder, Chairman

Plain City, OH

Corn, soybean, and wheat producer; Board member, Solutions from the Land; Past President, National Corn Growers Association; Director, Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association.

Ron Alverson

Chester, South Dakota

President of American Coalition for Ethanol Board of Directors; Founder and current Board Member of Lake Area Corn Processors LLC (Dakota Ethanol) Founding member and past present of the South Dakota Corn Grower's Association; Past Board Member of the National Corn Grower's Association.

Bill Buckner

Ardmore, OK

Serves as President and CEO of the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc.; previously served as President and CEO of Bayer CropScience, LP; currently serves on the boards of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Wilbur-Ellis Company, Mercy Hospital, Liberty Foundation, Farm Foundation and the Soil Health Institute.

Morry Cater

San Rafael, CA

Founding Principal and President of Cater Communications; over 25 years of experience in communications, journalism and public policy; served as Executive Director of Environmental Media Services West, a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding media coverage of environmental and health issues.

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Washington, DC

President & CEO of the Agricultural Retailers Association. Co-chair of the Coalition for the Advancement of Precision Agriculture, and ex officio board member of ResponsibleAg. Former chief executive of the National Association of Wheat Growers and executive vice president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Dan Dooley

Sacramento, CA

Principal, New Current Water & Land; former Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Senior VP of Agriculture for External Affairs, University of California; former Chief Deputy Director, CA Department of Food & Agriculture; former Chair, CA Water Commission

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Government and Public Affairs Director for the Irrigation Association; treasurer and founding member of the Western Agriculture and Conservation Coalition; former schedule C political appointee for President George W. Bush administration.

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Senior Vice President of Sustainability, Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy®; former Senior Manager of Business Development at Lowendal Group; First Movers Fellow, Aspen Institute; Member of: The Sustainability Consortium, Sustainability Agriculture Initiative, Field to Market, and the White House Climate Data Initiative.

Suzy Friedman

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Director, Agricultural Sustainability, Environmental Defense Fund; Board Member, Field to Market; Member, Sustainability Council of the Innovation Center for US Dairy; Member, EPA Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Advisory Committee.

Ray Gaesser

Corning, IA

Corn and soybean producer; Chairman, American Soybean Association; Past President, Iowa Soybean Association; member of the National Council for Cover crops and Soil Health; former member, Iowa Department of Economic Development Ag Products Advisory Committee.

Clyde Graham

Ottawa, Canada

Senior Vice-President of Fertilizer Canada in Ottawa, member of the technical and management committees of the North American 4R Research Fund, member of the Soil Conservation Council of Canada board of directors, Alberta Innovates Bio Solutions Expert Advisory Committee.

Jim Gulliford

Ankeny, IA

Executive Director, Soil and Water Conservation Society; former EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances and Region 7 Administrator; former Director of Iowa's soil and water conservation programs.

Dave Gustafson

Washington, DC

Director, Center for Integrated Modeling of Sustainable Agriculture and Nutrition Security (CIMSANS) housed within the ILSI Research Foundation; previously worked with Monsanto Company on Global Scientific Engagement, and other issues.

Juan Enrique Habermann Gastelum

Sinaloa, Mexico

Third-generation farmer and agricultural leader; founding owner and general director of "De La Costa", an agricultural production and shipping company; former president of CAADES (Confederation of Agricultural Associations from the State of Sinaloa); former Vice president of the National Council of Agriculture; past President of the Sinaloa Produce Foundation.

Jerry Hatfield

Ames, IA

Director, USDA-ARS National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment and Director of the Midwest Climate Hub; Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America; Past-President of the American Society of Agronomy; represents agriculture on the National Climate Assessment.

Michael Hoffmann

Ithaca, NY

Executive Director, Cornell Institute for Climate Change and Agriculture; professor of entomology; research focused on the development of integrated pest management strategies of vegetable and other crops; former Associate Dean and Director, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University.

Bill Hohenstein

Washington, DC

Director of the Climate Change Program Office, USDA; previously served as a Division Director in EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics

Diane Holdorf

Battle Creek, MI

Chief Sustainability Officer and Vice President of Environmental Stewardship, Health and Safety at The Kellogg Company; previously served as VP for Delta Consultants, a US based environment, health and safety, and sustainability consulting firm.

Franklin Holley

Washington, DC

Manager, Agricultural Commodities, Sustainable Food Team, World Wildlife Fund; Executive Committee & Board Member, Field to Market; Former Executive Director, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.

RC Hunt

Wilson, NC

Pork producer; Past President, National Pork Producers Council; Past President North Carolina Pork Council; Co-Chair, North Carolina Agriculture and Forestry Adaptation Work Group.

Chris Jahn

Washington, DC

President of The Fertilizer Institute; Serves as President of Nutrients for Life Foundation; Previously served as President of the National Association of Chemical Distributors and as President of the Contract Services Association.

Roger Johnson

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Third-generation family farmer; President, National Farmers Union; former Commissioner North Dakota Department of Agriculture; former President, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

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Produce/Specialty crop grower and shipper; Former Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture; Founding Partner, Orange County Produce, LLC; President, Orange County Harvest

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Water resources policy consultant and registered professional engineer; Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance; past board member of Irrigation Association and U.S. Water Alliance.

Don McCabe,

Inwood, Ontario, Canada

No-till corn, soybean and wheat farmer; President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; leading advocate for environmental farm stewardship in areas of air, water, biodiversity and climate change.

Lois Wright Morton

Ames, IA

Professor, Department of Sociology, Iowa State University; Project Director, USDA Climate & Corn Based Cropping System; Communications Chair, 25x25 Adaptation Work group.

Charlie O'Brien

Milwaukee, WI

Senior Vice President at the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM), primary liaison to the agricultural industry for AEM. Former President of FPC Financial, subsidiary of John Deere Financial.

Jim Palmer

Washington, DC

Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Wheat Growers, Executive Director of the National Wheat Foundation. Former Executive Director of Minnesota Soybean and director of Special Projects with FarmAmerica – Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center.

Bob Perciasepe

Arlington, VA

President of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions; has been an environmental policy leaders in and out of government for more than 30 years; is a member of the National Audubon Society, the U.S. Export-Import Bank 2015 Advisory Committee and the National Research Council Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology.

Rudy Rice

DuQuoin, IL

Corn and soybean farmer; Chair, Native Pollinators in Agriculture; Past President, National Association of Conservation Districts; former Chairman, National Conservation Foundation.

Bart Ruth

Rising City, NE

Corn and soybean producer; Co-Chair, 25x'25 Alliance; former President, American Soybean Association; 2005 Eisenhower Fellow for Agriculture.

Kent Schescke

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Executive Director CAST; former Director of Government and Non-profit Relations, National FFA Organization; founding member, Solutions from the Land.

Rod Snyder

Washington, DC

President, Field to Market; Former Public Policy Director for the National Corn Growers Association and Government Affairs Leader for CropLife America

Paul Taylor

Esmond, IL

Corn, seed corn, seed and food grade soybean and canning vegetable producer; Board Member, National Corn Growers Association; Co-Chair of the 2018 Commodity Classic Joint Venture Committee; former President of both Illinois Corn Growers Association and the Wisconsin Soybean Association; lifelong involvement with soil, water and wildlife conservation.

Jay Vroom

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President and CEO of CropLife America; Centennial Farm Owner; former Executive Vice President and CEO of the National Fertilizer Solutions Association; former chief executive of the Merchants Exchange of St. Louis, MO.

Paul Wenger

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Third generation almond and walnut farmer; President, California Farm Bureau Federation; member American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors; former President of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau

Jill Wheeler

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Head of Sustainable Productivity, North America for Syngenta; Leads The Good Growth Plan for Syngenta; Previously managed marketing and communications campaigns for a range of leading agricultural and animal health companies.