



North America 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, SD

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.

Curt Blades

Milwaukee, WI

Senior Vice President, Ag Services for AEM; Former group business development director for Meredith Corporation, member of the strategic leadership team for Meredith Agrimedia business unit; previous positions with MachineryLink and Farmland Industries.

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.

Allison Chatrchyan

Ithaca, NY

Director of the Cornell Institute for Climate Smart Solutions, and a Sr. Research Associate in the Departments of Development Sociology and Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, her work focuses at the interface between social, environmental and agricultural systems.

Daren Coppock

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

John Farner

Fairfax, VA

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.

Erin Fitzgerald

Chicago, IL

Senior Vice President, Global Sustainability, Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy®, she leads dairy's strategic efforts to advance global sustainable nutrition. Aspen First Mover Fellow, Aspen Institute, White House Champion of Change for Sustainable and Climate-Smart Agriculture and is a member of many food and agriculture sustainability initiatives.

Suzy Friedman

Washington, DC

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.

Don Glenn

Hillsboro, AL

Corn Board Member of National Corn Growers Association; Corn Board liaison to the Freedom to Operate Action Team; Operates a fourth-generation family farm in northern Alabama with his brother; member of Alabama Wheat and Feed Grain Producers Board of Directors; Past President of Alabama Soybean and Corn Association and as a director of the Alabama Soy Producers

Chandler Goule

Washington, DC

CEO of National Association of Wheat Growers; previously served as Sr. Vice President of Programs for the National Farmers Union; formerly served as the staff director of the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry for the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture under former chair Rep. Collin C. Peterson

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.

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.

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.

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.

AG Kawamura

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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

Dan Keppen

Klamath Falls, OR

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

Pierpont, Ohio

Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, Iowa State University; Project Director, USDA Climate & Corn Based Cropping System; Communications Chair, 25x'25 Adaptation Work group; specialty crop farmer in NE Ohio (primarily blueberries).

Bob Perciasepe

Arlington, VA

President of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions; has been an environmental policy leader in and out of government for more than 40 years; most recently served as the Deputy Administrator of the Environmental protection Agency, is a member of the National Academy of Science Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology, and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration

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.

Kate Schaffner

Washington, DC

Senior Program Officer, Agriculture, World Wildlife Fund; Previous consultant, Sustainable Agriculture Strategy, Ceres, Inc.

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

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

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.

Andrew Walmsley

Washington, DC

Director, Congressional Relations for the American Farm Bureau Federation; has successfully lobbied for multiple Farm Bureau policies that have been signed into law; currently chairs the Agricultural Biotech Alliance, Steering Committee Member of the Coalition for Safe and Affordable Food and the Rail Customer Coalition, Advisor to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on their Energy, Clean Air & Natural Resources Committee

Jill Wheeler

Minnetonka, MN

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.