

USDA Role in Resistance Issues

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SECRETARY

Deputy Secretary

Chief Economist

Director, National Appeals Division

Director of Communications

Inspector General

General Counsel

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Office of Budget and Program Analysis

Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations

Assistant Secretary for Administration

Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

Chief Information Officer

Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

- Forest Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

- Farm Service Agency
- Foreign Agricultural Service
- Risk Management Agency

Under Secretary for Rural Development

- Rural Utilities Service
- Rural Housing Service
- Rural Business Cooperative Service

Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services

- Food and Nutrition Service
- Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

Under Secretary for Food Safety

- Food Safety and Inspection Service

Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics

- Agricultural Research Service
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Economic Research Service
- National Agricultural Library
- National Agricultural Statistics Service

Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

- Agricultural Marketing Service
- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration

USDA Organization

- 7 Mission Areas (4 involved in resistance issues)
 - Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
 - Marketing and Regulatory Programs
 - Natural Resources and Environment
 - Research, Education and Economics

USDA Organization

- 19 Agencies (8 may be involved)
 - Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
 - Economic Research Service (ERS)
 - National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
 - National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
 - Forest Service (FS)
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
 - Risk Management Agency (RMA)

USDA Organization

- 18 Offices (at least 2 involved in resistance)
 - Office of the Chief Scientist (Catherine Woteki)
 - Official communication with agencies
 - Office of Pest Management Policy
 - Background communications with agencies
 - Coordination among agencies
 - Federal IPM Coordinating Committee (FIPMCC)
 - All pest disciplines and biotech represented (AC-21)
 - Sheryl.kunickis@osec.usda.gov – Director OPMP

Roles for USDA

- Research (ARS, NIFA, FS, ERS, NASS)
- Education (NIFA, NRCS, ERS, OPMP)
- Outreach (NIFA, NRCS, OCS, OPMP)
- Regulation (APHIS, RMA)

Examples of Activities

- Respond to Congressional Inquiries
 - All agencies on demand
- Active communication among agencies
 - FIPMCC – quarterly meetings
- Specific communication with EPA
 - OPMP, OCS – as needed, at least monthly
- Outreach with outside agencies
 - Professional societies, trade groups, registrants, NGOs, etc. - continuous
- Funding specific activities
 - NRC of NAS cooperative efforts – as appropriate