

The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is soliciting nominations for the General Conference Committee (GCC).

The South Atlantic, South Central and West North Central regional members and alternate members have their term expiring in August 2026; therefore, we are looking for nominations for these positions.

Nominations for these positions will be accepted from organizations or from individuals until **June 30, 2026**.

- a. The GCC serves as the official advisory committee for the study of problems relating to poultry health and, as the need arises, make specific recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning ways in which the Department may assist the poultry industry in solving these problems. The GCC also serves to advise and make recommendations to the department with respect to the NPIP.
- b. Elections will take place at the 2026 NPIP Biennial Conference and there must be at least 2 nominees for each position.
- c. Regions available for nomination in 2026- you must live in the region that you are being nominated for:
 - i. **South Atlantic:** Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico.
 - ii. **South Central:** Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.
 - iii. **West North Central:** Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.
- d. Self-nominations and nominations of others are encouraged. Nominees wishing to be considered for election must use Form AD-755 and the completed form should be mailed or emailed to the NPIP office (see Agency contact for addresses and numbers). Persons interested in serving on the GCC or nominating another individual to serve may contact Dr. Savannah Busby by email at savannah.busby@usda.gov

- e. Form AD-755 can be found at the following site:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755-advisory-committee-commodity-board-background-information.pdf>
- f. You **do not** have to be a veterinarian to be eligible to serve on the GCC, but you must be able to represent the poultry industry.
- g. GCC terms are for 4 years; information regarding duties can be found below.

The duties and functions of the General Conference Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) Advise and make recommendations to the Department on the relative importance of maintaining, at all times, adequate departmental funding for the NPIP to enable the Senior Coordinator and staff to fully administer the provisions of the Plan.
- (2) Advise and make yearly recommendations to the Department with respect to the NPIP budget well in advance of the start of the budgetary process.
- (3) Assist the Department in planning, organizing, and conducting the biennial National Poultry Improvement Plan Conference.
- (4) Consider each proposal submitted as provided in [§ 147.44](#) and make recommendations to subpart Committees and the Conference. Meet jointly with the NPIP Technical Committee and consider the technical aspects and accuracy of each proposal. Recommend whether new proposals (*i.e.*, proposals that have not been submitted as provided in [§ 147.44](#)) should be considered by the delegates to the Plan Conference.
- (5) During the interim between Plan Conferences, represent the cooperating States in:
 - (i) Advising the Department with respect to administrative procedures and interpretations of the Plan provisions as contained in 9 CFR.
 - (ii) Assisting the Department in evaluating comments received from interested persons concerning proposed amendments to the Plan provisions.
 - (iii) Recommending to the Secretary of Agriculture any changes in the provisions of the Plan as may be necessitated by unforeseen conditions when postponement until the next Plan Conference would seriously impair

the operation of the program. Such recommendations shall remain in effect only until confirmed or rejected by the next Plan Conference, or until rescinded by the committee.

(6) Serve as an official advisory committee for the study of problems relating to poultry health and as the need arises, to make specific recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning ways in which the Department may assist the industry in solving these problems.

(7) Serve as a direct liaison between the NPIP and the United States Animal Health Association.

(8) Advise and make recommendations to the Department regarding NPIP involvement or representation at poultry industry functions and activities as deemed necessary or advisable for the purposes of the NPIP.