

*Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry*

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY



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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

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The Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry is the voice of two of Virginia’s largest industries. According to a 2013 economic impact study conducted by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia, agriculture and forestry have a combined economic impact of \$70 billion annually. Agriculture generates more than \$52 billion per annum, while forestry induces over \$17 billion. The industries provide more than 400,000 jobs in the Commonwealth.

The Secretariat oversees and provides policy guidance to three agencies- the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the Virginia Department of Forestry and the Virginia Racing Commission. The Secretariat also provides leadership of the Governor’s Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID), which is administered by VDACS, as well as the Governor’s agricultural export initiative, which seeks to increase exports of Virginia’s agricultural and forest product exports into the global marketplace and make the Commonwealth the East Coast capital of agricultural exports.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES**

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Location: 102 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-3501  
Internet: [www.vdacs.virginia.gov](http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov)

Code Reference: § 3.2-101

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To promote the broad economic development of Virginia's agricultural industry and the welfare of all consumers.

Term: Pleasure of the Governor for a term concurrent with that of the Governor.

Commissioner: Sandra J. Adams

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**AQUACULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

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Code Reference: § 3.2-260

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To advise the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on matters relating to aquaculture.

Composition: Seven members appointed by the Governor who represent the interests of the aquaculture industry.

Term: Three years

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

Chad Ballard, III, Cheriton ..... term expires 6/30/15  
N. W. Terry, Jr., Willis Wharf ..... term expires 6/30/15  
A. J. Erskine, Kilmarnock ..... term expires 6/30/16  
John E. Hofmeyer, Williamsburg ..... term expires 6/30/16  
Roger L. Mann, Dutton ..... term expires 6/30/16  
Heather T. Lusk, Quinby ..... term expires 6/30/17  
Anthony Marchetti, White Stone ..... term expires 6/30/17

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**BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES**

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Code Reference: § 3.2-109

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To promote the agricultural interests of the Commonwealth.

Composition: The Board shall consist of (i) one member from each congressional district, at least eight of whom shall be currently practicing farmers, and (ii) two at-large members, one of whom shall be a structural commercial applicator of pesticides and one of whom shall be engaged in the commercial sale or application of agricultural pesticides; all members to be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years and confirmed by the General Assembly. The presidents of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Virginia State University or their designees shall be ex officio members of the Board with voting privileges.

Term: Four years; no more than two successive terms.

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

William B. Bain, Dinwiddie ..... term expires 2/28/15  
Stephen Ellis, Caret ..... term expires 2/28/15  
Kevin J. Kordek, Virginia Beach ..... term expires 6/30/16  
Elizabeth White, Winchester ..... term expires 6/30/16

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Shelley S. Butler Barlow, Suffolk..... term expires 2/28/17
L. Wayne Kirby, Mechanicsville ..... term expires 2/28/17
John R. Marker, Winchester ..... term expires 2/28/17
Mark A. McCann, Blacksburg ..... term expires 2/28/17
Robert J. Mills, Jr., Callands ..... term expires 2/28/17
Steve W. Sturgis, Eastville..... term expires 2/28/17
Luther Kirk Wiles, III, Clifton ..... term expires 2/28/17
Kay N. Johnson, Arlington ..... term expires 2/28/19
Rosalea Potter, Lexington ..... term expires 2/28/19

Ex Officio

Dr. Timothy D. Sands, President Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Dr. Pamela V. Hammond, Interim President, Virginia State University

CHARITABLE GAMING BOARD

Code Reference: § 2.2-2455

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To advise the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on all aspects of the conduct of charitable gaming in Virginia.

Composition: The Board shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly as follows: one member who is a member of a charitable organization subject to Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.); one member who is a charitable gaming supplier registered; one member who is an owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted; at least one member who is or has been a law-enforcement officer in Virginia but who is not (i) a charitable gaming supplier registered with the Department, (ii) a lessor of premises where charitable gaming is conducted, or (iii) a member of a charitable organization, or who has an interest in such supplier or charitable organization or owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted; and five citizens who are not affiliated with a charitable organization, charitable gaming supplier, or owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted. To the extent practicable, the Board shall consist of individuals from different geographic regions of the Commonwealth.

Term: Four years; no more than two successive terms.

Membership: Gubernatorial Appointees

Charles M. Kelley, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/15
James Lewis, Alexandria ..... term expires 6/30/15
Thomas E. Stiles, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/15
James J. Corrigan, Norfolk ..... term expires 6/30/17
Nicholas S. Curry, Hopewell ..... term expires 6/30/17
Robert Sussan, Front Royal ..... term expires 6/30/17
Tanya Ann Conrad, Newport News ..... term expires 6/30/18
Randy Green, Mechanicsville ..... term expires 6/30/18
Elizabeth Ann Sword, Cedar Bluff ..... term expires 6/30/18

MILK COMMISSION

Location: 102 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Tel. (804) 786-2013
www.vdacs.virginia.gov/smc/

Code Reference: § 3.2-3201

Administrator: Crafton O. Wilkes

Purpose, Powers

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and Duties: To supervise, regulate, and control the production, transportation, processing, storage, distribution, delivery, and sale of milk for consumption within the Commonwealth.

Composition: The Governor appoints an administrator and seven members, all residents of the Commonwealth, as follows: two of whom are producers of milk and five consumers, including the administrator, none of whom have any connection financially or otherwise with production or distribution of milk or products derived there from. The remaining member shall be a milk processor-distributor. The administrator serves as a nonvoting ex officio member.

Term: Four years; no more than two consecutive terms

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Gerald Heatwole, McGaheysville ..... term expires 6/30/15
- Jessica M. Jones, Gladys ..... term expires 6/30/15
- Patrick H. Crawford, Virginia Beach ..... term expires 6/30/16
- Kenneth K. Smith, Remington ..... term expires 6/30/17
- Robb Watters, Great Falls ..... term expires 6/30/17
- Katherine B. Farmer, Gretna ..... term expires 6/30/18
- Bruce E. Mayer, Vinton ..... term expires 6/30/18

**Ex-Officio**

Crafton O. Wilkes, Administrator, Milk Commission

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**VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL**

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Code Reference: § 3.2-2901

Executive Director: Donald B. Ayers

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board shall be in charge of the management and expenditure of the Virginia Agricultural Foundation Fund created from assessments levied upon certain agricultural supplies and other transfers.

Composition: The Governor appoints eighteen members: fifteen members actively engaged in farming and shall be primarily engaged in the production of different agricultural commodities. Ex officio members: the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Dean of the College of Life Sciences of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the Dean of the College of Agriculture of Virginia State University.

Term: Pleasure of the Governor

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Joseph H. Barlow, Suffolk
- Jason O. Bush, Castlewood
- Kathy Grant Coffee, Kenbridge
- Philip B. Glaize, Jr., Winchester
- John R. Hall, III, Blacksburg
- C. Jordan, Suffolk
- Cecil E. Meyerhoeffer, Jr., Mount Crawford
- Mark H. Newbill, Rocky Mount
- Lynn Rush St. Clair, Edinburg
- Tscharner Watkins, Midlothian
- Vacancy
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**Ex Officio**

Sandra J. Adams, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services  
Dr. Alan L. Grant, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia  
Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Dr. Jewel E. Hairston, Dean, College of Agriculture at Virginia State University

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**TOBACCO BOARD**

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Code Reference: § 3.2-2401

Purpose, Powers and Duties: Powers and duties of the Tobacco Board.

A. All funds levied and collected under this chapter shall be administered by the Tobacco Board. B. The Tobacco Board shall plan and conduct campaigns of education, advertising, publicity, sales promotion, and research to increase the demand for, and the consumption of, bright flue-cured and type 21 dark-fired tobaccos. C. The Tobacco Board may make contracts, expend moneys of the Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Promotion Fund and the Dark-Fired Tobacco Promotion Fund, and do whatever else may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. D. The Tobacco Board may cooperate with other state, regional, and national agricultural organizations in research, advertising, publicity, education, and other means of promoting the sale, use, and exportation of bright-flue-cured and type 21 dark-fired tobaccos, and expend moneys of the Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Promotion Fund and the Dark-Fired Tobacco Promotion Fund for such purposes. E. The Tobacco Board may appoint a secretary and such other employees as may be necessary, at salaries to be fixed by the Tobacco Board, subject to the provisions of Chapter 29 (§ 2.2-2900 et seq.) of Title 2.2. All employees handling money under this chapter shall be required to furnish surety bonds. F. The Chairman shall make a report at the annual meeting of the Tobacco Board and furnish members with a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the year. He shall file a copy of such report and the audit required by § 3.2-2407 with the Commissioner.

Composition: The Tobacco Board shall consist of nine members. Each of the six production areas of flue-cured tobacco set out in § 3.2-2402 shall have a representative on the Tobacco Board, and three members shall represent, as nearly as possible, each important type 21 dark-fired tobacco-producing section in the Commonwealth. The Governor shall appoint members from nominations made by the Farm Bureau Federation and other tobacco grower organizations existing in tobacco-producing counties. Each member shall be a citizen of the Commonwealth and engaged in producing tobacco in the Commonwealth. Each organization shall submit two or more nominations for each available position at least 90 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the nomination is being provided. If the organizations fail to provide the nominations at least 90 days before the expiration date pursuant to this section, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria.

Term: Four years

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Donnie L. Anderson, Crystal Hill ..... term expires 6/30/16
- Johnny W. Bledsoe, Blackstone..... term expires 6/30/16
- Richard T. Hite, Kenbridge..... term expires 6/30/16
- Glen Hudson, South Hill..... term expires 6/30/16
- C. David Mitchell, Penhook..... term expires 6/30/16
- Donald L. Moore, Chatham ..... term expires 6/30/16
- Hugh T. Rogers, McKenney ..... term expires 6/30/16
- Cecil E. Shell, Kenbridge..... term expires 6/30/16
- Robert H. Spiers, Stony Creek ..... term expires 6/30/16

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**VIRGINIA BEEF INDUSTRY COUNCIL**

Code Reference: § 3.2-1301

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To promote Virginia’s cattle industry and its products.

Composition: The Governor appoints fifteen members as follows: seven commercial beef cattle producers, one from each cattle production area of the Commonwealth designated by the Virginia Cattleman’s Association in general accordance with feeder cattle marketing practices; two dairymen; one commercial cattle feeder; two purebred beef cattle breeders; two livestock market operators; and one meatpacker or processor. All members shall be citizens of the United States and residents of Virginia, and each shall have been actively engaged in the type of production or business he will represent for a period of at least five years.

Term: Four years; no more than two full consecutive terms.

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- W. David Coleman, Amelia Court House ..... term expires 12/31/13
- Dennis J. Pearson, Warrenton ..... term expires 12/31/13
- James K. Sponaugle, Doe Hill ..... term expires 12/31/13
- Mark Gwin, Vinton ..... term expires 12/31/14
- H. Shirley Powell, Colonial Beach ..... term expires 12/31/14
- J. S. Staley, Marion ..... term expires 12/31/14
- Seth Umbarger, Marion ..... term expires 12/31/14
- Marnie P. Caldwell, Lexington ..... term expires 12/31/15
- John Goodwin, Orange ..... term expires 12/31/15
- George Lewis Jones, Brookneal ..... term expires 12/31/15
- Rick Mathews, Bentonville ..... term expires 12/31/15
- Barry Price, Pearisburg ..... term expires 12/31/15
- Joseph Guthrie, Dublin ..... term expires 12/31/16
- Peter Henderson, Williamsburg ..... term expires 12/31/16
- Mark A. Sowers, Floyd ..... term expires 12/13/16

**CORN BOARD**

Code Reference: § 3.2-1401

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board shall be charged with the management and expenditure of the Virginia Corn Fund established in the State Treasury and expend funds to provide for programs of market development, education, publicity, research, and the promotion of the sale and use of corn.

Composition: The Governor appoints eleven members from nominations by several producer organizations representing corn producers, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The Governor appoints one producer from each of the seven producer areas for which several producer organizations representing corn producers shall nominate at least two producers from each area. The membership of the Virginia Corn Board shall be composed of a majority of producers. The Governor shall appoint one member, if available, from each of the following classifications: seedsman, processor, country buyer, and exporter.

Term: Three years

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Michael H. Bray, Urbanna ..... term expires 6/30/15
- William C. Crossman, III, Mount Holly ..... term expires 6/30/15
- Charles D. McGhee, Mechanicsville ..... term expires 6/30/15

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Gerry L. Underwood, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/15
Virginia Pittman Barnes, Wicomico Church..... term expires 6/30/16
David W. Coleman, Amelia..... term expires 6/30/16
L. Hayden Eicher, Warrenton ..... term expires 6/30/16
Wallick R. Harding, Jetersville ..... term expires 6/30/16
G. Henry Goodrich, Wakefield ..... term expires 6/30/17
Edward P. Hickman, Horntown ..... term expires 6/30/17
Wesley S. Marshall, Weyers Cave ..... term expires 6/30/17

COTTON BOARD

Code Reference: § 3.2-1501
Purpose, Powers and Duties: The Cotton Board shall have charge of the Virginia Cotton Fund established in the Virginia state treasury.
Composition: The Cotton Board shall be composed of eight members appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall be a resident of Virginia and a producer in Virginia.
Term: Three years; no person may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.
Membership: Gubernatorial Appointees
Shelley S. Butler-Barlow, Suffolk ..... term expires 9/25/15
Thomas S. Byrum, Zuni..... term expires 9/25/15
Joey G. Doyle, Emporia..... term expires 9/25/15
Michael E. Grizzard, Capron ..... term expires 9/25/16
Paul W. Rogers III, Wakefield..... term expires 9/25/16
Jon L. Black, Charles City ..... term expires 9/25/17
Lance R. Everett, Stony Creek ..... term expires 9/25/17
David L. Long, Cape Charles..... term expires 9/25/17

EGG BOARD

Code Reference: § 3.2-1601
Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board shall be in charge of the management and expenditures of the Virginia Egg Fund established in the state treasury; expend funds to provide for programs of research, education, publicity, advertising, and other promotion of eggs; manage the fund so as to accumulate a reserve for contingencies; and promote the best interest of farmers producing eggs.
Composition: Seven members appointed by the Governor from nominations submitted by the Virginia Egg Council, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.
Term: Pleasure of the Governor for a term concurrent with the Governor.
Membership: Gubernatorial Appointees
Ellen D. Baber, Cartersville
Hobart P. Bauhan, Harrisonburg
Lance R. Minear, Midlothian
Paul L. Ruszler, Blacksburg
W. Keith Sheets, McGaheysville
Lori C. Wagner, Abingdon
Rodney Y. Wagner, Abingdon



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**HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD**

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Code Reference: § 3.2-1700

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board shall be responsible for the promotion and economic development of the horse industry in Virginia; establish, administer, manage, and make expenditures and allocations from a special, nonreverting fund in the state treasury to be known as the Virginia Horse Industry Promotion and Development Fund; and administer the fund solely for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

Composition: Twelve members representing the horse industry, industry support services, education, and equine health regulation. Four members shall be the presidents of the following industry organizations: the Virginia Horse Council, Inc., the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, the Virginia Horse Shows Association, and the Virginia Quarter Horse Association. Six members appointed by the Governor, four of whom shall serve at-large and be appointed from nominations made by the remaining statewide horse breed or use organizations. The Governor shall also appoint two members from the recommendations submitted by the Virginia horse industry, one shall be a representative of the horse support services or professional community and the other shall be an individual commercially involved in the horse industry. The extension horse specialist from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University shall also serve as a voting member of the board. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or his designee, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the board.

Term: Three years; no more than two consecutive terms.

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Beryl Herzog, Beaverdam..... term expires 6/19/15
- Eleanor Jones, Disputanta..... term expires 6/19/15
- David R. Lands, Gloucester..... term expires 6/19/15
- Nancy Paschall, Toano ..... term expires 6/19/15
- Harold C. McKenzie, III ..... term expires 6/19/16
- W. David Lamb, Gordonsville..... term expires 6/19/17

**Designated Members**

- Wayne Chatfield-Taylor, President, Virginia Thoroughbred Association
- Jimmy Lee, President, Virginia Horse Shows Association
- Glenn Ritchey, President, Virginia Horse Council
- Brian Felts, President, Virginia Quarter Horse Association
- Bridgett McIntosh, Extension Horse Specialist, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

**Ex Officio**

Sandra J. Adams, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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**POTATO BOARD**

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Code Reference: § 3.2-1801

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board shall have charge of the management and expenditure of the Virginia Potato Fund established in the state treasury. The board shall also have the power to expend funds to provide for the programs of research, education, publicity, advertising, and other promotions; to manage the fund so as to accumulate a reserve for contingencies; to establish an office and employ such technical and professional assistants as may be required; to contract for research, publicity, advertising and other promotional services; and to take all actions as will assist in strengthening and promoting the best interest of farmers producing potatoes.

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Composition: The Potato Board shall be composed of seven members appointed by the Governor from nominations by grower organizations, the appointments to be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. All members of the Potato Board shall be producers of potatoes. Each grower organization shall submit two or more nominations for each available position at least 90 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the nomination is being provided. If said organizations fail to provide nominations at least 90 days before such expiration, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the criteria provided by this section.

Term: Four years

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- William S. Floyd, Machipongo..... term expires 6/19/17
Leonard B. Holland, New Church..... term expires 6/19/17
David L. Long, Cape Charles..... term expires 6/19/17
H. Bruce Richardson, Capeville..... term expires 6/19/18
David Lee Hickman, Horntown..... term expires 6/30/18
James F. Holland, New Church..... term expires 6/30/18

MARINE PRODUCTS BOARD

Location: 554 Denbigh Boulevard, Suite B
Newport News, Virginia 23608
Tel. (757) 874-3474 Fax (757) 886-0671
Internet: www.virginiaseafood.org

Code Reference: § 3.2-2700

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board shall plan and conduct marketing, educational, and promotional campaigns and programs for Virginia marine products; carry on research and testing programs and activities relating to the catching, processing, conservation, and marketing of Virginia marine products; and formulate recommendations on regulations, conservation, and management.

Composition: The Governor appoints eleven members representative of the seafood industry of the Commonwealth from among persons who earn their livelihood from the seafood industry, one member of whom shall be involved in Virginia menhaden fishery.

Term: Three years; no more than two consecutive terms.

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- John D. Gray, Suffolk..... term expires 6/30/13
Clark Morton, Newport News..... term expires 6/30/13
A. J. Erskine, Kilmarnock..... term expires 6/30/14
Kelly Minor, Reedville..... term expires 6/30/14
Kevin G. Wade, Deltaville..... term expires 6/30/14
C. Meade Amory, Hampton..... term expires 6/30/15
Cameron Chalmers, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/15
Peter D. Nixon, Norfolk..... term expires 6/30/15
Daniel Kauffman, Hampton..... term expires 6/30/16
Heather Lusk, Willis Wharf..... term expires 6/30/16
William Purcell, Reedville..... term expires 6/30/16

PEANUT BOARD

Code Reference: § 3.2-1901

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board shall plan and conduct campaigns for education, advertising, publicity, sales promotion, and research as to Virginia peanuts; and administer all funds levied

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and collected through the excise tax levied on all peanuts grown and sold in the Commonwealth for processing.

Composition: The Governor appoints, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, nine members representing as nearly as possible each important peanut-producing section of Virginia. The Governor shall be guided in appointments by the recommendations of the Virginia Peanut Growers Association or such other peanut growers associations existing in peanut producing counties. Each member must be a citizen of Virginia and engaged in producing peanuts.

Term: Three years

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Stephanie Pope, Drewryville..... term expires 6/30/15
Robert C. Rodgers, Yale ..... term expires 6/30/15
Thomas R. Rountree, Suffolk ..... term expires 6/30/15
Robert O. Alphin, Zuni ..... term expires 6/30/16
Joey G. Doyle, Emporia..... term expires 6/30/16
Robert M. Pond, Jr., Wakefield ..... term expires 6/30/16
Wayne C. Barnes, Dinwiddie..... term expires 6/30/17
Ernest L. Blount, Elberon ..... term expires 6/30/17
Michael J. Marks, Capron..... term expires 6/30/17

PORK INDUSTRY BOARD

Code Reference: § 3.2-2001

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To plan and conduct programs for education and research, to increase the profit potential of all segments of the pork industry, and to improve the quality and consumption of products.

Composition: The Governor appoints, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, twelve members, selected so as to give representation to the principal pork-producing areas in Virginia with at least seven members to be pork producers.

Term: Four years; no more than two successive terms.

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Caleb D. Bryan, Dillwyn ..... term expires 5/15/15
William P. Edwards, Windsor..... term expires 5/15/15
William R. Wooding, Jr., South Boston..... term expires 5/15/15
Jesse Austin, Portsmouth ..... term expires 5/15/16
Jessica Pittman Cunningham, Elberon ..... term expires 5/15/16
Page Wilkerson, Alton ..... term expires 5/15/16
Keith Allen, Hopewell ..... term expires 5/15/17
B. Ryan Horsley, Virginia Beach..... term expires 5/15/17
John Voss, South Boston ..... term expires 5/15/17
Joseph N. Link, Alton ..... term expires 5/15/18
Frank W. Nolen, Grottoes ..... term expires 5/15/18
T. Sean O'Hara, Richmond..... term expires 5/15/18

SMALL GRAINS BOARD

Code Reference: § 3.2-2201

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board shall be responsible for the management and expenditure of the Virginia Small Grains Fund established in the state treasury. The board shall have the power

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to expend funds to provide for the programs of market development, education, publicity, research, and the promotion of the sale and use of small grains.

Composition: Eleven members to be appointed by the Governor from nominations by the Virginia Small Grains Association or other organizations representing small grains producers. The Governor shall appoint at least one producer from each producer area as outlined in the Code of Virginia. The Governor shall also appoint one member, if available, from each of the following classifications: seedsman, processor, country buyer, and exporter.

Terms: Three years

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- William F. Dietz, III, Heathsville..... term expires 8/31/12
Donald Ford Menzel, Roanoke..... term expires 8/31/12
David K. Hula, Charles City ..... term expires 8/31/13
Michael B. Mayes, Petersburg ..... term expires 8/31/13
Floyd Childress, III, Christiansburg ..... term expires 8/31/14
Gerald L. Underwood, Chesapeake ..... term expires 8/31/14
G. David Black, Charles City..... term expires 8/31/15
Delores C. Darden, Smithfield..... term expires 8/31/15
Lynn Gayle, Onancock ..... term expires 8/31/15
Ellen M. Davis, West Point..... term expires 8/31/16
James H. Hundley, III, Champlain..... term expires 8/31/16

SHEEP INDUSTRY BOARD

Code Reference: § 3.2-2101

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board shall conduct market development, predator control, research, and education to increase the sale and use of sheep, lambs, and wool.

Composition: The Governor shall appoint 12 individuals from nominations submitted by the Virginia Sheep Producers Association, Virginia sheep and wool marketing organizations, or other Virginia farm organizations representing sheep producers. One member shall represent the packing/processing/retailing segment of the industry, one shall represent the Virginia Livestock Markets Association, and one shall represent the purebred segment of the industry. The remaining nine members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows, with no more than one member appointed per county: three members who reside in the Southwest District; three members who reside in the Valley District; two members who reside in the Northern District; and one member who resides in the South Central District.

Term: Three years

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- William R. Baker, Leesburg ..... term expires 3/8/16
Cecil W. King, Pulaski ..... term expires 3/8/16
Peter F. Martens, Dayton ..... term expires 3/8/16
Matthew I. Miller, Rural Retreat..... term expires 3/8/16
Sue Platts, Culpeper..... term expires 3/8/16
David R. Shiflett, Grottoes..... term expires 3/8/16
James Alvin Thomas, Dillwyn..... term expires 3/8/16
Donald L. Wright, Glade Spring..... term expires 3/8/16
Rosalea R. Potter, Lexington ..... term expires 3/8/17
John L. Roberts, Amelia ..... term expires 3/8/17
Larry W. Weeks, Waynesboro..... term expires 3/8/17

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**SOYBEAN BOARD**

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Code Reference: § 3.2-2301

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The board is charged with the management and expenditure of the soybean fund established in the state treasury to provide programs for research, education, publicity, and the promotion of the sale and use of soybeans.

Composition: The Governor appoints, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, eleven members from nominations by several organizations representing soybean producers, who shall nominate at least two producers from each of the seven production areas specified in the *Code of Virginia*. The Governor shall appoint at least one producer from each production area, and the membership of the board shall always be composed of a majority of producers. The Governor shall appoint one member, if available, from each of the following classifications: seedsman, producer, processor, country buyer, and exporter.

Term: Three years

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Craig H. Giese, Lancaster ..... term expires 9/30/15
- L. Bruce Holland, New Holland ..... term expires 9/30/15
- Bill Nelson..... term expires 9/30/15
- Ronnie Russell, Water View..... term expires 9/30/15
- Norris Wayne Hudson, Laurel ..... term expires 9/30/16
- Linda Smith, West Point ..... term expires 9/30/16
- Thomas Taliaferro, Suffolk..... term expires 9/30/16
- Harrison A. Moody, Blackstone ..... term expires 9/30/17
- Susan A. Watkins, Sutherland..... term expires 9/30/17
- Robert W. White, Virginia Beach..... term expires 9/30/17
- John C. Whittington, Amelia ..... term expires 9/30/17

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**WINE BOARD**

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Code Reference: § 3.2-3001

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To allocate funds to projects that expand viticultural and enological research, education, and promotion of the growing of grapes and the production of wine in the Commonwealth

Composition: The Wine Board shall consist of 10 members, nine of whom shall be voting nonlegislative citizen members, to be appointed by the Governor, and the tenth shall be the Commissioner, who shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall be either grape growers or owners or operators of a winery or farm winery in the Commonwealth. The Governor shall make his appointments upon consideration of the recommendations made by any grape grower, an owner or operator of a winery or farm winery, or the following agricultural organizations or their successor organizations: the Virginia Wineries Association, Inc.; the Virginia Vineyards Association, Inc.; the Virginia Farm Bureau; and the Virginia Agribusiness Council. Each entity or person shall submit two or more recommendations for each available position at least 90 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the recommendation is being provided. If said entities or persons fail to provide the nominations at least 90 days before the expiration date pursuant to this section, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria.

Term: Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Christopher Blosser, Purcellville ..... term expires 6/30/15
- Diane H. Flynt, Dugspur ..... term expires 6/30/15
- William Tonkins, Afton ..... term expires 6/30/15
- Mitzi Batterson, Glen Allen ..... term expires 6/30/17
- Doug Fabboli, Leesburg ..... term expires 6/30/17
- Leonard Thompson, Amherst ..... term expires 6/30/17
- Steven C. Brown, Woodstock ..... term expires 6/30/18
- Patrick G. Duffeler, Williamsburg ..... term expires 6/30/18
- David L. King, Crozet ..... term expires 6/30/18

**Ex Officio**

Sandra J. Adams, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**

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Location: 900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
Tel. (434) 977-6555 Fax (434) 296-2369  
Internet: [www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov)

Code Reference: § 10.1-1100

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To supervise and direct all forest interests and matters pertaining to forestry within the Commonwealth. The Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, shall appoint the State Forester.

Term: Pleasure of the Governor for a term coincident with that of the Governor.

State Forester: Bettina K. Ring

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**BOARD OF FORESTRY**

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Code Reference: § 10.1-1102

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To advise the Governor and the Department, of the state of forest resources within the Commonwealth, and the management of forest resources; encourage persons, agencies, organizations, and industries to implement development programs for forest resource management and counsel them in such development; and recommend plans for improving the state system of forest protection, management, and replacement.

Composition: The Board of Forestry within the Department of Forestry, referred to in this chapter as the Board, shall be composed of 13 members appointed by the Governor. At least two members shall be representatives of the pine pulpwood industry; two members shall be representatives of the pine lumber industry; two members shall be representatives of the hardwood lumber industry; one member shall be a representative of the timber harvesting industry; and two members shall be small forest landowners. In making appointments to the Board, the Governor shall take into account the geographic diversity of board membership as it relates to Virginia's forest resources. Beginning July 1, 2012, the Governor's appointments shall be staggered as follows: four members for a term of one year, three members for a term of two years, three members for a term of three years, and three members for a term of four years.

Term: Four years; no more than two successive terms, except the executive officer.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Executive Officer: Bettina K. Ring, State Forester

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Thomas C. Barnes, Jr., Kenbridge ..... term expires 6/30/15
- Ervin Bielmyer, Wilsons..... term expires 6/30/15
- Greg A. Scheerer, Lynchburg ..... term expires 6/30/15
- Anne Beals, Spotsylvania ..... term expires 6/30/16
- Donald Bright, Clarksville ..... term expires 6/30/16
- Joel L. Cathey, Keysville ..... term expires 6/30/16
- John W. Burke, III, Woodford ..... term expires 6/30/17
- Franklin Myers, Gasburg ..... term expires 6/30/17
- David Wm. Smith, Blackburg..... term expires 6/30/17
- E. Glen Worrell, Jr., Staunton ..... term expires 6/30/17
- D. Keith Drohan, Ruther Glen ..... term expires 6/30/18
- James Harder, Blacksburg ..... term expires 6/30/18
- J. Kenneth Morgan, Clarksville ..... term expires 6/30/18

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**VIRGINIA RACING COMMISSION**

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Location: 5707 Huntsman Road  
Suite 201-B  
Richmond, Virginia 23250  
Tel. (804) 966-7400  
Internet: <http://www.vrc.virginia.gov/>

Code Reference: § 59.1-366  
Purpose, Powers and Duties: To promote, sustain, grow, and control a native horse racing industry with pari-mutuel wagering by prescribing regulations and conditions that command and promote excellence and complete honesty and integrity in racing and wagering.

Composition: Five Virginia residents appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, each of whom shall have been a resident of Virginia for a period of at least three years. The commission appoints an Executive Secretary.

Term: Five years

Executive Secretary: Bernard Hettel

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Stran L. Trout, Quinton..... term expires 12/31/14
- J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr., Richmond..... term expires 12/31/15
- Carol G. Dawson, Morattico ..... term expires 12/31/16
- D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Esmont ..... term expires 12/31/17
- I. Clinton Miller, Woodstock ..... term expires 12/31/18