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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

**Reestablishment of the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century
Agriculture**

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture intends to reestablish the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) for a two-year period.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Advisory Committee Purpose: USDA supports the responsible development and application of biotechnology within the global food and agricultural system. Biotechnology intersects many of the policies, programs, and functions of USDA. The charge for the AC21 is two-fold: to examine the long-term impacts of biotechnology on the U.S. food and agriculture system and USDA; and to provide guidance to USDA on pressing individual issues, identified by the Office of the Secretary, related to the application of biotechnology in agriculture. The AC21 will meet in Washington, D.C., up to four (4) times per year.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 11 th day of February 2015.

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