



Committee Charter, Operations, and Timeline

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2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee



**Dietary
Guidelines
for Americans**

National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act (1990)

Mandates that the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* shall:

- Contain nutritional and dietary information and guidelines for the general public;
- Published jointly by the Secretaries of USDA and HHS at least every five years;
- Promoted by each Federal agency in carrying out any Federal food, nutrition, or health program; and
- Based on the preponderance of the scientific and medical knowledge which is current at the time it is prepared.

Agricultural Act of 2014

Mandates the inclusion of infants and toddlers and women who are pregnant, beginning with the *2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

- Historically, the *Dietary Guidelines* has focused on Americans 2 years of age and older.
- The upcoming edition will cover the entire lifespan from birth through older adulthood.



The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is Discretionary

- Established to provide independent, science-based advice and recommendations to be considered by USDA and HHS in the development of the *2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.
- This Committee is formed and governed under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).
 - Formal processes for establishing, operating, overseeing, and terminating Federal advisory committees.
 - Members of the Committee are appointed as “special government employees” (SGEs), selected based on recognized expertise and expert knowledge relevant to the Committee.

Committee Charter

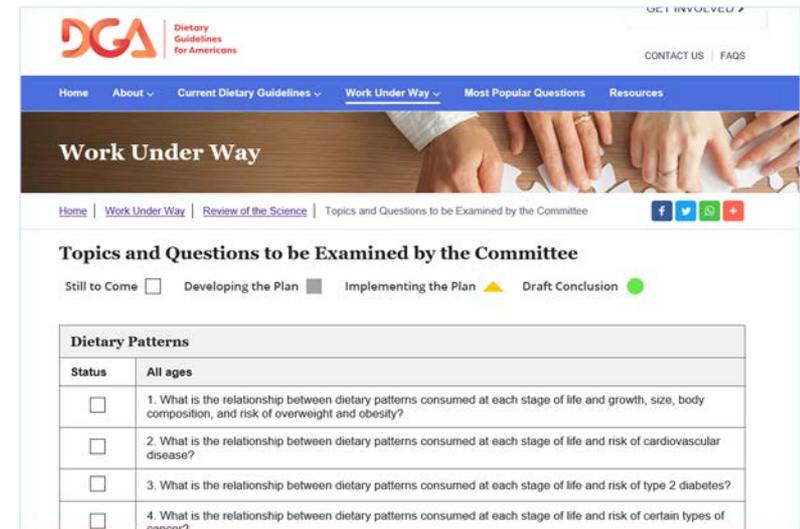
- A charter must be filed with Congress before a Federal advisory committee can meet or take any action.
- Charter for the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee was filed with Congress on October 5, 2018.
- Describes the Advisory Committee's purpose, duties, and general operations.
- Available at DietaryGuidelines.gov.

Committee Charter: Objectives and Scope

- The 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will:
 - Examine the evidence on specific topics and scientific questions identified by the Departments;
 - Develop a report that outlines its science-based review and recommendations to the Departments with rationale; and
 - Submit its report to the Secretaries of USDA and HHS for consideration as the Departments develop the *2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

Topics and Supporting Scientific Questions

- The topics and questions were identified with Federal agency and public input.
- Reflect a continued focus on patterns of what we eat and drink as a whole, on average and over time – from birth into older adulthood.
- Topic areas:
 - Dietary and beverage patterns
 - Added sugars
 - Dietary fats
 - Seafood
 - Frequency of eating
 - Focus on birth to 24 months and pregnancy and lactation



The screenshot shows the 'Work Under Way' section of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans website. It features a navigation bar with links to Home, About, Current Dietary Guidelines, Work Under Way, Most Popular Questions, and Resources. Below the navigation bar is a banner image of hands holding a document. The main content area is titled 'Work Under Way' and includes a sub-section 'Topics and Questions to be Examined by the Committee'. This section has a progress indicator with four stages: 'Still to Come' (checkbox), 'Developing the Plan' (checkbox), 'Implementing the Plan' (triangle), and 'Draft Conclusion' (circle). A table titled 'Dietary Patterns' lists four questions under the 'All ages' category, each with a checkbox in the 'Status' column.

Dietary Patterns	
Status	All ages
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. What is the relationship between dietary patterns consumed at each stage of life and growth, size, body composition, and risk of overweight and obesity?
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. What is the relationship between dietary patterns consumed at each stage of life and risk of cardiovascular disease?
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. What is the relationship between dietary patterns consumed at each stage of life and risk of type 2 diabetes?
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. What is the relationship between dietary patterns consumed at each stage of life and risk of certain types of cancer?

The Committee's Task Is Time-limited

- The Committee will terminate after delivery of its final report to the Secretaries of USDA and HHS or two years from the date the charter was filed with Congress (October 5, 2018), whichever comes first.
- **The Departments request the Committee's report by May 2020**
– so that the Departments can meet the mandate and release the next edition of the *Dietary Guidelines* by December 2020.



The Committee Is Expected to Hold 5 Meetings

- Meeting 1: March 28-29, 2019 (Washington, DC)
- Meeting 2: July 10-11, 2019 (Washington, DC)
 - Oral comments to the Committee
- Meeting 3: October 24-25, 2019 (Washington, DC)
- Meeting 4: January 23-24, 2020 (Houston, TX)
 - Oral comments to the Committee
- Meeting 5: March 12-13, 2020 (Washington, DC)

The Committee's Charter Allows for Formation of Subcommittees

- Composed of members of the parent Committee.
- The purpose of the subcommittees is to review evidence and provide advice to the parent Committee.
- Each subcommittee will conduct its work together between meetings of the full Committee and will provide updates for deliberation and decisions during public meetings.
- Federal staff will support the Committee, but the ultimate conclusions and recommendations are of the Committee.



Public Comments Accepted Throughout the Committee's Deliberations and On Their Report

2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Timeline*



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* Tentative timeline
† Will include opportunity for oral comments



Participate!

2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans
DietaryGuidelines.gov

The Committee's Administrative Training: Completed Prior to This Meeting

- Introduction to FACA from a USDA Committee Management Officer
- Ethics training by USDA Office of Ethics
- Guidance on interactions with media from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Office of Communications
- Generally, Committee members are asked not to speak on behalf of the Committee
 - Asked to direct stakeholders to the written public comment process, to direct media requests to the Departments, and to only discuss information that is publicly available

Creating the *Dietary Guidelines* is a partnership between USDA and HHS

- The responsibility for serving as administrative lead every five years rotates between USDA and HHS.
 - USDA is responsible for chartering the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and will serve as the administrative lead for the *2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines*.
- USDA and HHS will work together to support the Committee and to develop the *2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines*.



Within the Departments, the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion and HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion play lead roles

USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

- Jackie Haven, MS, RD
- Colette Rihane, MS, RD
- Eve Essery Stoody, PhD
- Jean Altman, MS
- Elizabeth Rahavi, RD
- Stephenie Fu
- Jessica Larson, MS, RD
- Kristin Koegel, MBA, RD

HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- Don Wright, MD, MPH
- Richard (Rick) Olson, MD, MPH
- Janet de Jesus, MS, RD
- Holly McPeak, MS
- Frances Bevington

Additional staff serving as Federal liaisons to support the Committee

USDA

- David Klurfeld, PhD (ARS) – Co-Executive Secretary
- Kelley Scanlon, PhD, RD (FNS)

HHS

- Kellie O. Casavale, PhD, RD (FDA)
- Heather Hamner, PhD (CDC)
- Jennifer Lerman, MPH, RD, LDN (NIH)
- Rebecca Maclsaac, MS, RD (ODPHP)

- Sohyun Park, PhD (CDC)
- Cria Perrine, PhD (CDC)
- Jenna Seymour, PhD (CDC)
- Ashley Vargas, PhD, MPH, RDN (NIH)

Others

Staff supporting the review of evidence will be discussed in subsequent presentations

The Committee's Important Role: To Describe the State of Current Nutrition Science

- Each edition of the *Dietary Guidelines* that USDA and HHS develop builds upon the previous edition, with scientific justification for changes informed by the Committee's scientific report – along with input from Federal agencies and the public.
- The Departments thank you in advance for your time and expertise and look forward to receiving your scientific report.





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Questions?

