

State	Member Name	Operation Info
DC	Kristof Grina	Kristof grew up in the District of Columbia and co-founded Up Top Acres in 2014. Up Top Acres currently manages over 6 acres of intensive fruit, vegetable, and flower production spread across 35 D.C. rooftops. He got his start farming at an organic farm in Darnestown, Maryland and later brought his expertise to the rooftops. Kristof is an active member of the DC Urban Agriculture working group, having worked to shape and lobby for the passage of the landmark 'Urban Agriculture and Food Security Act of 2014'. He also previously worked installing green roofs throughout the DC Area. He graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Plant and Soil Science focusing on sustainable agriculture.
DC	Che Axum	Mchezaji “Che” Axum is the Director of the Center for Urban Agriculture and Gardening Education at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). He leads a team of researchers at UDC’s Firebird Research Farm, located in Beltsville, Maryland, and oversees UDC’s Master Gardening, sustainable urban agriculture, and specialty and ethnic crops programs. Mr. Axum worked for the USDA Agricultural Research Service, Plant Sciences Institute, for 20 years, taught middle school science, and is a successful farmer and sustainable farming consultant. He is a graduate of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland. Also, he is a certified nutrient management consultant for the state of Maryland. Mr. Axum is a member of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), the Crop Science Society of America, and the Soil Science Society of America.
DE	Bill Powers	Bill Powers has had a lifelong passion for agriculture, which has driven him to pursue various roles in the industry. Bill currently serves as the President of the Delaware Farm Bureau, where he supports agricultural causes through lobbying and policy development. Previous service includes New Castle County Councilman, where he advocated for agricultural issues at the legislative level, and Second Vice President of the Delaware Farm Bureau. Bill operates Powers Farm in Townsend, DE, alongside his wife and son, where they focus on direct marketing their own beef, pork, turkey and eggs. Bill is a first-generation farmer. He grew to love agriculture after spending many summers on his uncle’s dairy farm in upstate New York.
DE	Will Carlisle	Will Carlisle operates a family farm with his father - Keith, mother - Carol, and his wife - Karla in Greenwood, DE. The Carlises are raising two daughters, Hannah 19 and Lilly 16. Will farms about 2200 acres of grain and processing vegetable crops. Will graduated from Delaware Valley University class of 1995, earning a BS in Agronomy and Environmental Science. He served a number of years on the board of Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association of Delaware and currently on the Sussex County Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Will was a member of the LEADelaware Class 1. He enjoys working with everyone in the ag industry: the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, the consumers, the seed and ag protection product vendors, and the conservationists.

MD	Amanda Cather	Co-owner and operator of Plow and Stars Farm with her husband, Mark Walter. Plow and Stars is a 10-year-old pastured livestock operation in Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve, raising laying hens, broilers, turkeys, lamb, and sometimes beef and pork for direct markets including our local Farm to Food Bank program. Amanda has nearly 30 years of farming experience including a decade as the manager of Waltham Fields Community Farm, a 500-member CSA and food access vegetable operation outside Boston. Amanda is a member of the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee and a former board member of Fox Haven Farm and the Maryland Sheep Breeders' Association. She also serves as Deputy Director for the Mid-Atlantic regional team of American Farmland Trust.
MD	Barb Glenn	Barb Glenn is the former CEO of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and is a partner at the Glenn Family Farm located in Highland, MD. She has had a distinguished career leading food and agriculture industries in regulatory affairs and has made numerous contributions to national agricultural policies. A native of Ohio, Dr. Glenn received her B.S. degree followed by her Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky.
NY	Marty Young	Marty Young owns and operates Whey Street Dairy with his wife Mary Ann and Daughters Phoebe and Lydia. The farm includes 1500 acres of no-till hay and corn silage crops (no-till started in 2006), 360 acres of northern hardwood forests, 850 dairy cows and 600 replacement heifers. Located less than ten miles from the headwaters of the Tioughnioga River (Upper Susquehanna), cereal rye cover crop is grown on most corn ground. He graduated from Cornell University, College of Agriculture and Life Science with a BS in 1980. He serves as a Delegate to his Cooperative, Dairy Farmers of America.
NY	Amanda Barber	Amanda Barber is the District Manager for the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District. Amanda has over thirty-five years of personal and professional agricultural experience. She served the District as a Conservation Planner and Education Coordinator before becoming Manager, where she and her staff administer a diverse conservation program. She is also co-owner of Barber Farms, a 500-acre, diversified, grass-based dairy which she operates with her husband, son and daughters. She is a graduate of the College of Environmental Science and Forestry – Wanakena with a degree in Forest Technology. Amanda is a county Farm Bureau board member, serves on the board of the New York Agricultural Land Trust, Inc., and is a Certified Crop Advisor.
PA	William Fink	Director of Ag Operations at Country View Family Farms, LLC - coordinate maintenance and capital management over company owned and operated farms and feed mills throughout Indiana, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. Current member of Stakeholder Advisory Committee
PA	Mark Rohrbach	4th generation diversified grain and livestock. CC seed dealer business. Actively engaged in leadership roles local and national
VA	Kevin Craun	Kevin operates a 900-acre operation supporting 190 dairy cows, 100 cow/calf pairs and dairy steers in Shenandoah Valley. He is active with several Board and Commissions in VA.
VA	Robert "Bob" Waring	Bob is a grain farmer in Middle Peninsula of Virginia at Brandon Farms, which is a third-generation row crop farm. The farm was selected as a case study with the American Farmland Trust, published in January 2024.

WV	Jerry Ours	<p>Jerry is a graduate of West Virginia University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Growing up on a beef cattle and sheep farm, he developed a strong foundation in agriculture that led him to pursue a career in the poultry industry. After completing his degree, Jerry held various positions within the poultry sector, gaining valuable experience and insight into the industry. He also served as a Poultry Specialist for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, where he played a key role in the state's nutrient management program. Currently, Jerry serves on the Board of Directors for the West Virginia Poultry Association, serves as Chairman of the Board of the Grant County Public Service District and was recently appointed to the West Virginia State Conservation Committee. He also previously served as the Grant County Assessor. In addition to his public service work, Jerry and his wife own a greenhouse and high tunnel business in Maysville, WV, where they contribute to local agriculture and promote sustainable farming practices</p>
WV	Greg Mitchell	<p>Fifty plus years farm experience on family farm located in Pendleton County, WV. Operation consists of beef cattle, goats and high tunnel. Previous winner of the conservation farm of the year for the Potomac Valley Conservation District, with 30 plus years ag lending experience in the Potomac Valley with Farm Service Agency and Farm Credit of the Virginias</p>