



Oklahoma City, OK - American Farmers and Ranchers member and Tillman County farmer Harvey Schroeder was recently named to the United States Dept. of Agriculture Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for trade in tobacco, cotton and peanuts.

The committee's objectives are to make recommendations concerning consumers, producers, processors and traders of tobacco, cotton and peanuts relating to trade policy activities undertaken by the US. This group will provide advice and information regarding trade issues affecting both domestic and foreign production and trade.

When announcing the committee, USDA Sec. Tom Vilsack said, "USDA and the US Trade Representative rely heavily on the individuals who serve on these committees to provide their expert advice on US trade policy and priorities."

Schroeder is exec. director of the Oklahoma Cotton Council and owns and operates Schroeder Farms at Frederick. He was nominated for the position by the National Farmers Union at the request of the AFR/Oklahoma Farmers Union.

Schroeder is a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, served in the Oklahoma National Guard and has been a farm equipment sales representative as well as a public school science teacher. He is secretary of the board of directors of the Tillman Producers Cooperative at Frederick and an interest group advisor for the National Cotton Council.

"We greatly appreciate Harvey's willingness to serve and value his expertise. Oklahoma is very fortunate to have a member on such a significant USDA committee," Detrick said.