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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee: Administrator Wheeler Announces Appointment of Jamie Burr (Tyson Foods, Inc.)

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United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced in a June 17th news release the appointment of 33 members to the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (“FRRCC”).

The appointments included Mr. Jamie Burr of Tyson Foods, Inc. (“Tyson”).

Mr. Burr is the only appointee from the State of Arkansas.

EPA describes the FRRCC as providing:

. . . independent policy advice, information, and recommendations to the EPA administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities.

EPA states that in selecting committee members it reviewed the quality of applications received between November 7 and December 31, 2019, for nearly 150 nominations. Qualifications that were considered included:

- Experience in agricultural issues of relevance to EPA programs
- Actively engaged in agricultural production
- Related leadership experience
- Demonstrated ability to examine and analyze complex environmental issues with objectivity and integrity
- Experience working on issues where building consensus is necessary
- Ability to volunteer time to the committee’s activities

Mr. Burr serves at Tyson as Director of Sustainability Implementation. He has a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science in Soil Science from Missouri State University.

A copy of the news release which includes a list of the 33 appointees can be downloaded [here](#).