



**ANDY BESHEAR**  
**GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Secretary of State**  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

**2020-564**  
**July 1, 2020**

**ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S**  
**AGRITECH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, this Administration is determined to make the Commonwealth of Kentucky a global leader in the agritech industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations estimates that the farmers will have to increase its food supply by seventy-percent (70%) over the next 30 years to feed the world's growing population; and

**WHEREAS**, with its strong agricultural and manufacturing history, Kentucky has the potential to be the center of the agritech industry in the production of food and the production of technology that will help farmers manage their crops; and

**WHEREAS**, being the global leader in the agritech industry will not only make Kentucky's farms more productive and efficient, but will also benefit every citizen and every region of the Commonwealth in creating industry and jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, harvesting opportunities in the agritech industry will be improved by the establishment of the Governor's Agritech Advisory Council that will consist of leaders in state government and local government, education, and the business and labor sectors in Kentucky, which will convene periodically to meet with the Governor and advise him on matters relating to the agritech industry;

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2020, I signed Executive Order 2020-531 creating the Governor's Agritech Advisory Council ("Council"):

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, Sections 69 and 81, and KRS 12.029, do hereby Declare, Order and Direct the following:

- I. Executive Order 2020-531 is hereby amended to include in the membership of the Governor's Agritech Advisory Council one (1) additional President of Kentucky public universities, to be appointed by the Governor, resulting in the Council consisting of 21 members, 13 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor.
- II. All remaining provisions of Executive Order 2020-531 remain in full force and effect.
  - I. I hereby appoint the following members to the first Governor's Advisory Council:
    - A. University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto;
    - B. Murray State University President Robert L. Jackson;
    - C. Kentucky State University President M. Christopher Brown II;
    - D. Lexington-Fayette County Urban Government Mayor Linda Gorton;
    - E. City of Morehead Mayor Laura White-Brown;
    - F. Simpson County Judge/Executive Mason Barnes;



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- G. Woodford County Judge/Executive James Kay;
- H. Kentucky Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer Ashli Watts;
- I. Kentucky State Building and Construction Trades Council State Director Bill Finn, representing Kentucky labor and trade;
- J. Kentucky Distillers Association President Eric Gregory, representing Kentucky labor and trade;
- K. Alltech President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mark Lyons, representing Kentucky businesses related to agriculture and agricultural technology;
- L. AppHarvest Founder and Chief Executive EO Jonathan Webb, representing Kentucky businesses related to agriculture and agricultural technology;
- M. Kentucky Fresh Harvest Chief Operating Officer Shubin Saha, representing Kentucky businesses related to agriculture and agricultural technology; and
- N. Black Soil Co-Founder Trevor Claiborn, representing Kentucky businesses related to agriculture and agricultural technology.

This Order is effective July 1, 2020.



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ANDY BESHEAR, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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MICHAEL G. ADAMS  
Secretary of State