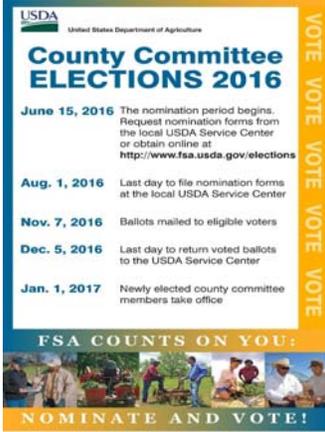


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Farm Service Agency 2016 FSA County Committee Elections



The poster features a blue and yellow color scheme. At the top, it says 'USDA United States Department of Agriculture'. Below that, 'County Committee ELECTIONS 2016' is written in large, bold letters. A vertical yellow banner on the right side repeats the word 'VOTE' multiple times. The main body of the poster lists key dates and events: June 15, 2016 (nomination period begins), Aug. 1, 2016 (last day to file forms), Nov. 7, 2016 (ballots mailed), Dec. 5, 2016 (last day to return ballots), and Jan. 1, 2017 (newly elected members take office). At the bottom, it says 'FSA COUNTS ON YOU!' and 'NOMINATE AND VOTE!' with a small image of people in a field. A small disclaimer at the very bottom reads 'USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.'

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2016 FSA County Committee Elections What are FSA County Committees?

- Locally-elected Farmers and Ranchers
- apply judgment and knowledge to help with decisions necessary to administer FSA programs in their counties

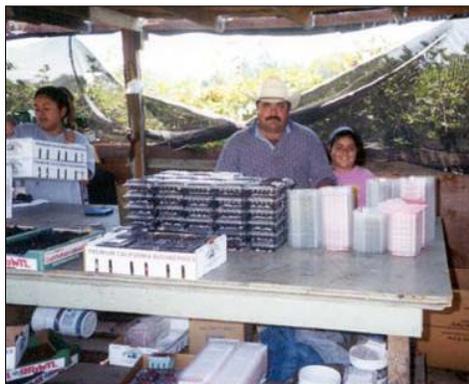


A photograph showing two men standing in a large, open field. One man is wearing a blue shirt and the other is wearing a light-colored shirt. They appear to be engaged in a conversation. In the background, there are mountains and a few cows grazing.



2016 FSA County Committee Elections Get Involved

USDA encourages all eligible farmers and ranchers to participate in the county committee election process



2016 FSA County Committee Elections Why Are County Committees Important?

- Make Decisions on:
- Price support loans & payments
 - Acreage verification
 - Conservation programs
 - Incentive, indemnity & disaster payments
 - Payment eligibility





2016 FSA County Committee Elections Who Serves on County Committees?

Producers
participating/cooperating
in an FSA-administered
program who:

- Live in the local
administrative area
- Are of legal voting age



2016 FSA County Committee Elections Committee Basics

- 3 - 11 members
- 3 - year terms
- Advisors appointed annually to represent women & minority interests





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2016 FSA County Committee Elections How do I participate in the County Committee elections?

- Nominate
- Vote
- Inform others



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2016 FSA County Committee Elections County Committee Elections 2016 Timeline

- June 15, 2016 - Nomination period begins. Request nomination forms from the local USDA Service Center or obtain online at www.fsa.usda.gov/newsroom/county-committee-elections/index
- Aug. 1, 2016 - Last day to file nomination forms at the local USDA Service Center
- Nov. 7, 2016 – Ballots mailed to eligible voters
- Dec. 5, 2016 – Last day to return voted ballots to the USDA Service Center
- Jan. 1, 2017 - Newly elected county committee members take office





2016 FSA County Committee Elections Eligible Voters

- Ag producers of legal voting age participating in FSA programs, or younger person supervising/conducting entire farm operation
- Individual Voters
 - Eligible to vote on one's own right
 - Partner in a general partnership
 - Member of a joint venture
- Nonindividual voters
 - Corporation, estate, trust, limited partnership or other business enterprise
 - State, political subdivision of state or state agency
- Spouses in community property states
- American Indian tribal members
 - If Ag land is tribally owned or held in trust for tribe by U.S.



2016 FSA County Committee Elections Where Can I Get More Information?

Visit your local FSA office
or
Go online: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections

