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

Why Are County Committees Important?

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

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Committee Basics

- 3 - 11 members
- 3 - year terms
- Advisors appointed annually to represent women & minority interests
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How do I participate in the County Committee elections?

• Nominate
• Vote
• Inform others

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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/news-room/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
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Nominating

• Runs June 15 – August 1
• Nominate yourself or others
• Forms available online or from FSA office
• Must sign form

Voting

• Period runs Nov. 7 – Dec. 5, 2016
• Voters cast 1 vote per county office jurisdiction

Visit us online at www.fsa.usda.gov for nomination forms and more information.
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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.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Visit your local FSA office

or

Go online: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections