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News Release

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATION

(Freehold, NJ), June 22, 2015 – Gabi Grunstein, County Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency for Monmouth, Mercer and Middlesex Counties, today announced farmer and rancher candidate nominations began June 15 for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees. The nomination period continues through Aug. 3, 2015.

"County committees are important to New Jersey because they assist local farmers and ranchers," said Grunstein. "They help deliver federal programs to New Jersey, which is an important aspect of our service to agriculture. I encourage all producers to get involved by nominating eligible candidates to serve on county committees." FSA county committees help local farmers through their decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs and disaster programs, and by working closely with county executive directors. Members serve three-year terms. Committees consist of three to five members who are elected by eligible local producers.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate. People can nominate themselves or others. FSA encourages beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as minorities and women, to nominate themselves and organizations representing minority and women may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and other valuable information about FSA county committee elections are available online at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce or at our FSA State website at:

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The Monmouth, Mercer, Middlesex County Committee is made up of Three (3) producers, each representing a Local Administrative Area (LAA). The Local Administrative Area up for election this year is LAA# 1, which is made up of parts of Monmouth County (see Map) as follows: Encompasses all tract to the east of County Rd 27 (Holmes Mill Rd) and south of Cream Ridge Rd to Rt 539. Also all tracts east of 539 and south of Davis Station Rd. Al1 tracts east of Miere Rd and Imlaystown Rd to Rt 524. All tracts south of Rt 524, Clarkeburg Rd and Back Bone Hill Rd until the junction of Sweetmans Ln All tracts south of Sweetmans Ln to Hwy 33 and all tracts south of Hwy 33 until the GSP and all tracts east of the GSP.

Important Election Dates

- August 3, 2015 Nomination forms due at county office
- November 9, 2015 Ballots mailed out to eligible voters
- December 7, 2015 Ballots due at county office
- December 10, 2015 Ballot counting at county office
- January 1, 2016 Newly elected committee member takes office.

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AREA (LAA) MAP

