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### **FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The Hunterdon Somerset County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee election for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 5 will be held this year on December 5, 2016. LAA 5 consists of Franklin Township, Hillsborough Township, and Montgomery Township in Somerset County and Raritan Township in Hunterdon County. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Hunterdon Somerset County FSA Office. Each form submitted must be:

- Limited to one (1) nominee
- Signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected
- Postmarked or delivered to the Hunterdon Somerset County FSA Office no later than August 1, 2016

Any nominee should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work.

A producer is eligible to be a County FSA Committee member if the producer lives in the LAA up for election and is an eligible voter. **COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY NOT HOLD POSITIONS IN CERTAIN FARM AND COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS IF THESE POSITIONS POSE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH FSA DUTIES.** These positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the Hunterdon Somerset County FSA Office.

The duties of a County FSA Committee member include:

- Informing farmers and ranchers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs
- Keeping the New Jersey State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions
- Recommending needed changes in farm programs
- Participating in county meetings, as necessary
- Performing other duties as assigned by the New Jersey State FSA Committee

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