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FSA Encourages More County Committee Election Participation

Nationwide there are more than 8,000 county committee members serving over 2,300 Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices throughout rural America. These committees oversee local FSA operations and make important decisions about the administration of commodity, disaster, and conservation programs in their communities. Given the critical role county committees play in local agriculture, FSA is calling for increased participation in the county committee election process that begins next month. From July 15th through September 3rd eligible farmers and ranchers can be nominated as a candidate for their local FSA county committee.

Each County Committee (COC) is composed of three to five elected members, each serving a three-year term. Every COC member represents the producers in a predetermined portion of the county known as a Local Administrative Area (LAA). The eligible producers in a voting LAA are mailed a ballot in the fall with clear instructions for filling out and returning the ballot timely. Before ballots can be distributed, a slate of eligible candidates must be established. Creating a list of candidates for each ballot depends on the all important nomination process that begins July 15th. Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to reach out to underserved segments within their communities and develop diverse groups of nominees to run for FSA county committee member.

About one-third of the over 8,000 COC positions are up for election each year. Names for candidacy are submitted using the FSA 669-A form which is available at any FSA office or online at

www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/. Nomination forms must be signed by the nominee, and returned to the FSA office or postmarked before September 3rd. If socially disadvantaged producers are not adequately represented on the elected committee, the state committee may appoint advisors who can represent additional views for the underserved farmers and ranchers in the county. FSA urges producers to create a diverse list of candidates so their COC election can yield the best possible representation for their communities.

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