**Tribal Agricultural Landowner Voting Eligibility**

For purposes of FSA county committee elections, every member of an American Indian tribe is considered an agricultural landowner if the land on which the tribal member’s voting eligibility is based is tribally owned or held in trust by the United States for the tribe, even if the individual does not personally produce a crop on that land.

Tribal agricultural landowners 18 years and older can contact their local USDA Service Center to register. After you provide FSA with your contact information, including a current mailing address, you will be updated as an eligible voter in the election database. Contact your local FSA office with any questions.

**ANSWER:**

1. **Register**
   Locate your local USDA Service Center at [farmers.gov/service-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-locator) and connect with the office to register by providing the following:
   - Notification that you are a Tribal Agricultural Landowner.
   - Address and contact information required to complete an AD-2047 Customer Data Form.

2. **LAA Assignment**
   Registration is now complete, you will be:
   - Assigned to a Local Administrative Area (LAA) in the county or multi-county jurisdiction.
   - Each LAA is up for election once every three years. Consider nominating a willing producer within the county or multi-county jurisdiction up for election.

3. **Eligibility**
   After registration is complete, you are eligible to vote in the yearly COC election.
   - All eligible voters, who have provided a current mailing address to FSA, will receive a ballot by mail when their assigned LAA is up for election. Ballots are mailed in November each year.

4. **Ballot not received**
   If you did not receive a ballot by mail:
   - FSA will provide you with one upon request.
   - Ensure your current mailing address is on file with FSA.
   - Failure to update your address will result in the voter being considered ineligible.

5. **To Vote**
   Return your signed and complete COC election ballot with a candidate selection enclosed.
   - Ballots not received or postmarked by the required deadline will not be counted towards the election results.

6. **Election Results**
   Election tabulation is complete in December of each year with new members taking office in January of each year.
   - Continue to encourage future election participation in Native American and Tribal Communities. Your vote matters!

**Note:** persons under the age of 18 may also be eligible to vote. Please check with your local FSA office.

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