

2011 County Committee Elections

In order to ensure that each Farm Service Agency County Committee is fairly representative of its agricultural producers, each county is divided into three Local Administrative Areas (LAAs). Every year, an election is held in one of the LAAs. This year's election process is already underway and the nomination period ended on August 1, 2011. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on November 4, 2011. If you receive a ballot, remember to sign, seal, and return your ballot so it is received no later than December 5, 2011. A map showing the boundaries of the LAA having an election this year is available in the county office along with a complete list of those who are eligible to vote. If you live and/or farm in the LAA having an election this year and do not receive a ballot in the mail, contact your County FSA Office prior to December 5, 2011.

For more information about FSA county committee elections, visit your County FSA Office or checkout our website at: www.fsa.usda.gov/hi.

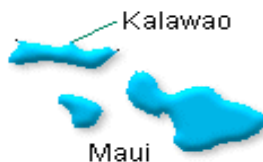
Candidates by County and LAA



Hawaii County - LAA #1 (Puna and Ka'u Districts zones 1 and 9)

Aileen Yeh - Raises cattle on the family ranch in Glenwood. She continues where her grandfather and father left off, and is improving the pastures, while at the same time protecting the native species. She also owns and operates a plant nursery specializing in hardwoods for forestry, and growing native species for restoration and native plantings. Aileen works part-time for Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, and is involved in Koa research, and monitoring for Ohia Rust.

Luana Beck - Operates and manages Hooluana Ranch located in Mountain View. She actively participates in many community organizations such as the Hawaii Island Master Gardeners Assn (founding president), Hilo Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Makuu Farmers Assn, and Na Kakoo, a not-for-profit.



Maui County - LAA #2 (Farms and ranches located on the island of Maui, south and south west of Kiihelani Hwy., Hana Hwy. and Haleakala Hwy. Includes the communities of Kula, Omaopio, Kihei, Pukalani, Ulupalakua, Kanaio, Kahikinui, Kaupo and Kipahulu)

Bryan Otani - Is the owner and operator of a vegetable farm in Omaopio and is the current member of the Maui County Committee representing LAA #2.

Candidates by County and LAA continued



Honolulu County - LAA #2 (Farms and ranches located on the windward side of the island. From Olomana Golf Course to the northern tip of Kahuku (Kawela Bay). Includes the communities of Kailua, Kaneohe, Kahaluu, Waihole-Waikane, Hauula, Laie, and Kahuku)

Gail Thongkham - Is the current minority advisor to the Honolulu County FSA Committee and is of Lao descent. She and her family have been farming for over 10 years growing a variety of Southeast Asian vegetables.



Kauai County - LAA #1 (Tax Map Key districts (4) -1's, (4) -2's and (4) -3's. Includes Niihau, Waimea, Koloa, and up to Lihue)

Michael C. "Corky" Bryan - Has been ranching in Hawaii for the past 46 years, currently resides in Lihue, and has ranched in the Lihue area for the past 2 years. Corky is a past member and President of the Kauai Cattlemen's Association, Oahu Cattlemen's Association, and on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Association. He is the past President of Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, a member of its Executive Board, and a 2007 Inductee to the Paniolo Hall of Fame.

Sheila Louis - Resides in Hanapepe and has ranched in the Hanapepe/Kalaheo area for the past 18 years. She is a past Kauai Cattlemen's Association President and a member of the Hawaii State Cattlemen's Association, a member of the Paniolo Hall of Fame (State Committee) and a member of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council Marketing Committee.

Charlene A. Mederios - Has lived and ranched in Lawai for the past 32 years. She is involved in 4-H County activities, serves as a 4-H Club Leader for the Hui Lanakila Horse Club, a member of the Hawaii High School Rodeo State Board, and the President of the Kauai Keiki Rodeo Association.

Gary Ueunten - Resides in Lawai and is the owner and operator of a tropical fruit and vegetable farm. Gary is a member of the Kauai County Farm Bureau, Associate Director for the West Kauai Soil and Water Conservation District and a Director for the Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development.

Candidates by County and LAA continued



Guam - LAA#3 (Parts of Yona (south of Route 17), Santa Rita, Agat, Umatac, Merizo, Inarajan, and Talofoyo)

Brian F. Leon Guerrero - Resides and farms in the Village of Inarajan. A product of the University of Portland with a double major in Business Management and Marketing, Brian started his farming operation shortly after graduating from college. Brian is no stranger to the agricultural community and is very outspoken on issues that affect the industry. Brian has an aggregate of 120 acres in which he operates and specializes in cucumber, eggplants, and watermelon.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands - LAA#3 (Island of Tinian)

Ignacio Aquiningoc - Commonly known as "Ike," was born and raised on the Island of Tinian in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Ike operates a 77 acre ranch where he raises hogs and cattle. He has participated in various USDA programs including NRCS' EQIP and FSA's Farm Loan Program. He practices conservation measures on his ranch and is knowledgeable in FSA programs.