



# County Committee Elections

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It's county committee election time, and this special issue of the Pennsylvania state office newsletter is your guide to the 2009 election.

Since this only happens once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into *local administrative areas*, or LAAs. Each LAA contributes one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee.

Most counties are divided into three LAAs. Combined counties may have three to five LAAs.

Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three-year term is expiring. In counties with three LAAs, one seat is up for election. In combined counties in some years, two seats may be up for election.

The three steps in the election process are the call for nominations, the election and installing the new committee member.

A table similar to the one below has been completed by each of Pennsylvania's 41 County Office service centers, and shows township boundaries for the LAA(s) holding an election in 2009. Scroll to page 5 or click [here](#) to find your servicing County Office and its LAA election information.

County Committee Elections		
County	LAA	Townships

### Election Timetable

June 15	Nomination period begins.
Aug. 3	Deadline to submit nomination forms.
Nov. 6	Ballots are mailed to eligible voters.
Dec. 7	Deadline to return completed ballots to FSA county office.
Jan. 1, 2010	New committee members and alternates are installed.

### Nominations Open June 15

Nominations for candidates to run for the Farm Service Agency county committee election representing producers in a Local Administrative Area will be accepted from June 15 through Aug. 3, 2009.

Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program *and* are of *legal voting age* may be nominated *to serve on* the county committee.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

A nomination form, FSA-669A, is included in this newsletter. Additional forms and details may be picked up at the county office or downloaded from the FSA Web site. Simply go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

Eligible voters can nominate as many candidates as they wish.

To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected, and returned to the FSA county office by the close of business on Aug. 3, or postmarked by midnight Aug. 3.

### Election

The county committee election is held by mail. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6, and must be returned to the FSA county office by the close of business on Dec. 7, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 7, 2009.



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA)  
COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The County FSA Committee election will be held this year on the first Monday of December. Ballots will be mailed to voters not less than 4 weeks before the election.

This form allows individuals to nominate themselves or any other person as a candidate. If additional forms are needed, this one may be copied or may be obtained at the County FSA Office or obtained electronically at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Each form submitted must be:

- A. Limited to one nominee.
- B. Signed and dated by the nominee in Item 4. Nominee must sign if willing to have his/her name placed on the ballot and agrees to serve if elected.

**Note:** Name shown on ballot will appear exactly the same as in Agency records.

- C. Delivered to the County FSA Office or postmarked no later than August 3.

The County FSA Committee is responsible for reviewing each form to determine the eligibility of nominees. A person who files this form and is found ineligible will be so notified and have an opportunity to file a challenge.

Persons nominated should actively participate 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 resides in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) in which the election is to be held and is eligible to vote.

Federal regulations may prohibit County FSA Committee members from holding certain positions in some farm, commodity, and political organizations if such positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. The positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer; and positions on boards or executive committees. Conflict of interest restrictions also apply to employees, operators, managers, and majority owners of tobacco warehouses. Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the County FSA Office.

A candidate has the option to request that all voted ballots for an individual county committee election be returned to the respective State Office in lieu of being returned to the county office. This request must be in writing and submitted to the local County Executive Director prior to the announced end of the nomination period.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- A. Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office.
- B. Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs.
- C. Keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions.
- D. Monitoring changes in farm programs.
- E. Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- F. Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

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<b>FSA-669A</b> (03-08-06)	<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b> <b>Farm Service Agency</b>
<h2 style="margin: 0;">NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION</h2>	

1. NAME OF NOMINEE <i>(Type or print Nominee's Full Name)</i>	<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE</b>
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE	
<b>3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION</b> <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i>	5. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>
	6A. COUNTY
	6B. LAA NO.
4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	7. STATE
4B. DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>	<b>DATE OF ELECTION IS 1st MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR</b>

**8. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE**

**VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES:** The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

<b>ETHNICITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<b>RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> America Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White	<b>GENDER</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM**

- Complete the form as follows:
- ITEM 1** Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:
    - A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
    - B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
    - C. Willing to serve if elected.
  - ITEM 2** Enter the nominee's current address.
  - ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.
  - ITEM 4** The nominee must sign and date.
  - ITEM 8** Completing this item is voluntary.

**ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 3.**

**NOTE:** *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR Part 7. The information will be used to obtain nominees for County FSA Committee.*

*According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.*

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## **Who Can Vote**

Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote.

No one can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

If you are unsure of your eligibility, contact the staff at the county office.

## **Who Can Hold Office**

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility criteria.

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA

- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
- Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate
- Not have been:
  - Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee
  - Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
  - Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

For more information about county committee elections, contact the county office staff.

Click [here](#) to view Pennsylvania FSA's County Office locator.



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## LAA Listing for 2009 County Committee Elections

### Pennsylvania FSA

-- To skip directly to the LAA information for your county, move your mouse to the servicing County Office found on the list below and left-click.

Adams  
Armstrong  
Bedford  
Berk  
Bradford  
Bucks / Montgomery  
Butler / Beaver / Allegheny  
Cambria  
Carbon / Monroe  
Chester / Delaware  
Clarion / Venango / Forest / Warren  
Clearfield / Jefferson / Elk  
Clinton / Centre  
Columbia / Montour  
Crawford  
Cumberland  
Dauphin  
Erie  
Franklin  
Fulton  
Huntingdon / Blair  
Indiana  
Juniata / Mifflin / Perry  
Lackawanna / Wayne / Pike  
Lancaster  
Lebanon  
Luzerne  
Lycoming  
Mercer / Lawrence  
Northampton / Lehigh  
Northumberland  
Potter / McKean / Cameron  
Schuylkill  
Snyder / Union  
Somerset  
Susquehanna  
Tioga  
Washington / Greene  
Westmoreland / Fayette  
Wyoming / Sullivan  
York



## Armstrong County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Armstrong	2	Redbank
		Mahoning
		Madison
		Cowanshannock
		Rayburn
		Valley
		Boggs
		Pine
		Wayne

Bedford County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Bedford	3	Southampton
		Mann
		Monroe
		East Providence
		West Providence
		Hopewell
		Liberty
		Broadtop

Berks County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Berks	3	Maxatawny
		Longswamp
		Hereford
		Rockland
		District
		Pike
		Washington
		Colebrookdale
		Earl
		Oley
		Alsace
		Lower Alsace
		Exeter
		Amity
		Douglass
		Union
		Robeson
		Caernarvon

## Bradford County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Bradford	3	Canton, Leroy, Granville, West Burlington, Burlington, North Towanda, Towanda, Franklin, Monroe, Overton, Asylum, Albany, Terry, and Wilmont



## Butler/Beaver/Allegheny County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Butler	3	Cranberry Jackson Adams Forward Middlesex Penn Clinton Jefferson Buffalo Winfield











# Clinton-Centre County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Clinton	5	Lamar, Logan, Greene, Porter
Centre	2	Benner, Marion, Spring Walker

## Columbia/Montour County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Columbia	2	Madison
		Hemlock
		Montour
		Mount Pleasant
		Scott
		Orange
		North Centre
		South Centre
		Briar Creek
		Berwick
Montour	5	Liberty
		Valley
		Mahoning
		West Hemlock
		Cooper
		Mayberry



## Cumberland County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Cumberland	3	South Newton
		Southampton
		Upper Mifflin
		Lower Mifflin
		Hopewell
		Upper Frankford
		Lower Frankford





Franklin County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
FRANKLIN	3	Metal Township
FRANKLIN	3	Letterkenny Twp
FRANKLIN	3	Greene Township
FRANKLIN	3	Southampton Twp
FRANKLIN	3	Lurgan Township
FRANKLIN	3	Fannett Township



## Huntingdon/Blair County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Blair	1	Allegheny, Antis,
		Juniata, Logan,
		Snyder, Tyrone
Huntingdon	1	Franklin, Morris
		Spruce Creek
		Warriors Mark

# Indiana County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Indiana	1	West Mahoning
		North Mahoning
		South Mahoning
		East Mahoning
		Canoe
		Banks
		Grant
		Montgomery

# Juniata/Mifflin/Perry County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Juniata	2	Lack, Tuscarora, Beale, Milford, Spruce Hill, Turbett
Juniata	3	Walker, Fermanagh, Fayette, Delaware, Monroe, Greenwood, Susquehanna



Lancaster County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Lancaster	2	Clay
		W. Cocalico
		E. Cocalico
		Brecknock
		Earl
		E. Earl
		W. Earl
		Caernarvon
		Ephrata
		Leacock Upper Leacock Salisbury

## Lebanon County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Lebanon	3	North Cornwall
		West Cornwall
		Cornwall Borough
		North Lebanon
		South Lebanon
		North Londonderry
		South Londonderry
		North Annville
		South Annville

## Luzerne County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Luzerne	1	Ross
Luzerne	1	Lake
Luzerne	1	Lehman
Luzerne	1	Jackson
Luzerne	1	Fairmount
Luzerne	1	Huntington

Lycoming County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Lycoming	1	Brown
		Cascade
		Cogan House
		Cummings
		Eldred
		Fairfield
		Gamble
		Hepburn
		Jackson
		Lewis
		Loyalsock
		Lycoming
		McHenery
		McIntyre
		McNett
		Mill Creek
		Old Lycoming
		Pine
		Plunket's Creek
		Upper Fairfield



# Northampton/Lehigh County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Lehigh	5	Upper Mount Bethel, Lower Mount Bethel, Washington, Plainfiled, Forks, Palmer



## Potter/McKean/Cameron County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
McKean	LAA2	Keating, Sergeant, Norwich Lafayette, Hamlin
Potter	LAA5	Harrison, Hector, Pike, Ulysses, West Branch Abbott, Stewardship, East Fork District, Summit, Homer, Sylvania

## Schuylkill County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Schuylkill	1	Upper Mahantongo
		Hubley
		Porter
		Pine Grove
		Tremont
		Frailey
		Hegins
		Eldred
		Barry
		Foster
		Butler



## Somerset County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Somerset	3	Lincoln
		Jefferson
		Middlecreek
		Milford
		Somerset
		Black
		Brothersvalley





## Washington/Greene County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Washington	2	North Franklin, Amwell, North Bethlehem, West Bethlehem, East Bethlehem, Somerset, Fallowfield, and West Pike Run
Greene	5	Rich Hill, Morris, Gray, Center, Aleppo, Jackson, Spring Hill, Freeport, Gilmore, and Wayne

## Westmoreland/Fayette County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Westmoreland	3	Unity, Mt. Pleasant, Donegal, Cook, Ligonier, Fairfield, and St. Clair
Fayette	5	Lower Tyrone, Upper Tyrone, Bullskin, Saltlick, Springfield, Connellsville, Dunbar, North Union, South Union, Stewart, Georges, Wharton, and Henry Clay

## Wyoming/Sullivan County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
Wyoming	3	Overfield, Falls, Exeter,
		Noxen, Monroe and
		Northmoreland
Sullivan	4	Fox, Elkland, Forks,
		Hillsgrove and
		Shrewsbury

## York County FSA

<b>2009 County Committee Elections</b>		
County	LAA	Townships
York	1	Fairview
York	1	Newberry
York	1	Manchester (City of)
York	1	Manchester
York	1	East Manchester
York	1	Conewago
York	1	West Manchester
York	1	Jackson
York	1	Spring Grove
York	1	Paradise
York	1	Dover
York	1	Washington
York	1	Warrington
York	1	Franklin
York	1	Dillsburg
York	1	Carol
York	1	Monaghan