

2010 County Committee Elections



The poster features the USDA and FSA logos at the top. A vertical purple bar on the left contains the text 'VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE'. The main title is 'County Committee ELECTIONS 2010'. Below this, a list of dates and events is provided. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'FSA COUNTS ON YOU:' with a row of six small photos showing people in various settings. Below the photos is the text 'NOMINATE AND VOTE!' and a small disclaimer at the very bottom.

USDA **FSA**
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

County Committee ELECTIONS 2010

June 15, 2010 Nomination period begins. Forms are available from your local FSA Office and online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

August 2, 2010 Last day to file nomination forms at the local FSA Office

November 5, 2010 Ballots mailed to eligible voters

December 6, 2010 Last day to return voted ballots to the local FSA Office

January 1, 2011 Elected committee members and alternates take office

FSA COUNTS ON YOU:

NOMINATE AND VOTE!

USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

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What are FSA County Committees?

- Help area farmers and ranchers
- Deliver federal programs locally



2010 County Committee Elections Get Involved

- USDA encourages *all* eligible farmers and ranchers to participate in the county committee election process



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Why Are County Committees Important?

Make Decisions on:

- Price support loans & payments
- Acreage verification
- Conservation programs
- Incentive, indemnity & disaster payments
- Payment eligibility



2010 County Committee Elections Who Serves on County Committees?

- Producers participating/cooperating in an FSA-administered program who:
 - Live in the local administrative area
 - Are of legal voting age



2010 County Committee Elections Committee Basics

- Meet once a month
- 3 - 11 members
- 3 - year terms
- Advisors appointed to represent women & minority interests



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How do I participate in the County Committee Elections?

- Nominate
- Vote
- Inform others



2010 County Committee Elections County Committee Election 2010 Timeline

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- December 6 - Last day to return ballots
- Jan. 1, 2011 - Elected members take office



2010 County Committee Elections Nominating

- Runs June 15 – August 2
- Nominate yourself or others
- Forms available online or from FSA office
- Must sign form

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| NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION | | | | |
| 1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or print nominee's full name) | | TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE | | |
| 2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE | | 3. DETAILS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE (see 06-17-10) | | |
| 3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION <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 DO want to withdraw the casting of tied votes with another nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to withdraw the casting of tied votes with another nominee. | | 6A. COUNTY | | |
| 4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE | | 6B. LAAND. | | |
| 4B. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 7. STATE | | |
| | | DATE OF ELECTION IS THE MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| RESIDENCY: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latin <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic or Latin | | SEX (Choose in each item as appropriate): <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Insemination <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | MEMBER: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM | | | | |
| Complete this 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 casting of tied votes. | | | | |
| ITEM 4 The nominee must sign and date. | | | | |
| ITEM 5 Completing this form 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 Committees. | | | | |
| 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 0550-0028. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 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. | | | | |

2010 County Committee Elections Voting

- Period runs November 5 – December 6
- Voters cast 1 vote per county office jurisdiction

FSA County Committee Elections

August 2 is the deadline to get your name on the FSA County Committee election ballot. Visit your local FSA office or USDA Service Center to learn how you can have a voice and take a seat on your area Farm Service Agency County Committee.

Visit us online:
www.fsa.usda.gov
for nomination
forms and more
information.



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Eligible Voters

- **Ag producers of legal voting age participating in FSA programs, or younger person supervising/conducting entire farm operation**
- **Individual Voters**
 - Eligible to vote on one's own right
 - Partner in a general partnership
 - Member of a joint venture
- **Nonindividual voters**
 - Corporation, estate, trust, limited partnership or other business enterprise
 - State, political subdivision of state or state agency
- **Spouses in community property states**
- **American Indian tribal members**
 - If Ag land is tribally owned or held in trust for tribe by U.S.

2010 County Committee Elections Where Can I Get More Information?

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or
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