

2011 County Committee Elections



County Committee ELECTIONS 2011

June 15, 2011 Nomination period begins. Forms are available from your local FSA office and online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

August 1, 2011 Last day to file nomination forms at the local FSA office.

November 4, 2011 Ballots mailed to eligible voters.

December 5, 2011 Last day to return voted ballots to the local FSA office.

January 2, 2012 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



2011 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



2011 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



2011 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



2011 County Committee Elections County Committee Election 2011 Timeline

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- December 5 - Last day to return ballots
- Jan. 2, 2012 - Elected members take office



2011 County Committee Elections Nominating

- Runs June 15 – August 1
- Nominate yourself or others
- Forms available online or from FSA office
- Must sign form

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Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)		4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED	
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		5. COUNTY	
		6. LAA	7. STATE
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 witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.		8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION: <i>If this nomination is by other than self, the following eligible voter or representative of a community based organization hereby nominates the afore-named person to be a candidate in the next County FSA Committee election for the county.</i>	
2A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	3B. DATE	6A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	6B. DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.		<i>(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)</i>	

9. 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.

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

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.

ITEMS 3A & 3B The nominee must sign and date.

ITEMS 8A & 8B The nominator must sign and date. *(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)*

ITEM 9 Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2011.

NOTE: *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-240). The information will be used to obtain nominees for election to the County FSA Committee. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and non-governmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for County Personal Records, US2008/FSA-6. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for nomination for election to the 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 0590-0229. 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. The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE

2011 County Committee Elections Voting

- Period runs November 4 – December 5
- Voters cast 1 vote per county office jurisdiction

FSA County Committee Elections

August 1 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.

2011 County Committee Elections Where Can I Get More Information?

Visit your local FSA Office
or
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