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**Farm Service Agency**

## ***Allen County News***

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USDA Service Center**

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**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
D. B. (Doc) Bewley  
Darrell Lyles  
Ira L. Meador, Jr.

**Advisor**  
Phyllis Wilson

County Committee meets  
1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month

**Staff**  
Bob Montgomery, CED  
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### **Committee Elections Don't Miss Out on Voting**

Allen County will have five candidates competing for votes in the upcoming County Committee Election. The Official Ballots will be mailed November 3, 2006 to all known eligible voters. Ballots must be returned or postmarked no later than December 4, 2006.

The local FSA Office will be holding this election for a person to represent Local Administrative Area Three (LAA3). This position is currently held by D. B. Bewley. LAA3 includes the area east of Highways 1578, 1421, Jefferson School Road and Gainesville Road.

### **Voter Eligibility**

Farm owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers of legal voting age can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program. You must live in LAA3 (or have a farming interest there) in order to vote in this election.

If you have participated in FSA programs in the past, you should automatically receive a ballot in the mail. If you do not receive a ballot, contact the FSA Office immediately to obtain one.

Remember that voting eligibility is not limited by the size of operation or type of production. It does not matter if you farm on a small or large scale; your vote counts the same in the FSA Election process.

Contact FSA if you have questions about voter eligibility.

### **The Ballot**

When you receive the official ballot in the mail, please note that the nominees will be shown in section 12 of the ballot. Circle the name of ONLY ONE candidate from which you are voting OR you may "write-in" the name of any other eligible farmer. If you vote for more than one candidate, your ballot will not be counted. Follow the instructions on the ballot to complete the voting process and return the signed certification envelope containing your voted ballot. Your ballot will not be counted if you fail to sign the envelope.

### **Counting the Ballots**

The ballots will be counted Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Allen County FSA Office. FSA personnel follow strict guidelines when preparing the ballots for tabulation to ensure integrity of the voting and election process. Rest assured that the blank envelope containing your voted ballot will be shuffled with the other blank envelopes to preserve the secrecy of the ballot.

The candidate receiving the most votes will be elected to serve a three-year term on the County Committee. The candidate receiving the second most votes will serve a three-year term as first-alternate to the person that received the most votes. The nominee receiving the third most votes will serve a three-year term as second-alternate.

**Meet the Candidates**

The following are short biographies of the five candidates that will be vying for your vote, provided you reside in LAA3 and are otherwise eligible to vote. They are listed in alphabetical order as follows:

**Tommy Brown** has been nominated and is now a candidate for this election. Tommy resides in Allen County at 1411 Mount Union Road, Scottsville, KY 42164. He and his wife Catherine, along with son Keith, produce hay and beef cattle. Tommy has been actively engaged in farming for the past 16 years. Tommy has stated his willingness to serve if elected.

**Linda Hughes** has been nominated and is now a candidate for this election. Linda resides in Allen County at 14316 Holland Road, Fountain Run, KY 42133. She and her husband James produce hay and beef cattle. Linda has been actively engaged in farming for the past 39 years. Linda is an active member of the Allen County Farm Bureau and serves as a board member of that organization. She is also an active member of the Fountain Run Homemakers Club. Linda has stated her willingness to serve if elected

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**Donald Morgan** has been nominated and is now a candidate for this election. Donald resides in Allen County at 2722 Mount Union Road, Scottsville, KY 42164. He and his wife Marsha produce hay and beef cattle. Donald has been actively engaged in farming for the past 40 years. Donald is a member of the Allen County Farm Bureau and Southern States Cooperative. Donald has stated his willingness to serve if elected

**Jake Stinson** has been nominated and is now a candidate for this election. Jake resides in Allen County at 11299 Brownsford Road, Fountain Run, KY 42133. He and his wife Kendra produce tobacco, vegetables, hay and beef cattle. Jake has been actively engaged in farming for the past 16 years. Jake is an active member of The Cattlemen's Association, The Agricultural Advancement Council, Kentucky Limousine Breeders Association and KY Forage and Grasslands Council. Jake has stated his willingness to serve if elected.

**Phyllis Wilson** has been nominated and is now a candidate for this election. Phyllis resides in Allen County at 4059 Lafayette Road, Scottsville, KY 42164. She and her husband Burl produce corn, soybeans, hay and beef cattle. Phyllis has been actively engaged in farming for the past 36 years. Phyllis currently

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serves her community as FSA County Committee Advisor, a position she has held for the past 9 years. Phyllis is also an active member of the East Allen Volunteer Fire Department, serving as President of the auxiliary. Phyllis has stated her willingness to serve if elected.

**Every Vote Counts!**

The Committee Election process should not be taken lightly. Your local FSA Committee has their hands full carrying out Federal farm programs in Allen County. Sometimes the members have to make tough decisions on important matters such as producer appeals; commodity price support loans and payments; yields; conservations programs; incentive, indemnity, and disaster payment eligibility; and other farm disaster assistance.

The bottom line is a system where farmers are serving farmers! Strong participation in the election process will give everyone a better chance of having their opinions and ideas expressed throughout the Farm Service Agency.

**Want to Know More?**

Feel free to stop by the local FSA Office or call for more information.