

For: State Offices and Service Centers

Counties With a Population of 10 Percent or More Minority Principal Operators

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1 Overview

A Background

All COC's and Service Centers are required to ensure the fair representation of SDA (minority and female) producers in the area over which COC has jurisdiction. FSA uses the most recent NASS Census of Agriculture data to identify counties with a 10 percent or more population of minority principal farm and ranch operators. The counties identified using NASS Census of Agriculture data are required to take extra efforts to obtain minority nominees for COC election. Using the definition of SDA producers, both minority and female producers are included in all efforts to increase diversity on COC's. SDA producers and their organizations must be encouraged by all counties to file FSA-669A for themselves, in the case of an individual, or for a candidate of their choice.

B Purpose

This notice:

- reissues the list of counties with a 10 percent or more population of minority principal operators
- requires COC's from jurisdictions with any listed county to make extra efforts to obtain an SDA candidate for the 2012 COC election.

Counties identified in Exhibit 1 were determined by using the NASS 2007 Census of Agriculture data based on minority (not SDA) principal operator statistics for each county in the nation.

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December 1, 2012	State Offices; State Offices relay to Service Centers

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2 Service Center Actions

A FSA-669A Deadline

The deadline for all FSA-669A's is **COB August 1, 2012**.

B Requirement for a Minority Nominee

Service Centers in a county listed in the attachment are required to have a **minority** (based on race and/or ethnicity, **not** gender) nominee. This requirement may be waived by the State Office if there is:

- adequate documentation that the Service Center performed extensive COC election outreach with respect to minority producers
- a minority voting COC member currently serving whose term will carry over into 2013.

Every effort must be made to obtain an SDA candidate if a minority candidate is not nominated after all efforts by COC and Service Centers are exhausted. Alternates and minority advisors do **not** meet this requirement.

3 State Office Action and Contacts

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that each Service Center with a county listed in Exhibit 1 obtains a minority or female candidate **before the end of the nomination period**.

B Contacts

If there are questions about this notice, contact the following.

IF located in a...	THEN contact...
Service Center	State Office.
State Office	either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deborah Johnson, DAFO, at 202-720-0067• Barbara Boyd, DAFO, at 202-720-7890.

Service Centers With 10 Percent or More Minority Principal Operators

The following provides the Service Centers that have a county with a population of 10 percent or more minority principle operators. In single and multiple county jurisdictions, each jurisdiction is listed by Service Center headquarter county.

State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
Alabama	Autauga	Autauga
	Butler	Butler
	Clarke	Clarke
	Conecuh	Conecuh
	Dallas	Dallas
		Lowndes
	Elmore	Montgomery
	Escambia	Escambia
	Greene	Greene
		Sumter
	Hale	Hale
	Lawrence	Lawrence
	Madison	Madison
	Marengo	Choctaw
		Marengo
	Monroe	Monroe
	Perry	Perry
	Pike	Bullock
Russell	Macon	
	Russell	
Wilcox	Wilcox	
Arkansas	Chicot	Chicot
	Crittenden	Crittenden
	Dallas	Dallas
	Desha	Desha
	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Lee	Lee
	Little River	Little River
	Monroe	Monroe
	Phillips	Phillips
	Pulaski	Pulaski
	St. Francis	St. Francis

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
Arizona	Apache	Apache
	Cochise	Cochise
	Coconino	Coconino
		Mohave
		Yavapai
	Graham	Graham
	Maricopa	Maricopa
	Navajo	Gila
		Navajo
	Pima	Pima
Santa Cruz		
Pinal	Pinal	
Yuma	La Paz	
	Yuma	
California	Butte	Butte
	Colusa	Colusa
	Fresno	Fresno
	Glenn	Glenn
	Imperial	Imperial
	Kern	Kern
	Kings	Kings
	Lassen	Lassen
		Plumas
		Sierra
	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
		Orange
		San Bernardino
	Madera	Madera
	Mendocino	Lake
	Merced	Mariposa
		Merced
	Modoc	Modoc
	Monterey	Monterey
		San Mateo
		Santa Cruz
	Placer	Placer
	Riverside	Riverside
		San Diego
	Sacramento	Amador
		Sacramento
	San Benito	San Benito
Santa Clara		
San Joaquin	Alameda	
	Contra Costa	
	San Joaquin	

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
California (Continued)	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara
		Ventura
	Shasta	Shasta
		Trinity
	Solano	Solano
	Stanislaus	Stanislaus
	Sutter	Sutter
		Yuba
	Tehama	Tehama
	Tulare	Tulare
Yolo	Yolo	
	Served by Douglas, NV	Mono
Colorado	Alamosa	Alamosa
	Conejos	Conejos
		Costilla
	La Plata	Archuleta
		La Plata
	Las Animas	Huerfano
		Las Animas
	Montezuma	Montezuma
	Otero	Crowley
Otero		
Pueblo	Pueblo	
Rio Grande	Saguache	
Florida	Alachua	Alachua
	Calhoun	Gulf
	Columbia	Columbia
	Dade	Dade
	Gadsden	Gadsden
	Hamilton	Hamilton
	Hardee	De Soto
	Hendry	Collier
		Glades
		Hendry
	Hillsborough	Hillsborough
	Jackson	Jackson
	Jefferson	Jefferson
		Leon
	Lake	Orange
	Lee	Charlotte
	Levy	Levy
	Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade
	Madison	Madison
Marion	Marion	
Okeechobee	Okeechobee	

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
Florida (Continued)	Palm Beach	Broward
		Palm Beach
	St. Lucie	Martin
Georgia	Baker	Baker
	Brooks	Brooks
	Bulloch	Bulloch
	Burke	Burke
	Calhoun	Calhoun
		Dougherty
	Carroll	Douglas
	Cook	Cook
	Decatur	Decatur
	Dooly	Dooly
	Early	Early
	Irwin	Ben Hill
	Jenkins	Jenkins
	Laurens	Laurens
	Lee	Lee
	Lowndes	Clinch
		Lanier
		Lowndes
	Macon	Macon
	Marion	Marion
	Peach	Crawford
		Peach
		Houston
	Pierce	Charlton
	Putnam	Putnam
	Randolph	Clay
	Sumter	Sumter
	Telfair	Telfair
		Wheeler
	Thomas	Thomas
	Washington	Hancock
	Wayne	Camden
		Glynn
McIntosh		
Webster	Stewart	
	Webster	
Wilkes	Taliaferro	

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii
	Honolulu	Honolulu
	Kauai	Kauai
	Maui	Maui
Kansas	Jefferson	Wyandotte
Louisiana	Allen	Allen
	Ascension	St. James
	Bossier	Bossier
	Caddo	Caddo
	De Soto	De Soto
	East Feliciana	West Feliciana
	Franklin	Franklin
	Iberia	Iberia
	Livingston	East Baton Rouge
	Natchitoches	Natchitoches
	Ouachita	Caldwell
	Pointe Coupee	Pointe Coupee
	St. John the Baptist	Jefferson
		Plaquemines
	St. Landry	St. Landry
	St. Martin	St. Martin
	Tangipahoa	St. Helena
	Tensas	Tensas
	Washington	Washington
West Baton Rouge	West Baton Rouge	
Maryland	Prince Georges	Prince Georges
Michigan	Van Buren	Van Buren
	Washtenaw	Wayne
Mississippi	Adams	Adams
	Amite	Amite
		Wilkinson
	Attala	Attala
	Benton	Benton
	Bolivar	Bolivar
	Carroll	Carroll
	Chickasaw	Chickasaw
	Claiborne	Claiborne
		Jefferson
	Clarke	Clarke
	Clay	Clay
	Coahoma	Coahoma
	Copiah	Copiah
	Covington	Covington
	De Soto	De Soto
	Grenada	Grenada

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
Mississippi (Continued)	Hinds	Hinds
	Holmes	Holmes
	Humphreys	Humphreys
	Jasper	Jasper
	Jefferson Davis	Jefferson Davis
	Kemper	Kemper
	Lafayette	Lafayette
	Lauderdale	Lauderdale
	Lawrence	Lawrence
	Leake	Leake
	Leflore	Leflore
	Lowndes	Lowndes
	Madison	Madison
	Marion	Marion
	Marshall	Marshall
	Monroe	Monroe
	Montgomery	Montgomery
	Noxubee	Noxubee
	Oktibbeha	Oktibbeha
	Panola	Panola
	Pike	Pike
	Quitman	Quitman
	Rankin	Rankin
	Scott	Scott
	Sharkey	Issaquena
	Simpson	Simpson
	Sunflower	Sunflower
	Tallahatchie	Tallahatchie
	Tate	Tate
	Tunica	Tunica
	Walthall	Walthall
	Warren	Warren
	Washington	Washington
Winston	Winston	
Yalobusha	Yalobusha	
Yazoo	Yazoo	
Montana	Big Horn	Big Horn
	Blaine	Blaine
	Flathead	Flathead
	Glacier	Glacier
	Hill	Hill
	Lake	Lake
	Missoula	Mineral
		Missoula
	Phillips	Phillips
Pondera	Pondera	

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
Montana (Continued)	Roosevelt	Roosevelt
	Rosebud	Rosebud
	Sanders	Sanders
	Treasure	Treasure
	Valley	Valley
Nebraska	Thurston	Thurston
Nevada	Churchill	Washoe
	Churchill/White Pine	Nye
	Elko	Elko
	Humboldt	Humboldt
		Lander
	Lyon	Mineral
	Pershing	Pershing
Served by Washington, Utah	Clark	
New Mexico	Chaves	Chaves
	Colfax	Colfax
	De Baca	De Baca
	Dona Ana	Dona Ana
	Eddy	Eddy
	Guadalupe	Guadalupe
	Harding	Harding
	Hidalgo	Hidalgo
	Lea	Lea
	Luna	Grant
		Luna
	McKinley	McKinley
	Otero	Lincoln
		Otero
	Quay	Quay
	Rio Arriba	Rio Arriba
	San Juan	San Juan
	San Miguel	Mora
		San Miguel
	Santa Fe	Santa Fe
	Sierra	Sierra
	Socorro	Catron
		Socorro
	Taos	Taos
	Torrance	Torrance
	Valencia	Bernalillo
Cibola		
Sandoval		
Valencia		

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
North Carolina	Bertie	Bertie
	Bladen	Bladen
	Brunswick	Brunswick
	Carteret	Carteret
	Caswell	Caswell
	Chowan	Chowan
	Columbus	Columbus
	Craven	Craven
		Carteret
	Edgecombe	Edgecombe
	Granville	Granville
	Halifax	Halifax
	Hertford	Hertford
	Hoke	Hoke
	Jones	Jones
	Martin	Martin
	Northampton	Northampton
	Pasquotank	Camden
		Pasquotank
	Robeson	Robeson
Scotland		
Swain	Swain	
Vance	Vance	
Warren	Warren	
Washington	Washington	
North Dakota	Rolette	Rolette
	Sioux	Sioux
Oklahoma	Atoka	Atoka
		Coal
	Bryan	Bryan
	Cherokee	Adair
		Cherokee
		Sequoyah
	Choctaw	Choctaw
		Pushmataha
	Craig	Craig
	Garvin	Garvin
		Murray
	Hughes	Hughes
		Seminole
	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Johnston	Johnston
Le Flore	Haskell	
	Le Flore	
Logan	Oklahoma	

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Oklahoma (Continued)	Love	Carter
		Marshall
	Mayes	Mayes
	McCurtain	McCurtain
	Muskogee	Muskogee
	Nowata	Nowata
		Washington
	Okfuskee	Creek
		Okfuskee
	Okmulgee	Okmulgee
	Osage	Osage
	Ottawa	Delaware
		Ottawa
	Pittsburg	Latimer
		McIntosh
Pittsburg		
Pontotoc	Pontotoc	
Rogers	Rogers	
	Tulsa	
Wagoner	Wagoner	
Oregon	Deschutes	Jefferson
		Umatilla
	Wasco	Hood River
		Wasco
South Carolina	Abbeville	McCormick
	Aiken	Aiken
	Allendale	Allendale
	Bamberg	Bamberg
	Barnwell	Barnwell
	Calhoun	Calhoun
		Richland
	Charleston	Berkeley
	Clarendon	Clarendon
	Colleton	Colleton
	Dillon	Dillon
	Dorchester	Dorchester
	Edgefield	Edgefield
	Florence	Florence
	Georgetown	Georgetown
	Greenwood	Greenwood
	Hampton	Hampton
	Jasper	Beaufort
	Lee	Lee
	Marion	Marion
Marlboro	Marlboro	
Orangeburg	Orangeburg	
Sumter	Sumter	
Williamsburg	Williamsburg	

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South Dakota	Bennett	Bennett
		Shannon
	Brule	Buffalo
	Corson	Corson
	Dewey	Dewey
	Hyde	Hyde
	Jackson	Jackson
	Lyman	Lyman
	Mellette	Mellette
Todd		
Ziebach	Ziebach	
Tennessee	Fayette	Fayette
	Haywood	Haywood
	Madison	Madison
Texas	Anderson	Anderson
	Atascosa	Atascosa
	Bastrop	Bastrop
	Bee	Bee
	Bexar	Bexar
	Brazoria	Brazoria
		Galveston
	Brazos	Brazos
	Brazos/Waller	Walker
	Brewster	Brewster
		Presidio
	Brooks	Brooks
		Jim Hogg
	Burleson	Burleson
	Caldwell	Caldwell
	Calhoun	Calhoun
	Cameron	Cameron
	Cass	Marion
	Dimmit	Dimmit
		Zavala
	Duval	Duval
	Ector	Ector
		Ward
		Winkler
	Edwards	Edwards
	El Paso	Culberson
		El Paso
		Hudspeth
	Ellis	Ellis
	Fort Bend	Fort Bend
Frio	Frio	
	La Salle	

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More	
Texas (Continued)	Gonzales	Gonzales	
	Guadalupe	Guadalupe	
	Harris	Harris	
	Harrison	Harrison	
	Hidalgo	Hidalgo	
	Houston	Houston	Houston
			Leon
			Madison
	Jackson	Jackson	
	Jasper	Newton	
	Jefferson	Jefferson	
	Jim Wells	Jim Wells	
	Johnson	Tarrant	
	Karnes	Karnes	
	Kaufman	Dallas	
	Kleberg	Kleberg	
	Lee	Lee	
	Liberty	Liberty	Chambers
			Liberty
	Limestone	Limestone	Freestone
			Limestone
	Live Oak	Live Oak	Live Oak
			McMullen
	Medina	Medina	
	Midland	Midland	
	Mitchell	Mitchell	
	Navarro	Navarro	
	Nueces	Nueces	
	Pecos	Pecos	
	Polk	Polk	Polk
			San Jacinto
	Reagan	Reagan	Crockett
			Upton
	Reeves	Reeves	
	Refugio	Refugio	Goliad
			Refugio
	Robertson	Robertson	
	Rusk	Rusk	
	San Patricio	San Patricio	Aransas
			San Patricio
	Schleicher	Val Verde	
	Smith	Smith	
	Starr	Starr	Starr
Zapata			

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
Texas (Continued)	Titus	Camp
		Morris
	Tom Green	Tom Green
	Travis	Travis
	Upshur	Gregg
	Uvalde	Kinney
		Maverick
		Uvalde
	Victoria	Victoria
	Waller	Waller
	Webb	Webb
	Wharton	Wharton
	Willacy	Willacy
Wilson	Wilson	
Utah	San Juan	San Juan
	Tooele	Tooele
	Uintah	Uintah
Virginia	Amelia	Amelia
	Brunswick	Brunswick
	Buckingham	Buckingham
	Charlotte	Lunenburg
	Dinwiddie	Dinwiddie
	Essex	Essex
		King and Queen
	Gloucester	Gloucester
		Middlesex
	Greensville, Emporia City	Greensville
	Halifax	Halifax
	Isle of Wight	Surry
	Mecklenburg	Mecklenburg
	New Kent	Charles City
		Henrico
	Prince Edward	Nottoway
		Prince Edward
	Richmond	Lancaster
		Northumberland
		Westmoreland
Southampton, Franklin City	Southampton	
Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg City	Spotsylvania	
Suffolk	Suffolk	
Sussex	Sussex	

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State	Service Center Headquarter County	Counties With 10 Percent or More
Washington	Benton	Benton
	Ferry	Ferry
	Okanogan	Okanogan
	Yakima	Yakima
Wisconsin	Racine	Milwaukee
	Shawano	Menominee
Wyoming	Fremont	Fremont