

# USDA Farm Service Agency COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

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## Local Administrative Areas

Elections occur each year in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA). These are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction. This may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

Find your LAA using our locator tool on [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections).



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# FSA County Committees

County Committees oversee FSA programs for farmers and ranchers in their communities. Committee members are farmers, ranchers and landowners elected by local producers.





## County Committee Members:

- Assist in the delivery and administration of farm programs in your community.
- Represent local farmers and ranchers.
- Provide local agricultural guidance and insight to FSA staff.
- Make critical decisions impacting local producers.
- Assist with outreach and inform underserved producers such as beginning farmers and ranchers in your community about FSA opportunities.

## You Can Nominate!

- Nomination forms and eligibility guidelines are available at your local FSA office, or online at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections).
- You can nominate yourself or someone else. An organization can also nominate a producer.
- Forms are submitted to the FSA office or postmarked on or before the deadline.
- Forms must be signed by the nominee (those who are nominated by another individual or organization will be contacted by the local office).

## You Can Vote!

- Check with your FSA office or the FSA website for requirements.
- Producers of legal voting age who participate or cooperate in any FSA program can vote.
- Ballots are mailed to eligible voters or can be picked up at your local FSA office.

## Election Process and Commitment:

Once the voting period closes, ballots are counted publicly (usually at your local office).

- Elected members serve three-year terms and committees consist of three to 11 members.
- County committees meet monthly to discuss critical decisions impacting local producers.
- Advisors are appointed annually to ensure that COC members reflect the diverse interests of their communities.

USDA is committed to increasing the participation of all farmers and ranchers on FSA County Committees, with an emphasis on women, minority, and beginning farmers and ranchers.

## Important Dates

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| <b>Mid-June</b>       | Nominations begin                      |
| <b>Early August</b>   | Final date to return or postmark forms |
| <b>Early November</b> | Ballots are mailed to eligible voters  |
| <b>Early December</b> | Ballots are submitted and counted      |
| <b>January</b>        | Members and alternates take office     |
- An election calendar can be found at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections) or by contacting your local FSA office.*