



COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS & ELECTION

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It's county committee election time, and this newsletter is your guide to the 2011 election. Since this only happens once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into *local administrative areas*, or LAAs. Each LAA has one producer serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee. Most counties are divided into three LAAs. Combined counties may have three to five LAAs.

Each year, an election is held in a LAA to replace the committee member whose three-year term is expiring. In counties with three LAAs, one seat is up for election annually. In combined counties in some years, two seats may be up for election. The three steps in the election process are the call for nominations, the election and installing the new committee member.

Election Timetable

June 15	Nomination period begins.
Aug. 1	Deadline to submit nomination forms.
Nov. 4	Ballots are mailed to eligible voters.
Dec. 5	Deadline to return completed ballots to FSA county office.
Jan. 1, 2012	New committee members and alternates are installed.

Nominations Open June 15

Nominations for candidates to run for the Farm Service Agency county committee election representing producers in a Local Administrative Area will be accepted from June 15 through Aug. 1, 2011.

Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program *and* are of *legal voting age* may be nominated *to serve on the county committee*.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

A nomination form, FSA-669A, is included in this newsletter. Additional forms and details may be picked up at your local USDA Service Center, FSA county office or downloaded from www.fsa.usda.gov.

Eligible voters can nominate as many candidates as they wish.

To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected, and returned to the FSA county office by the close of business on Aug. 1, or postmarked by midnight Aug. 1, 2011.

County Committee Elections

County	LAA	Townships
Grundy	1	Washington, Taylor, Harrison, Madison, & Jefferson
Mercer	3	South of HWY 136 & Route E
Putnam	2	Sherman, Wilson, Union, & Richland
Schuyler	3	East/West Prairie, & Salt River
Scotland	3	Miller, Union, & Vest
Sullivan	1	Clay, Liberty, Bowman, Taylor & Duncan

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Election

The county committee election is held by mail. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 4, and must be returned to the FSA county office by the close of business on Dec. 5, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 5, 2011.

Who Can Vote

Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any Farm Service Agency program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote.

No one can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

If you are unsure of your eligibility, contact the staff at the county office.

Who Can Hold Office

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility criteria.

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
- Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate
- Not have been:
 - Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee
 - Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
 - Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

For more information about county committee elections, contact the county office staff.

