

County Committee Elections

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Farm Service Agency

County Committee Elections 2008

June 15, 2008	Nomination period begins. Forms are available from your local FSA Office and online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov
August 1, 2008	Last day to file nomination forms at the local FSA Office
November 3, 2008	Ballots mailed to eligible voters
December 1, 2008	Last day to return voted ballots to the local FSA Office
January 1, 2009	Elected committee members and alternates take office

FSA Counts on You: Nominate and Vote!



USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

What are FSA County Committees?

- Help area farmers and ranchers
- Deliver federal programs locally



Get Involved

- USDA encourages *all* eligible farmers and ranchers to participate in the county committee election process



Why Are County Committees Important?

Make Decisions on:

- Price support loans & payments
- Acreage verification
- Conservation programs
- Incentive, indemnity & disaster payments



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



Committee Basics

- Meet once a month
- 3-5 members
- 3-year terms
- Advisors appointed to represent women & minority interests



How do I participate in the County Committee Elections?

- **Nominate**
- **Vote**
- **Tell others**



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Nominating

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

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window with the address bar displaying ftp://165.221.16.16/public/forms/FSA0669A_080225V01.doc. The browser window title is "ftp://165.221.16.16/public/forms/FSA0669A_080225V01.doc - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The main content area displays a form titled "FSA-669A (02-25-05) Page 2 of 2" and "U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency". The form is titled "NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION".

The form contains the following sections:

- 1. NAME OF NOMINEE:** (Type or print Nominee's Full Name) [*****]
- 2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE:** [*****]
- 3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION:** 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 DO want to witness the setting of tied votes with another nominee. [] I DO NOT want to witness the setting of tied votes with another nominee.
- 4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE:** [*****]
- 4B. DATE:** (MM-DD-YYYY) [****]
- 5. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE:** (mm-dd-yyyy) [****]
- 6A. COUNTY:** [*****]
- 6B. LA. NO.:** [*****]
- 7. STATE:** [*****]
- 8. 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: []

Voting

- Period runs November 3 – December 1
- Voters cast 1 vote per county

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.



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 lands members**
 - **If Ag land is tribally owned or held in trust for tribe by U.S.**

Where Can I Get More Information?

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- Go online: www.fsa.usda.gov

