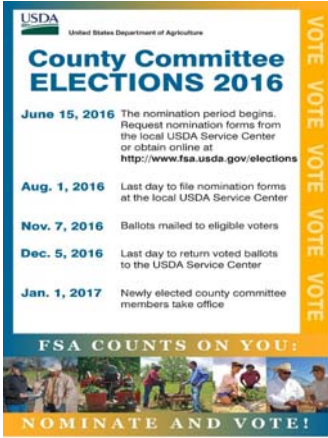


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## Farm Service Agency 2016 FSA County Committee Elections




The poster features the USDA logo at the top left. The main title is 'County Committee ELECTIONS 2016'. Below this, a timeline lists key dates: June 15, 2016 (nomination period begins), Aug. 1, 2016 (last day to file forms), Nov. 7, 2016 (ballots mailed), Dec. 5, 2016 (last day to return ballots), and Jan. 1, 2017 (newly elected members take office). A vertical banner on the right side says 'VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE'. At the bottom, it says 'FSA COUNTS ON YOU!' and 'NOMINATE AND VOTE!' with a photo of farmers. A small disclaimer at the very bottom reads 'USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.'

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## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections What are FSA County Committees?

- Locally-elected Farmers and Ranchers
- apply judgment and knowledge to help with decisions necessary to administer FSA programs in their counties



A photograph showing two men standing in a large, open field. One man is wearing a blue shirt and the other is wearing a light-colored shirt. They appear to be engaged in a conversation. In the background, there are mountains and a few cows grazing.



## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections Get Involved

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



## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections Why Are County Committees Important?

Make Decisions on:

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





## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections 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



## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections Committee Basics

- 3 - 11 members
- 3 - year terms
- Advisors appointed annually to represent women & minority interests





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## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections How do I participate in the County Committee elections?

- Nominate
- Vote
- Inform others




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## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections County Committee Elections 2016 Timeline

- June 15, 2016 - Nomination period begins. Request nomination forms from the local USDA Service Center or obtain online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/newsroom/county-committee-elections/index](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/newsroom/county-committee-elections/index)
- Aug. 1, 2016 - Last day to file nomination forms at the local USDA Service Center
- Nov. 7, 2016 – Ballots mailed to eligible voters
- Dec. 5, 2016 – Last day to return voted ballots to the USDA Service Center
- Jan. 1, 2017 - Newly elected county committee members take office







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## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections Nominating

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





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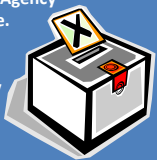

## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections Voting

- Period runs Nov. 7 – Dec. 5, 2016
- Voters cast 1 vote per county office jurisdiction

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 at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) for nomination forms and more information.



## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections 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 members
  - If Ag land is tribally owned or held in trust for tribe by U.S.



## 2016 FSA County Committee Elections Where Can I Get More Information?

Visit your local FSA office  
or  
Go online: [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections)

