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Columbus Service Center News

Serving Burlington, Camden & Ocean Counties in NJ

2011 FSA County Committee

COC Election Nominations

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee starts with the nomination of eligible candidates.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign nomination form FSA-669A. The form includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. This form is attached to this newsletter and also available at USDA Service Centers and online at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_committeeselectform.pdf

Nomination forms for the 2011 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2011.

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. Additionally, organizations representing minority and women farmers or ranchers may nominate candidates. Nomination forms are filed for the county committee of the office that administers a producer's farm records.

Voting

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 4, and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Dec. 5th, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 5, 2011.

Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA 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.

Candidate Eligibility

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 and 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 felony
 - Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

This year's elections will be held in LAA 1 and LAA 2. LAA 1 consists of Bordentown, Chesterfield Township, North Hanover Township and Pemberton Township. Marily Russo currently represents LAA 1.

LAA 2 consists of Burlington Township, Florence Township, Mansfield Township and Springfield Township. Ralph Wainwright currently represents LAA 2.

A County Committee Election Informational meeting will be held at the Columbus Service Center on June 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM. Anyone interested in the nomination and election process is invited to attend.

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County Committee meets:
2nd Tuesday of the month
(call office for times)

County Committee
George H. Adams Sr
Marilyn L. Russo
Louis Parzanese
John H. Hunter
Ralph Wainwright

Office Staff

Nick Morolda
County Executive Director
Program Technicians
Julia Coriaty
Jim Mellor
Craig Christo



Dates to Remember	
June 15, 2011	COC nominations period opens
July 15, 2011	Crop Reporting Deadline and NAP Production Deadline
Aug. 1, 2011	Farm Reconstitution Requests Due
Aug. 1, 2011	Last day to file COC election nomination forms
Aug. 1, 2011	NAP SignUp Deadline for Strawberries
Sept 1, 2011	NAP Signup Deadline for Sod & Christmas Trees
Sept. 1, 2011	2010 ACRE Certification Deadline
Selected Interest Rates for June 2009	
90-Day Treasury Bill	.125%
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	2.75%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.00%
Farm Ownership Loans — Down Payment	1.50%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) 7 year	2.625%
FSFL 10-Yr is 3.25% FSFL 12-Yr is	3.50%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.25%

For additional clarification about county committee elections, contact your local county office staff.

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