

## Farmers, ranchers urged to vote in FSA county election

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USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator Juan M. Garcia announced that the 2013 FSA County Committee Elections began Monday, Nov. 4, with the mailing of ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Dec. 2.

“The role and input of our county committee members is more vital than ever at a time when our country faces important choices regarding the funding and operation of our government,” said Garcia.

“New county committee members provide input and make important decisions on the local administration of disaster and conservation programs,” he added. “With better participation in recent years, we have also seen promising increases in the number of women and minority candidates, helping to better represent the richness of American agriculture.”

County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA.

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