FARM SERVICE AGENCY COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Dec. 7 **deadline to submit ballots**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently mailed Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee election ballots to all eligible agricultural producers and private landowners across the country. Producers and landowners must return their completed ballots in person to their local FSA county office by close of business, or by mail and have them postmarked, by Dec. 7, 2026. Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail can request one from their local FSA county office Elections are occurring in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for committee members. Producers can identify LAAs up for election through a geographic information system locator tool available at fsa.usda.gov/elections and can confirm their LAA by contacting their local FSA office. Committee members make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally, including delivery of FSA disaster recovery, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as county office employment and other agricultural issues. To be eligible to vote in the county committee election, producers must participate or cooperate in a USDA program and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits. Newly elected committee members will take office on Jan. 1, 2027.