



National Association of Farmer Elected Committees

FACT SHEET

Overview

Like the Washington Monument and Statue of Liberty, the most important component of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is the foundation upon which it stands. FSA is the only federal agency possessing a “grass roots” foundation of democratically elected farmers. Representing America’s farmers and ranchers, the local County Committee (COC) oversees the administration of farm programs.

COC’s have a unique foundation of support through the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees (NAFEC). NAFEC supports the COC’s existence, influence and oversight with FSA, while promoting the local delivery of Congressional farm programs coupled with a good dose of agricultural common sense.

Mission Statement

The primary purpose of the National Association of Farm Elected Committees (NAFEC) is, and will always be, to promote and improve the farmer elected committee system for the local administration of farm programs. The coordinated effort give us strength, and much more influence in Congress for the kind of farm programs America’s farmers, ranchers and rural communities need in order to thrive.

Improving and Educating County Committees

NAFEC promotes and improves the COC system by ensuring committee members understand their roles and responsibilities. COC’s today, just as in the past maintain a vital part of administering federal farm programs. Some committee responsibilities include: representing local ranchers, farmers and producers, while ensuring farm programs are administered consistent with Federal law, regulations, policies, procedures, and instructions. They also ensure farm programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, impartially and timely, as well as, hiring, supervising and evaluating the performance of the CED and any operations delegated to the CED. COC’s are required to learn about key functions of the county committee by taking the county committee orientation course so they can better fulfill their duties as committee members. COC’s should ask their CED today about the county committee orientation which is found on the FSA DAFO SharePoint site.

Benefits and Services

NAFEC speaks on behalf of the COC System and has earned the respect of both Congress and USDA leadership for the betterment of agriculture nationwide. NAFEC serves as a vital legislative advocate for the COC system, farm programs and farmers and ranchers, while providing procedural advisement and departmental and congressional consultation.

NAFEC works to preserve the FSA COC system and continues to improve the COC system for the local administration of farm programs that America’s farmers, ranchers and rural communities need in order to thrive.

NAFEC provides advice and consultation for COC members when administrative matters arise between the COC and State Offices.

NAFEC also provides financial planning and investment benefits for its members.

More information concerning NAFEC and benefits can be found at www.nafecfsa.com.