

Hey there fellow NASCOE members! It is with great excitement that I would like to announce my candidacy for NASCOE Treasurer and I appreciate your consideration. Thank you also for taking the time to read my announcement in order to learn a little more about me and my qualifications. My name is Jessi Colgrove and I have been the CED in Gage County, Nebraska for 11 year and I have been a proud FSA employee and NASCOE member for 13 years. I grew up in north central Nebraska on the South Dakota border on a black angus cattle ranch. I was 6 months old the first time I rode a horse and I soon became my dad's right hand when it came to working cattle.



Strangely though, I never considered agriculture as a career...that is until I was hired as a PT in the Jefferson County, Nebraska office. When I became a COT and then a CED, I realized that the first 18 years of my life had prepared me for the career that I was always meant to have. I have rediscovered my love of agriculture and equally important, a love of management and leadership. Working for FSA is not without its challenges but I enjoy every day, collaborating with an amazing group of people and supporting a proud agricultural tradition in southeastern Nebraska.

I have always been a member of NASCOE and after watching from the sidelines for a couple of years, I became a NEBRASCOE board member. I have served as the NEBRASCOE Treasurer, NEBRASCOE President and Past President, Northwest Area Alternate Executive, Northwest Area Executive, and I currently serve as the Northwest Area Legislative Chair where I have assumed the responsibility of PAC Coordinator. I have attended the last 7 National Conventions in person as well as the 2020 Virtual Convention, as well as numerous area rallies and state meetings. In addition, I have attended 2 negotiation sessions in Washington DC and the 2019 Leadership Conference. I am enthusiastic about NASCOE, not only because of the friendships I have formed but because of the work that we have accomplished to improve working conditions for our employees and to improve program delivery for our producers.

I enjoy working with numbers and I have a particular affinity for accounting. I find a personal sense of satisfaction when I am able to identify the source of an error and I can't stop searching until I find it! You will find me to be trustworthy, honest, and dedicated to NASCOE. If elected I can guarantee that I would manage NASCOE's assets with more care and consideration than I give my own.

My husband Blaine and I currently reside on his family farm and enjoy riding horses, hunting, and traveling the world together. We both love animals and in addition to a small herd of cattle, we share our lives with 2 horses (Patriot and Preacher), 3 donkeys (Leon, Elmer, and Shotgun), 2 dogs (Pounder and Ruby), a mule named Nuisance, and an old garage cat named Stripee.