

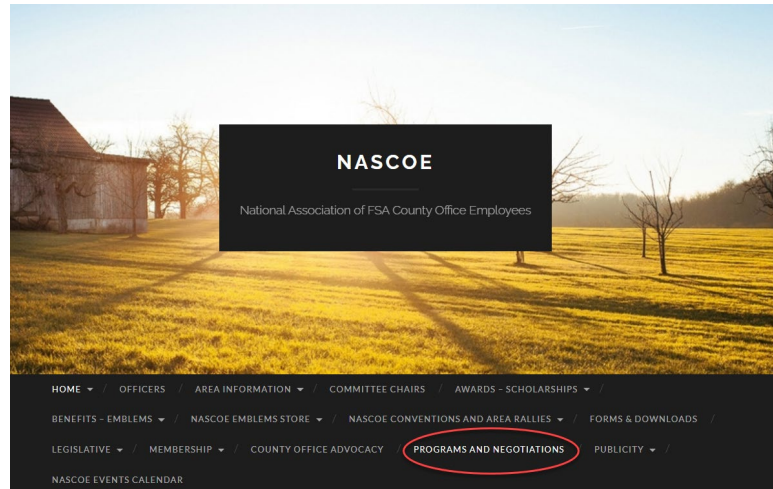


# NASCOE can take your ***PROGRAM & NEGOTIATIONS SUBMISSIONS*** directly to Management!

Have a solution to a program or software problem or inefficiency?

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Visit [nascoe.org](http://nascoe.org) and submit your idea through the Programs and Negotiations tab.



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The Programs and Negotiations page contains a brief overview of the committee along with your Area Consultants contact names and state.

Negotiation items are a formal mechanism where NASCOE presents member concerns and issues directly to management in order to promote beneficial changes and help streamline program delivery.

While formal negotiations occur annually, problems still arise throughout the year concerning inefficiencies or issues in FSA program areas. Such topics might include improvements to software, revising forms, or clarifying program rules.

## Programs and Negotiations

Two of the most important functions of NASCOE are the Programs and Negotiations processes. These processes provide opportunities for NASCOE to present member's concerns and program issues to FSA program staff and management. Programs and Negotiations activities allow the concerns of membership to be presented in an effective manner and has produced many successful outcomes.

NASCOE encourages all members to take some time and utilize the online submission form at: <http://nascoe.org/forms-downloads/programs-submission/>

Be sure to clearly state the issue with background and facts, your position on the issue, recommendations for resolution, and any handbook/Notice references.

If you have any questions, please contact your Area Programs and Negotiations Consultants as follows:

MWA – Jennifer Comer, Iowa  
NEA – Barbara Parsons, West Virginia  
NWA – Lisa Wiese, Nebraska  
SEA – Rachel Mullican, Alabama  
SWA – Breeann Fink, Kansas

### Online Submission Form

[Online Programs and Negotiations Submission Form](#)  
(opens in new tab)

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When providing a Programs or Negotiations submission, please provide applicable handbook references along with detailed explanations of the following items:

- Program Area of Suggestion
- Issue
- Facts
- Proposed Solution to the Issue
- Expected Target Date of Implementation.

The form is titled "Program Area of Suggestion" and contains several sections for user input:

- Program Area of Suggestion \***: A list of checkboxes for categories such as Administrative / HR, Common Programs / Farm Records / Recons/ Transfer, Conservation, Dairy - MPR/DMC, Farmers.gov, Fiscal Programs (Receivables / Claims / Overpayments / Assignments / Joint Payments), Livestock Programs (LFP / LIP), NAP, Outreach, Payment Limitation, Price Support / MAL / LDP, Production Adjustment, Public Information / GovDelivery, and Other.
- ISSUE \***: A text field for "Program #/title/area of concern and procedure reference if applicable" and a "Your answer" field.
- FACTS \***: A text field for "Circumstances of the concern" and a "Your answer" field.
- PROPOSED SOLUTION OR EXPECTED END RESULT \***: A text field for "Your suggestion for correcting the inefficiency" and a "Your answer" field.
- EXPECTED TARGET DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION \***: A "Date" field with a dropdown menu for "mm/dd/yyyy".

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A copy of the Program or Negotiation submission will be emailed to the email address associated with this item.

## NASCOE Program Efficiency and Negotiations Consultation Submission Form

Thank you for submitting a Program Efficiency suggestion!

**NASCOE wants to see prompt results when it comes to your ideas for how we can improve the way we do business! A state, area, or national programs chairperson may contact you for further clarification of the problem/ solution and will keep you informed of their communication with the National Office.**

