

### Farm Service Agency Committee Nominations Being Accepted

KLZA - Shawna Mitchell, County Executive Director for the Richardson Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced that farmer and rancher candidate nominations are currently being accepted for the local FSA county committees(COCs). The nomination period closes Wednesday, August 1, 2012 with the election taking place between Friday, November 5, and the close of business on Monday, December 3, 2012.

To be eligible to serve on a FSA COC a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a COC election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Producers may nominate themselves or others and organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign a nomination form.

The form and other information about FSA COC elections are available online at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections) or you may visit any local FSA office to obtain a copy. Nomination forms for the 2012 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by close of business August 1, 2012.

FSA COC members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

Members serve three-year terms.

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