

# NAFEC

National Association  
of  
Farmer Elected Committees





# History of County Committee System

- Created in 1933 with the passage of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA)
- Part of Roosevelt's "New Deal" that included Federal farm programs
- Original committee members were selected by the County Extension Directors in 1933
- County Committees (COC) ran the county office until 1953 when an office manager was hired
- Each township had a committee made up of 5 members (3 of which were county voting members)




## History of County Committees (continued)

- Township/community committees would have a convention to nominate and elect the 3 member county committee
- Local Administrative Areas (LAA) were formed in the early 90s which marked the end of the township/community committees
- Each LAA elects one person to represent their area for a 3 year term
- The COC was created as a grassroots system of government with local control of farm programs
- COC closely models a board of directors in the private sector




# County Committee Duties

- Hire & Supervise the County Executive Director
  - Provide oversight and accountability of farm program administration
  - Ensure that producers and the public understand FSA programs
  - Assist with outreach to local farmers & ranchers
  - Approve farm program contracts
  - Conduct hearings and inquiries
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# History of NAFEC

- Created in 1965
  - Mission of retaining, improving, and strengthening the county committee system of program delivery
  - Ensure fairness for county committees and employees in FSA offices, as well as promoting the interest of American farmers and ranchers
  - Work closely with all agricultural organizations on county office issues
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# NAFEC Membership & Benefits

- Annual membership fee \$40/calendar year for current and former COC members/Advisors & Associate membership \$20/calendar year
  - Payroll deduction available for \$4/meeting for current COC members/Advisors & \$1/associate members. Former COC pay lump sums annually.
    - Regular Members include all current and former COC Members and Advisors
    - Associate Members include all others
- \$1,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Coverage
- Discounted group benefits available from JM Marketing
  - Insurance to include Dental, Vision, Health, Cancer, Accident Medical, Life, Long Term Care
  - Retirement Savings, Identity Theft Protection, Disability Income for Farmer/Rancher, Estate Planning



## Why is it important to Join NAFEC?

- NAFEC helps producers maintain the grassroots organization of the COC system.
  - NAFEC provides resources to help drive positive change thru multiple channels.
  - NAFEC has its own Washington DC consultant to assist with agency and legislative contacts.
  - NAFEC provides opportunities for COC members to utilize their leadership skills and be active participants in the process.
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# Become a Member

- Membership forms are available from your County Director or on the NAFEC website [www.fsacountycommittees.org](http://www.fsacountycommittees.org)
- At the annual meeting, any current or former COC members are eligible to serve on the National NAFEC board if elected to the position they are nominated for
- Currently seeking 2 NAFEC members from each state to serve as State Directors, as well as alternate state directors





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