



National Association of Farmer Elected Committees

Representing Farm Service Agency County Committee Members since 1965

NAFEC Washington DC Summary: June 2- 4. 2025

NAFEC

Attending – Jim Zumbrink(OH) President, Craig Turner (TX), Executive Vice President, Bob Braden(IA), Secretary/Treasurer, Cole Simms (LA) Director, David Senter, Legislative Consultant, Kevin Dale, NAFEC National Marketing Director, Teresa Dillard, Dillard Financial Solutions.

Visits were made to:

Congressman GT Thompson, PA the Chair of House Ag Committee
Congressman Frank Lucas, OK former Chair of AG committee and Current Ag Committee Member
Senator John Boozman AR Chair of Senate Ag Committee
Senator Amy Klobachar - Democratic ranking member of Senate Ag Committee
U.S. House Committee on Agriculture
Harlea Hoelscher - Legislative Assistant on commodity policy and crop insurance
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture
Carley McLean- Professional Staffer on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

Congressional positions presented:

A Farm Crisis is nearing and a farm bill is critical
COC should have all farm bill program review and approval
FSA offices need to be adequately staff to be able to deliver the programs
NAFEC request a seat at the table on any USDA reorganization

Visit to:

Secretary Rollins staff - senior Advisor to the Secretary Allison Slagell. Deputy Under Secretary to FPAC
Brooke Appleton, Steve Peterson, FPAC

Position- same as Congress plus added the need for COC training

Visit to:

Administrator Beam & staff Kim Graham - advisor to the Administrator, former Acting Administrator.
Jamie White - Acting DAFP, Janice Kolvet - Acting DAFO, Trina Brake - Assistant to DAFO, Sherry who works with the COC's for DAFO plus 7 other staff members on teams that we did not get name for during the meeting.

Items Discussed:

NAFEC positions to administrator
Importance of COC delivery system
Concerns regarding lack of face to face training of COCs
Concern further reduction in COC meetings and the use of virtual u stead of face to face meetings
DD oversight of CED's is a concern
Max representation if COC when offices are combined (up to 11 members)
All Minority advisor full voting rights & 3 year term
We were asked to provide follow-up on COC training -NAFEC provided a follow up letter to the FSA Administrator and his staff regarding visit with information discussed in meeting

The County Committee System of FSA:
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