



The National Association of Farmer Elected Committees

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: A Case for the Continued Local Delivery System of Farm Programs From the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees (NAFEC)

As many cuts are being proposed in various places across government, the National Farmer Elected Committee Association, (NAFEC) announces their support for the local elected committee system that oversees our nation's farm programs administered by the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the employees working in local offices that directly administer those programs to the farmers and ranchers in rural America. With agriculture commodity prices at extremely low levels and input costs at record high levels and natural disasters affecting farm areas, the ability to provide local delivery of farm program funding is critically important. This system is made up of offices in rural communities, with locally elected farmers and ranchers serving on county committees with program oversight, rather than the Washington DC or state bureaucracy overseeing these programs, has been the key to quick and efficient delivery of farm programs for over 80 years. Providing taxpayer accountability for farm program funding is the hallmark of this locally elected system of on the ground, face to face, service. Rural communities all across America, including: local banks, local schools, local cooperatives and business, as well as farmers and ranchers themselves and their families, continue to benefit from this system that has helped make American Agriculture #1 in the world. We urge farmers and ranchers, rural businesses, and agriculture partners all across the nation to join us in ensuring our local offices and staff in rural communities all across the nation are maintained, and critical federal funds to support our food supply continue to be delivered through the USDA/FSA County Elected Committee system and its county office employees!

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The National Association of Farmer Elected Committees is a non-profit organization composed of and led by farmers, nominated and elected by farmers, and serving all farmers in each of their county USDA Farm Service Agency offices. To learn more about NAFEC or to join please go to <http://www.nafecfsa.com>

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