

Are you a **FARMER**



ARE YOU

- an owner**
- part owner**
- tenant or**
- share cropper**

**IF SO THEN YOU CAN VOTE
IN THE**

A S C S ELECTION!

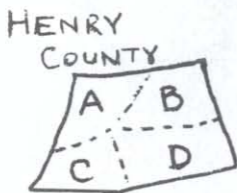
How much cotton do you plant ?

Do you plant as much as you want ?

Who tells you how much to plant ?

In each county, the ASCS County Committee decides how much cotton each farmer can plant.

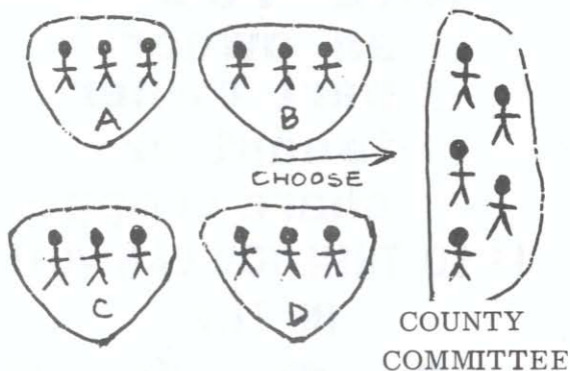
Each county is divided into ASCS Communities. For example, Henry County



has 4 ASCS Communities...
Community A,
B, C, and D.

In each Community, you and your farmer neighbors elect 5 farmers to the ASCS Community Committee. 大 大 大 大 大

The 3 farmers who got the most votes in each Community all attend the County Convention and elect 5 farmers to the ASCS COUNTY COMMITTEE.



The 5 farmers elected to the COUNTY COMMITTEE can be any farmers who live in the county and are able to vote in ASCS elections.

How Is The ASCS Set Up You Can Vote ...

- if you are a farm owner, tenant, or sharecropper
- a wife of a farm owner can vote if she is part owner and her name is on the deed, or if her name is on the contract as a tenant or sharecropper
- if you are under 21 and you run a whole farm, you can vote

REMEMBER

- You don't have to know how to read and write
- You don't have to already be registered at the courthouse

Make Sure You Can Vote

- There is a list of eligible voters in the County ASCS Office. This is a public list and you can ask to see a copy.
- The County Office sends out a mailing by Nov. 2 telling people about the election
- The ballots are sent out by Nov. 22 to everyone on the County list

If Your Name Is Not On The List

- If you don't get a letter after **Nov. 2**
- If you don't get a ballot after **Nov. 22**
- GO TO THE COUNTY OFFICE WITH PROOF THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.** For example, you can bring your deed of ownership, or receipts for rent or seed or fertilizer, or a written statement from your landlord



Who Can Run

Anyone who can vote in the ASCS election can also be placed on the ballot

Placing Names On The Ballot

- You and your neighbors can place names of farmers you want to vote for on the ballot by signing nominating petitions for them
- The petitions can say something like this:
“We nominate John Johnson for the ASCS Community Committee.”
- 6 or more farmers who are eligible to vote in the ASCS election and who all live in the same ASCS Community must sign the petition
- The person you nominate must also live in the same ASCS community as you do
- You can sign petitions for as many candidates as you want
- Nominating petitions must be brought to the ASCS County Office by **Nov. 12** in order to get your candidates' names on the ballot
- If possible, bring the petition to the Office before **Nov. 12**. That way, if it is disqualified, you will have time to get more names if needed.

Marking Your Ballot

- On **Nov. 22** the County Office will mail you your ballot
- If your ballot doesn't come, go to the County Office and ask for a Second Ballot
- You can vote for 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 candidates. You don't have to vote for 5 if you don't want to
- Make sure you know the names of your candidates and **VOTE ONLY FOR YOUR CANDIDATES**
- If your candidate didn't get his name on the ballot there is room in 5 blank spaces at the bottom to write in names
- With your ballot you will also get two envelopes--a plain envelope and an addressed envelope
- When you have voted for your candidates put your ballot into the plain envelope and seal it
- Put the plain envelope into the addressed envelope and seal it
- On the back of the addressed envelope is a place for you to sign your name. If you can't write then make an X and have a witness sign his name.
- The addressed envelope must be signed or your vote will not be counted

Get Your Ballot In

- Mail your ballot in or take it in person to the ASCS County Office. **YOUR BALLOT MUST BE IN THE COUNTY OFFICE BY Dec. 2.**

Counting The Votes

- The counting of the votes will be on some day before Dec. 7. The County Office is supposed to let people know when and where. Everyone can go and watch.

ASCS means Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

- It was set up by the Federal Government in the 1930's to help farmers get a fair price for their crop. It is part of the U. S. Department of Agriculture
- It surveys your cotton fields in the summer and it tells you how much cotton you can plant
- It gives loans to store your crop and loans to improve your land
- It gives out information to help you farm better

Why You Should Take Part In The ASCS Elections

- This year the County Committee has to put some Negroes on the ballot--but you know who they will pick
- So if you want
 - good committeemen who will really serve you
 - a fair share of cotton land to plant
 - a chance to get loans that you need
- You and your neighbors must get together and
 - nominate -campaign for -vote for
- YOUR OWN CANDIDATES in the ASCS elections.

For More Information On ASCS Elections Contact:

- the County ASCS Office
- your local Freedom Democratic Party Office
- your local Freedom Labor Union Office
- Freedom Information Service, Box 366, Edwards, Mississippi, Phone 852-2622