



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FARMER ELECTED COMMITTEES

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Fellow COC Members and NASCOE Members,

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As a 5th generation farmer and rancher I have grown up knowing the value of Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs in my operation and have developed a deep appreciation for the County Committee (COC) system tasked with overseeing these programs at the grassroots level. This appreciation has fostered my interest and involvement in the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees or NAFEC. My involvement with NAFEC started when I was elected as a new COC member in Motley County, Texas. Becoming a member increased my awareness and understanding of the importance of NAFEC and what it does to protect our representation in implementing federal farm policy.

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NAFEC's mission is, and will always be, to promote and improve the farmer elected committee system for the local administration of farm programs. The coordinated efforts of NAFEC give us needed strength and influence in Congress to advocate for and protect the kind of farm programs America's farmers, ranchers and rural communities need in order to thrive.

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Just like FSA and the National Association of FSA County office Employees (NASCOE), the COC system and NAFEC are facing many challenges and threats to our delivery system. These challenges are coming in the form of budget cuts which hamper our ability to meet and administer farm programs, restructuring plans such as the Jackson-Lewis Report which calls for a change from elected to appointed COC members, and restructuring plans where COC boundaries are expanded and COC authority is watered down at the county level.

As a result of current issues, NAFEC and NASCOE have teamed up in 2012 to try and strengthen both organizations to be prepared to address upcoming budget and farm bill debates. We have many challenges facing us in the not too distant future and it is imperative that we garner all the strength and support we can to protect our voice in the administration of farm programs at the grassroots level.

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There is no better time to become a NAFEC Member or Associate Member than today. We have a few promotions that we are excited to offer both new and renewing member and associate members which include:

- \$5 off membership dues for members enrolling during their first face-to-face meeting of 2012 (or December 2011) or December/January enrollment for associate members.

- Two raffle drawings for your choice of two Yeti Coolers, Remington 770 Camo Rifle or a \$500 Visa gift card will be held in Boise at the 2012 NASCOE convention. Winners will be selected in two categories: New members and Renewing Members. (See flyer with this letter for more information.)

As a member of NAFEC you are also eligible for group discounts for insurance products through JM Marketing. For more information on this please visit the NAFEC benefit website at www.nafecbenefits.com.

I would like to extend a personal invitation to each of you to join our organization. The need has never been greater and our challenges have never been more serious than they are today. Information on how to become a member is included with this letter and if you ever have any questions/concerns/issues that need to be discussed or addressed I'm just an email or phone call away at turner_and_turner@yahoo.com or 806-269-0610. Thank you for your consideration and support of the county committee delivery system, our Nation's food and fiber producers, and American agriculture.

Sincerely,

Craig Turner
NAFEC President

Serving Agriculture Since 1965



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Become a Member or Associate Member today for your chance to win your choice of:



Yeti Tundra 35 and Yeti Roadie 20 coolers!

OR



Remington 770 Stainless Camo Rifle

OR

\$500 Visa Gift Card

Two winners will be drawn at the convention- one from new members and associate members and another from renewing members and associate members. All you need to do to enter in the drawing is complete a membership application and send a check with your applicable dues to Tom Adroin, NAFEC Secretary/Treasurer. Drawing will be held at the 2012 NASCOE Convention in Boise, ID. **Need not be present to win so join today!!!**

Note: NAFEC dues policy changed for 2012, producers with a FSA-444 dues withholding for \$3 per meeting will still be honored as members until the new dues withholding process is completed by FSA. In order to be eligible for the drawing members must be paid in full prior to the NASCOE Convention in August.

NAFEC Enrollment Steps

1. Complete the NAFEC Membership Application/Renewal Form Member information included with this packet.
2. Indicate whether you wish to receive an electronic copy of NAFEC Newsletter and News Briefings. If yes, please provide email address in the space provided.
3. Please indicate if you are a new or renewing member.
4. Please check the type of membership.

-If the entire COC is joining check the 1st box, complete a membership form for each member, and mail the forms along with a check in the amount of \$30 per member (**\$25 if enrolled in December 2011 meeting or first face-to-face meeting of 2012**) to the address below. Please indicate in the memo of your check if signed up during your first meeting of 2012.

-If COC members are joining individually please check the 2nd box, complete the membership form, and mail a check in the amount of \$35 per member (**\$30 if enrolled in December 2011 meeting or first face-to-face meeting of 2012**) to the address below. Please indicate in the memo of your check if signed up during your first meeting of 2012.

-If you are an associate member please check the 3rd box, complete a membership form, and mail a check in the amount of \$20 per associate (**\$15 if enrolled during December 2011 or January 2012**) to the address below.

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If you have any questions please refer them to Tom Ardoin at Phone/Fax: 337-599-2783
Mobile: 337-831-0671 or email: tntardoin@centurytel.net or Chance Fenoglio Phone 940-634-2353 or email: chance.fenoglio@yahoo.com.

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NAFEC Membership Form

National Association of Farmer Elected Committee Application for Membership/Renewal Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

-Would you prefer to have the NAFEC Newsletter mailed to you electronically? Yes ___ No ___

PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU ARE A NEW OR RENEWING MEMBER. New ___ Renewing ___

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

___ -COC Member regular dues (entire COC joins) \$30 per member (\$25 if enrolled during December meeting or first face-to-face 2012 meeting)***-Please send payment and membership information in one packet to the address below.

___ - COC Member regular dues \$35 per member (\$30 if enrolled during first meeting)***

___ -Associate Membership dues \$20 per associate member (\$15 if enrolled in Dec/Jan)***

*****If you join in your first scheduled meeting (or in December or January for associate members) you will receive \$5 off your membership dues. Please indicate this is your first meeting in the memo of your dues check if applicable.**

Please fill out one membership form per member and mail with check made payable to NAFEC to:

Tom Ardoin, Secretary / Treasurer NAFEC

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