



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
AGRICULTURAL POLICY

County Agricultural Development Councils 2018-2020

Fact Sheet: Council Membership

Member Terms

All terms end every two years on even years. Even if an individual is eligible for another term, the current term ends on June 30, 2020.

Members representing an appointing agency may be reappointed to a second consecutive term.

At Large Members are not subject to the two consecutive, 2-year term limit, but must be elected (or re-elected) by the six appointed members.

Vacancy Terms

If someone is appointed in an odd-year to fill a vacancy, then that individual's term still ends June 30, 2020. However, if the person served less than 12-months, then this does not count as a full term for the purposes of rotation.

Please submit all address changes or changes in council membership to GOAP, so that our records will be current. Email govkyagpolicy@ky.gov or fax 502-564-8990.

Purpose

County Agricultural Development Councils were established by the General Assembly in 2000 to develop local strategies for enhancing agricultural opportunities and assisting local farmers [KRS 248.721(7)].

- ✓ **Farm Service Agency:** represented by two (2) farmers
- ✓ **Conservation District:** represented by two (2) members
- ✓ **Extension Council:** represented by two (2) members, one with agricultural diversification experience
- ✓ **At Large:** three members chosen (elected) by the six appointed members
- ✓ **Diversity:** at least two of the nine members shall be young farmers (ages 21 to 40); at least one of the nine shall represent an underserved population (e.g. gender, race, etc.)

At Large Members

When electing the three at large members, the six appointed council members should give consideration to minority and young farmer requirements, if not fulfilled within the six appointees.

Term Dates:

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020



Staggered Terms

Staggering terms is encouraged, but it is the choice of the appointing agency to appoint or reappoint its representatives, not to exceed two consecutive 2-year terms.

Prior to 2009, some counties chose to begin their own method of staggering terms by making appointments in odd years. If a county already has this in place, then that is fine. However, please notify GOAP if your county makes odd-year appointments and provide updated information.

GOAP will only send out formal requests for membership updates, during even years when terms end according to statute [KRS 248.721(3)].

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