Fact Sheet: Council Membership

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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