

Co. ASC Election Plans Announced

Plans for holding the annual ASC elections in the townships and the annual ASC county convention were announced this week by Dewey E. Eller, chairman of the county ASC committee.

The period for voting in the township elections will be from June 28 through July 7. The county convention will be held on July 26 in Iowa Falls.

An ASC community committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman and regular members will be elected in each township. In addition, first and second alternate members will be elected in each township. Voting for community committeemen will be done by mail, the same as in recent years, with the county ASC office sending a secret ballot and return envelope to every eligible voter on its records. The ballots will be mailed out by June 27. To encourage farmers to participate in the ASC elections, the return envelopes will be the type requiring no stamp or payment of postage.

At the county convention, a county ASC committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman and regular member, as well as first and second alternate members, will be elected.

The county and community committees administer the federal government's price support, wool incentive, soil bank, acreage allotment and cost-sharing conservation programs on the local level. Members of both the county and community committees will be elected for 1-year terms beginning Aug. 1. However, newly elected chairmen and vice chairman of the community committees will serve as delegates and alternate delegates to the county convention.

Dates and procedure for the annual township elections and county conventions will be the same in all counties of the state. The general rules on eligibility to vote and hold office will be the same as last year. There are no restrictions on the number of terms an eligible person may serve on either his county or community committee.

Supervision and direction of the elections are in charge of a county election board composed of officially designated persons outside the ASC organization. Under this plan R. D. Pulse, county Extension Service director, will serve as chairman. Other election board members are Calvin Moore, local head of the Soil Conservation Service, and John Govern, Farmers Home Administration supervisor for this county. Formally organized county units of national farm organizations may each have a representative on the election board.

The county election board has appointed a community election board in each township, composed of three farmers who are not incumbent ASC officers. Each community election board will have the responsibility of nominating at least 10 candidates for community committeemen by June 11. However, additional candidates may be nominated as late as June 20 upon petition of 10 or more farmers. As in past ASC elections, voters may also write in the names of candidates.

Any farm owner, operator or tenant may vote in the ASC township elections if he is now participating in any of the agency's programs, or if he is or will be eligible to participate in the regular price support program, the Sugar Act program or the wool incentive program.