

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, 2026**.

Members may be re-appointed or re-elected to a second term, if eligible. However, no member is guaranteed a second term.

Vacancy Terms

If someone is appointed in an odd-year to fill a vacancy, then that individual's term still ends June 30, 2026. However, if the person served less than 12-months, then this does not count as a full term for the purposes of rotation.

The appointing agency has 60 days to fill any vacant positions.

Please submit all address changes or changes in council membership to KOAP, so that our records will be current. Email KOAP@ky.gov.



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, 2026 – June 30, 2028



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 KOAP if your county makes odd-year appointments and provide updated information.

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

Visit <https://kyagr.com/agpolicy>. Click on the KADF drop-down to the right and select **County Agricultural Development Councils for other valuable information.**