

## 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, 2024**.

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, 2024. 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](mailto: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, 2024 – June 30, 2026



### 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.**