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**SUBJECT:** National Food and Agriculture Council (NFAC) Calendar Year 2013  
Chairperson

**TO:** State Conservationists, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
State Directors, Farm Service Agency  
State Directors, Rural Development

Each year, administrative and operational responsibilities of NFAC are transferred to one of three Department of Agriculture Service Center agencies. For calendar year 2013, the NFAC Chair and associated responsibilities have rotated to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). State Conservationists for NRCS chair the State Food and Agriculture Council in 2013, State Executive Directors for the Farm Service Agency will chair in 2014, and State Directors for Rural Development will chair in 2015.

As representatives of the State Food and Agriculture Council (SFAC), please continue your operations and functions as outlined in the Food and Agriculture Council (FAC) Handbook. The operations and functions have not changed. The FAC Handbook is being updated to include current 2013 contact information. Beginning January 2013, send your SFAC minutes and requests for moves, closures, co-locations, and de-combinations to:

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We will continue to move the NFAC beyond transactional to transformational activities in 2013. Priorities will continue to include the Blueprint for Stronger Service, ongoing regional initiatives,

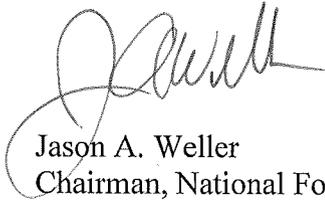
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StrikeForce, and other initiatives, disaster recovery, drought assistance, and other priorities that we jointly identify. We are here to support you, and we look forward to collaborating with you.

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