

DSA Award-Service to NASCOE
Dean Pendergast
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Dean started working as a permanent COE for USDA-ASCS/FSA in November 19, 1984, but he did work as a Field Assistant before 1984. Dean became a member of NYASCOE in November 1984, he is a lifetime member. Dean began his ASCS/FSA career as the CED in Monroe County NY and transferred to Livingston County NY in 1989.

Livingston County office has always had 100% membership in NYASCOE.

Dean was certified in June 1997 to be a facilitator trainer for the Kaset International Program - USDA Service Center Skills: Working Together for Customers -- and then trained for all USDA Service Center employees in New York State.

In 1999 one of the County producers sent threatening letters to the Secretary of Ag, and other Washington DC officials. Dean was instrumental in providing Defensive & self-protection training from local & State Law enforcement officers for county office employees.....this eventually resulted in County office employees across the state receiving defensive training.

He's been doing yield tests for the National Corn Growers contest since at least 1995.

Dean has been a COT trainer specifically for CRP, Price Support, & Administrative Programs. Dean has done this training for a number of years.

In 2008 Livingston County was selected as a host site for the Lean Six Sigma Training, and Dean was involved in all aspects of the Training for two months.

To prove how dedicated Dean is – he is a lifetime Cleveland Browns fan and that takes a lot of dedication. Plus he enjoys sitting through the whole Browns – Bills football game and never losing his positive attitude.

Dean has been the "NASCOE glue" that has held NYASCOE together. State Presidents come and go but Dean has always been on the Executive Board to provide guidance to the new offices. When I list Dean's NASCOE/NYASCOE contributions I am taking the risk in missing something:

- Dean has been NYASCOE Legislative Chair for most of the NASCOE National Legislative conferences. Dean has been a very active leader as the NYASCOE Legislative Chair: training new attendees for the Washington DC trip, developing written talking points for NYASCOE attendees, developing NYS Ag Fact Sheets to be used for legislative meetings, developing a key contact for each of our rural congressmen, ensuring that all urban NYS Congressman are contacted in DC and FSA employee benefit papers are reviewed with office staff.
- Dean has been the leader in NYASCOE and NASCOE's support for NAFEC. It was Dean's recommendation that each year NYASCOE pay the dues for one FSA County Committee member to be a member of NAFEC. NYASCOE has done this for several years. Talk to any of the NASCOE leaders and mention Dean's name and they all will tell you he is the true supporter of NAFEC.
- While serving as NYASCOE President and Vice-President Dean has been through a number of "Office Consolidation" plans and has always maintained an open line of communication with the FSA State office and County office employees.
- Dean was a member of the planning committee for the 1997 NASCOE National Convention in Rochester, NY. And a good time was had by all.
- Dean has attended numerous NASCOE National Conventions.