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Make a plan to vote on November 3

With CANVAS happening during Election Day, here are some tips for making your voice heard

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ASA, CSSA, and SSSA recognize the importance of informed civic engagement to help ensure that the needs of our fields are reflected in policy decisions. This article intends to help you plan to vote ahead of election day on November 3, which is particularly important for those planning to attend CANVAS November 1–4.

Science is on the ballot in this year's general election, so get out and vote on **November 3!** Public policy decisions have a direct impact on research in **agronomy, crop science, soil science, and environmental sciences**. These disciplines are essential to addressing some of the nation's most pressing challenges, including food security, natural resource management, and energy production.

The upcoming general election will determine 435 members of the House of Representatives, 35 U.S. senators, 44 state legislatures, 36 governors, and numerous other offices. It represents an important opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

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- [Confirm your voter registration status.](#)

- Review your state's rules for [absentee voting](#) and [early voting](#).
- Review [key dates and deadlines](#) for absentee and early voting.
- **Make a plan to vote** in a way that works best for you.

As a reminder, CANVAS is November 1–4, which means that registrants must vote early or absentee.

Review our [Voter Toolkit](#) for more details on how to best prepare yourself for the November 3 general election.

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