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Ionia County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee

Meeting: March 6, 2014
at 10:00 AM

Ionia County COC Election Results

The ballots have been counted! Congratulations go out to Dave Hardy. Dave was elected to represent the residents of Kenne, Boston, Berlin, Campbell, and Odessa Townships on the County Committee (COC). This is Dave's first term and the office staff and COC members look forward to working with him. Steven C Roth was elected to serve as an alternate on the COC. Thank you to all who participated in the election!

We say a fond farewell to COC member Steve Buche and thank him for serving area farmers through his 3 terms (9 years) on the committee.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

The noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) is a federally funded program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. Application for coverage must be filed by the applicable crop's application closing date. Production records for all crops must be reported to the FSA office no later than the application closing date for the crop for the following year. FSA requires that any production reported in a loss year be verifiable according to Agency specifications. NAP Losses must be reported within 15 days of loss.

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