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Newsletters Becoming Obsolete – New Format Known as GovDelivery

The USDA Farm Service Agency offices are moving toward a paperless operation. Producers are asked to enroll in the new GovDelivery system which will provide notices, newsletters and electronic reminders instead of a hard copy through the mail. A few copies will be available at the office for those who are interested in the information and do not have e-mail access.

FSA, like many other organizations, is trying to work smarter and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

Producers can subscribe to receive free e-mail updates by contacting your local FSA office or go online and subscribe at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe>.

**County Committee Election
Results**

Congratulations to Clayton Farnsworth! Clayton was re-elected to represent farmers from Monroe County townships of Seneca, Summit, Center, Franklin and Wayne on the county committee.

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation.

The committee members held their organizational meeting in December for the 2012 year to determine who will serve as the county committee chairperson and vice-chairperson. Clayton Farnsworth was elected as chairperson and Charles Schaefer was selected as vice chair.

DCP Signup Ends June 1

We would like to remind producers that enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) program ends June 1, 2012. This is the final year of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill).

USDA computes DCP and ACRE direct payments using base acres and payment yields established

for each farm. Payments will be issued in October to eligible producers at rates established by statute regardless of market prices.

**County Committee Election
Nominations**

From **June 15 through Aug. 1**, farmers and ranchers can nominate eligible peers as candidates for election to the Belmont/Monroe County Farm Service Agency County Committee. Since County Committee elections happen only once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into *local administrative areas*, or LAA's. Each LAA selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee.

Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three-year term is expiring. In combined counties in some years, two seats may be up for election.

There are 2 different LAA's in Monroe County up for election. LAA1 AND LAA2 are part of the election process this year. LAA1 includes; Malaga, Sunbury, Switzerland, Adams and Salem townships. LAA2 includes; Green, Ohio, Lee, Perry, Jackson, Benton, Washington and Bethel townships.

Our office is looking for individuals interested in serving on the County Committee. Any eligible person residing in one of these townships who is

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interested in running for the County Committee, or would like to nominate an individual to run for the County Committee, must complete a nomination form. The nomination form for County FSA Committee Election (FSA-669A) is available at the FSA office. You may also go on-line and download the form from our Ohio FSA website at: www.fsa.usda.gov/oh. The document is located under the "I Want To" section on the right side of the screen.

Final Acreage Reporting Dates Quickly Approaching

The Farm Service Agency (FSA), would like to remind producers of the acreage reporting requirements that must be met prior to receiving program benefits. If producers miss the acreage reporting deadline dates, a late filing fee will be charged.

Producers are required to file an FSA-578, *Report of Acreage*, certification for the farm by the **June 30 deadline for small grains** and by **July 15 for all other crops except small grains**.

Acreage reporting deadlines will be changing for **2013 crop year** (crop year is considered the year the crop is intended to be harvested). For 2013, fall barley, wheat and other fall-seeded small grains must be reported by December 15, 2012. Apples and grapes must be reported by January 15, 2013, and most other crops (corn, spring oats, soybeans, hay and pasture) are to be reported by July 15, 2013.

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Dates to Remember	
May 28	Memorial Day, Office Closed
May 31	Deadline to apply for 2011 Commodity Loans and LDP's on corn and soybeans
June 1	Deadline to sign-up for 2012 DCP Program
June 15	County Committee Nomination period begins.
June 30	Final certification date for small grains.
July 4	Independence Day Holiday. FSA Offices Closed.
July 15	Final certification date for all crops except small grains.
Aug. 1	Final date to request farm reconstitution for current fiscal year.
Aug. 1	Last day to file County Committee Nomination forms.
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loan Program.
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program.

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