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## Belmont/Monroe County Ohio FSA News

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### Belmont/Monroe County FSA Office COC Nomination Deadline Nears

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The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

County committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms.

The COC nomination period ends **August 1, 2013**. The nomination form is available at USDA Service Centers and [online](#). Nominations are being accepted for the two Belmont County positions on the Committee.

For more information, contact the Belmont/Monroe County FSA office or visit the County Committee Elections website to learn more about the County Committee Election process at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

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### DCP Program Enrollment Deadline Approaching

The sign-up period for DCP is coming to a close. It is important producers contact the Belmont/Monroe County FSA office to set up appointments **before** the August 2, 2013, deadline. The office received notification that signatures may be accepted for the program through September 16, 2013.

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## Acreage & Crop Reporting Deadline Extended to August 2

Producers are reminded of the ANNUAL acreage reporting requirements that must be met prior to receiving program benefits. The acreage reporting deadlines for 2013 are as follows:

- August 2 for any spring-seeded crops (corn & soybeans), fruits and vegetables, cabbage planted by May 31st , forage crops;
- August 15th for CRP and cabbage planted between June 1st and July 20th; and
- December 15th for wheat and other fall seeded crops.

Prevented planted and failed cropland acres that will not be brought to harvest have slightly different timelines.

- Prevented planting acres must be reported within 15 calendar days of the Federal Crop Insurance Companies (FCIC) established ending planting dates. For corn, the FCIC ending planting date is June 5, and for soybeans the ending planting date is June 20.
- Failed acreage must be reported to FSA before destroying and replanting to allow time for a field check. Failure to timely report prevented planting acres may result in loss of potential disaster assistance, as well as maintaining cropping history.
- For crop losses covered by the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP), producers must contact their local FSA office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

Missing any of these deadlines could cause FSA payments to be held and a late filing penalty fee to be charged. So, please contact the Belmont/Monroe county FSA office if you have any questions or to set up an appointment to report your crop acreages.

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