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# News Release

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## When Bad Weather Prevents Planting or Damages Crops

COLUMBUS, OHIO -- April 30, 2014 -- Steve Maurer, State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA) would like to remind producers to report the acreage to your local FSA office within 15 days of the final planting date of the crop, when bad weather prevents planting or damages crops. This applies to all crops, whether covered by crop insurance, not covered by insurance, or covered by FSA's Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP). Final planting dates vary among counties and crop types.

Producers who have their crops insured through a private crop insurance company should contact the insurance agent immediately and advise them of the damaged crops. Additionally, for those crops covered under FSA's NAP, producers should immediately contact their local FSA office to report the acres and file a *CCC-576, Notice of Loss Application*.

"Producers with NAP coverage should report their losses within 15 calendar days of crop damage from natural disaster, so the loss can be appraised and production counted before the crop is put into another use, abandoned or destroyed," said Maurer.

Crops not covered with a private insurance or NAP policy should still be reported to the local FSA office. This will provide FSA with a historical record of your crop should disaster assistance become available.

For more information about reporting prevented planting or failed acres, contact your local FSA office.