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# Going Green & Paperless...

## Your Effort Will Help Belmont SWCD Go Green

With all the hype we've seen about Going Green over the past year, it's wonderful that people are taking such an interest in the environment. Belmont SWCD is also committed to Going Green and need your help with the process.

The *District Cooperator* newsletter is sent to more than 750 households in Belmont County and surrounding counties. It's no small task to print and distribute the newsletter to your mailbox. So, how can you help the District Go Green? Accept the newsletter via email or download if from the web site to view. It will reduce the number of trees being harvested for the production of paper. It will reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emitted from the vehicles that transport the products that eventually get delivered to your mail-

box in the form of a newsletter, and it will save space in a landfill when you don't have anything to throw away or recycle.

Going green will also help the District save valuable funding resources in these difficult economic times.

**The goal:** Reduce the number of newsletters sent by 20%. That is approximately 158 households.

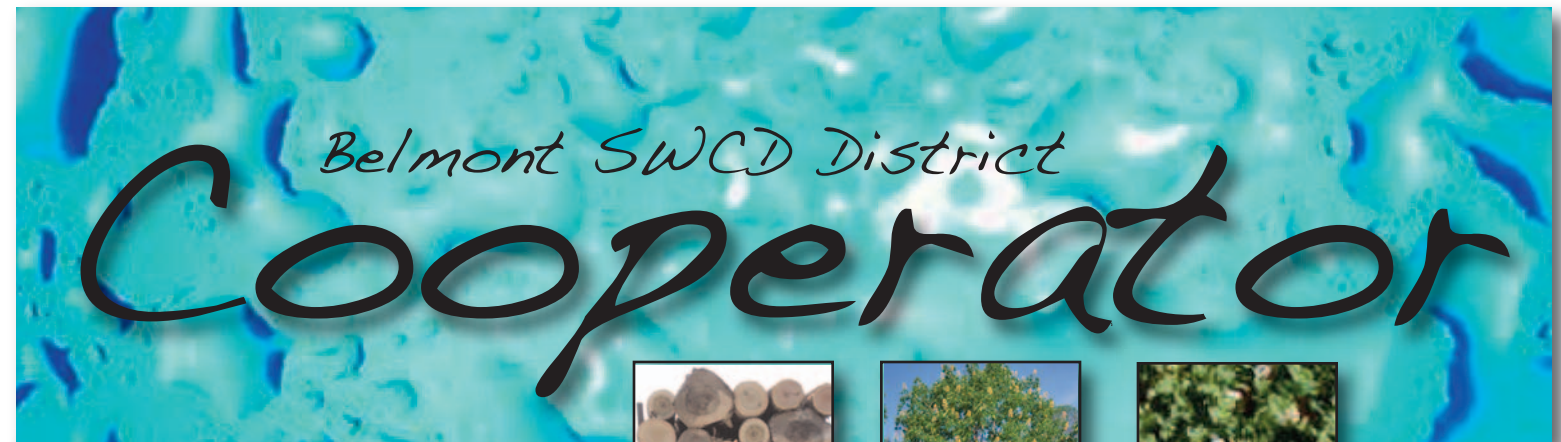
If you don't have a computer or access to the Internet and you must keep receiving the District Cooperator by mail, consider recycling. Recycling mail, cardboard boxes, and everyday household waste can significantly reduce

### Upcoming Events

Timber Workshop • February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Pond Clinic • March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Fish Sale • March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Seedlings Sale • April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

the amount of recyclables that end up in landfills.

Contact Belmont SWCD at 740-425-1100 Ext. 3 or email [Yvonne.ackerman@oh.nacdn.net](mailto:Yvonne.ackerman@oh.nacdn.net) to order the newsletter via email.



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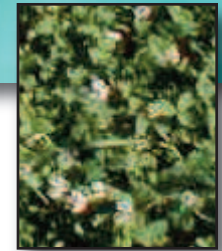
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## Ponds with a Purpose

Bill Lynch, Ohio State University Extension Specialist, Aquatic Ecosystem Management, will offer tips on aquatic plant control, stocking rates and basic pond management during Ponds with a Purpose, Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Roscoe Garage in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

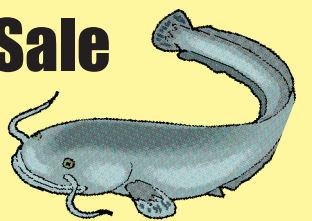
Join Lynch as he explores why aquatic plants often attain nuisance levels in ponds. He will also discuss how small ponds have the potential to offer quality fishing for largemouth bass and bluegill. Lynch will explain the key to sound fish management principals and how to adhere to them. There will also be a Question and Answer session.

Belmont SWCD will take orders for fingerling fish, which will be picked up on March 24, 2009, at the USDA Service Center in Barnesville, Ohio.

Space is limited to 40 people. For more information or reservations, contact Belmont SWCD at 740-425-1100 Ext. 3. This event is sponsored by the OSU Extension Service-Belmont County, Belmont SWCD and Belmont Farm Bureau.

### 2009 Fish Fingerling Sale

Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District is offering fish fingerling to pond owners in the area. Orders will be accepted through Thursday, March 19, 2009. You are responsible for picking up your fish on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the Belmont SWCD office located at 1119 E. Main St., Barnesville, Ohio. Payment must accompany order. For more information contact Belmont SWCD at 740-425-1100 Ext. 3.



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**Forestry/Wildlife Specialist**

Chad Turner  
**Urban-GIS Technician**

## NRCS Employees

Jeff Bettinger  
**District Conservationist**

Chad Hammond  
**Soil Conservation Technician**

# Lash, Wojchowski Sworn in as Supervisors

David Lash, Jr. of Colerain and Tim Wojchowski of St. Clairsville were sworn into office by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor during the 66th Annual Meeting of the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD) held in Columbus January 19-22.

Elected to three year terms at the District's annual meeting in November, Lash and Wojchowski join incumbent board members Donald Guindon, Ed Stenger, and Rich Theaker in administering the Belmont SWCD's natural resource conservation programs.

The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was organized in 1943 to further the natural resource conservation mission of the state's 88 county-based SWCDs. As subdivisions of state government, soil and water conservation districts have legal authority to assist landowners with a wide range of soil, water, woodland and wildlife conservation objectives. Another important goal is to provide information and education programs on natural resource conservation and management topics for a wide range of county residents.

## SWCD Reorganizes, Sets Dates

The Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met January 12, 2009. During the meeting, the board reorganized and set dates for the 2009 regular board meetings. The 2009 officers are as follows:

Richard Theaker, **Chairman**  
Edward Stenger, **Vice Chairman**  
Don Guindon, **Secretary/Fiscal Agent**  
Tim Wojchowski, **Treasurer**  
David Lash Jr., **Public Relations**

Regular monthly meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at the Belmont SWCD office, located at 1119 E. Main St., Barnesville, Ohio.

Winter meetings (November, December, January, February and March) will be held at 7:00 p.m. and the remainder will be held at 8:00 p.m.

Any person may request to be notified of meetings held by the Belmont SWCD. Persons requesting notification may receive the information via fax, phone or email at no charge. Individuals requesting notification through the United States Postal Service must provide Belmont SWCD with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for each meeting announcement. For more information, contact the Belmont SWCD office at 740-425-1100 Ext. 3.

# Improve Pasture with Frost Seeding



With winter in full swing, you are probably not thinking about spring planting, but it's not too early to start thinking about pasture renovation. Frost seeding legumes into existing pasture can be a cost effective way to improve pasture yields and introduce new species.

The concept of frost seeding is the freezing and thawing of late winter helps to work the seed into the soil.

The effect of livestock trampling is a useful tool to ensure soil to seed contact. Frost seeding Red Clover into endophyte-infected tall fescue pastures can reduce the effects of the endophyte fungus on the livestock. Conventional tillage or no-till is usually more successful. However, frost seeding is a low-cost way to improve pasture if properly completed.

Frost seeding can be used on pastures that are too steep for conventional equipment or on fields that have a potential for erosion. A four-wheeler with a broadcast seeder or a tractor with a three-point hitch mounted broadcast seeder can also be used to frost seed. The pasture should be grazed down close in the fall or winter to reduce competition from existing forages.

A soil test should be taken prior to seeding, fertility and pH should be taken into consideration to ensure a successful seeding. Soil pH should be above 6.0 and phosphorus and potassium should be applied prior to seeding. Nitrogen should not be applied the first year because it will cause the existing grasses to choke out the newly established plants.

Some forage species and seeding rates that are usually successful are:

Red Clover at 8 lbs/acre  
Birdsfoot Trefoil at 6 lbs/acre  
Ladino Clover at 1-2 lbs/acre  
Alsike Clover at 3-4 lbs/acre  
Alfalfa at 10 lbs/acre  
Annual Lespedeza at 10-15 lbs/acre

The time to frost seed in Ohio is from February 1st to March 15th. For more information contact Brian Porterfield at 740-425-1100 Ext. 111.

# Partner Programs

## Dairy Farm Meeting

February 12, 2009 • Noon  
Extension Office, St. Clairsville

**Topic:** Controlling Feed Cost via Management, Monitoring Feed Inventory & Benchmark Discussion.  
**Speaker:** Dianne Shoemaker, OSU Dairy Specialist

## Dairy Farm Meeting

March 12, 2009 • Noon  
Landefeld Dairy, Miltonsburg

**Topic:** Controlling Feed Costs via Choice of Feed Ingredients. Alfalfa vs. Corn Silage. **Speaker:** Bill Weiss, OSU Dairy Nutritionist

## Sheep & Goat Meeting

March 19, 2009 • 7:00 p.m.  
Farm Bureau Office, Barnesville

**Topic:** Sheep Nutrition - Supplements, Feeds & Minerals.  
**Speaker:** Roger A. High, OSU Extension Specialist

Contact Steve Schumacher, OSU Extension at 740-695-1455 for more information.

## Shred to Save Event


April 25, 2009  
Riesbeck's in St. Clairsville

Look in the April issue of the *District Cooperator* for more information.

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# Wildlife Seed Available for Purchase

Belmont SWCD is pleased to offer full-quality, discontinued and slightly outdated seed though a cooperative effort with Pheasants Forever.

The seed in this program will germinate at rates roughly 70 to 90 percent, and is available at reasonable rates for a limited time.

While we may not always receive the type and quantity ordered, the District will do its best to fill each order. The following food plot seed has been requested from Pheasants Forever and is being offered to you on a first-come, first-served basis.

Winter Survival Wildlife Mix, which consists of corn, sorghum, sunflower and buckwheat, is a good source of food

for almost all wildlife. The mix provides good cover for game and non-game animals. The mix comes in a 25 lb. bag and plants approximately 2 acres.

The seed *corn* is usually Round-up Ready. Corn is a great fall and winter food source for deer and other wildlife. Corn comes in 50 lb. bags and plants roughly 3 acres.

*Grain Sorghum* produces bb-sized seeds relished by doves, turkey, grouse, songbirds, rabbit, deer, and squirrel. Sorghum comes in 50 lb. bags and plants approximately 4 to 6 acres.

*Sunflowers* are excellent for doves, songbirds and waterfowl. Sunflower comes in 25 lb. bags and plants roughly 5 acres.

Planting these mixes can be very easy. On a level, sunny area it is possible to till or disk the ground, broadcast the seed, and lightly cultipack the area. Cultipacking allows for good seed to soil contact.

For your added convenience, a no-till drill and corn planter are available for rent from the SWCD office for \$10.00 per acre with a minimum charge of \$50.00 per use.

For more information on wildlife seed and planting methods contact Nathan Taylor, Wildlife/Forestry Specialist, at 740-425-1100 Ext. 110.

*Belmont SWCD offers no warranty or guaranteed results due to variations in local handling, planting methods or weather conditions.*

# BARK Tree Planting Anticipated

The Barnesville Area Reforestation Kommittee (BARK) is planning for the 2009 Tree Planting. This year's planting is tentatively set for Saturday, April 18, 2009. Although plans are not finalized, the Kommittee anticipates planting a few thousand trees on strip-mined ground near Barnesville. Keep abreast of the plans by watching the local newspapers for more information.

The Forestry Reclamation Approach end dumps piles of topsoil and under burden in six-foot deep piles without grading them smooth. The result is an area of very loose soil that is perfect for tree growth. Efforts are made to use topsoil, including the stumps, so that much of the native seed that is already in the soil remains to help revegetate the ground naturally. Because of this and the looseness of the soil, no soil leaves the site through erosion - it simply soaks in.

For more information on the Forestry Reclamation Approach to reclaiming strip mined land or for more information on the BARK Tree Planting effort, please contact Nathan Taylor at 740-425-1100 Ext. 110.

# 2-DAY SALE CONSERVATION SEEDLINGS

### Available Species

- black cherry
- black walnut
- butternut
- Chinese chestnut
- Colorado blue spruce
- northern pecan
- Ohio buckeye
- persimmon
- red oak
- sawtooth oak
- white oak
- white pine

### NEW Products

- Potted Dwarf Rhododendron
- Potted Butterfly Bushes
- Tree Planting Bars
- Tree Protectors
- Fertilizer Tablets



## APRIL 16 & 17, 2009

Sale Hours: Noon – 7:00 p.m.

### Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District

Located at 1119 East Main Street (next to the Dollar General) in Barnesville, OH  
Belmont SWCD is committed to providing affordable tree seedlings.  
Contact Belmont SWCD at 740-425-1100 Ext. 3 for more information.

**ABSOLUTELY NO PRE-ORDERS ACCEPTED.**

## Belmont SWCD Wildlife Seed Request Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must be received at the time of pick-up.  
Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Mail form to:

Belmont SWCD  
1119 East Main Street  
Barnesville, Ohio 43713

Phone: 740-425-1100 Ext. 3  
Fax: 740-425-2664

**DEADLINE:**  
**Friday, April 3, 2009.**

Type of Seed	lb.(Plants)	# Bags requested	Subtotal
Winter Survival Wildlife Food & Cover Mix	25 lb.(2 acres)	____ @ \$ 35.00 per bag	\$
Round-up Ready Corn	50 lb.(3-4 acres)	____ @ \$ 15.00 per bag	\$
Grain Sorghum	50 lb.(3-4 acres)	____ @ \$ 15.00 per bag	\$
Sunflower	25 lb.(5 acres)	____ @ \$ 35.00 per bag	\$
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**For Wildlife Food Plots Only. No Harvesting or Feeding to Livestock. Purchaser must sign below to show intention for food plots only.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Timber Management & Marketing Workshop



Don't Just Sell Your Timber - Market It! Join David Apsley, OSU Extension Natural Resources Specialist; Jeremy Scherf, ODNR Service Forester; and

Nathan Taylor, Belmont SWCD Wildlife/Forestry Specialist as they discuss the roll of timber management in

your forest February 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Learn how to attain personal goals through different harvesting methods. Recreation, income, wildlife habitat, aesthetics, inheritance wishes or other factors may be considered when implementing a plan. They will explain procedures of the harvest and will discuss timber contracts. Learn about Best

Management Practices and their benefit in Timber Harvests. Information will also be available about the "Call Before You Cut" program and the Emerald Ash Borer.

This event is sponsored by OSU Extension - Belmont County, Belmont Farm Bureau, ODNR - Division of Forestry and Belmont SWCD. Contact Steve Schumacher at 740-695-1455 for more information.