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Agriculture Business Planning – Meetings to Assist

Most agriculture producers are very interested in production. Producers like to produce – not spend all day looking at numbers that may not always look too rosy. Hopefully, we can make the business side of agriculture a little bit easier with some upcoming educational events.

QuickBooks for Ag will be a recordkeeping training using the popular QuickBooks Pro software. This event will be held Tuesday, February 5th at the Colonial Acres Events Center in Oskaloosa with generous sponsorship from the Bank of McLouth and Taylor Insurance Service, LLC. There will be a minimal cost to attend and seating is limited. More information on QuickBooks for Ag (including registration cost/time/etc…) will be available in this space next week and online at www.meadowlark.ksu.edu . For more details or to RSVP, contact the Oskaloosa Office of the Meadowlark Extension District at (785) 863-2212 or e-mail me at dhallaue@ksu.edu .

Organizing Your Farm for the Next Generation is the theme of a farm transition workshop scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th at the NEKS Heritage Complex south of Holton. Mark Peterson is a producer from Stanton, IA with a unique story of receiving a farm, as well as looking to transition for the future. He will tell about his experiences before we turn the floor over to Roger McEowen, Kansas Farm Bureau Professor or Agricultural Law and Taxation at Washburn University. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. No RSVP is required, but if you want further details, contact the Holton Office of the Meadowlark Extension District at (785) 364-4125.

Leases are always a popular topic of conversation, and interest continues to be high as landlords and tenants alike evaluate crop production budgets that seem to include lower revenues and flat to even slightly higher expenses. KSU Ag Economist Dr. Mykel Taylor will be the keynote speaker at our KSU Lease School on Tuesday, February 19th at the Community Building in Corning. Starting at 1:30 p.m., Dr. Taylor will discuss the latest in rental numbers and arrangements to help you make your lease decisions. For more information, contact any Meadowlark Extension District Office or e-mail me at dhallaue@ksu.edu. There is no cost to attend and RSVP is not required.

Each of these trainings is designed to provide you information on another piece of the economics puzzle when it comes to your farming operation. From budget numbers to keeping track of them to trying to figure out how to manage them for the future of the operation, we hope you'll want to attend one – or all. For further information, contact any Meadowlark Extension District Office or e-mail me at

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