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QuickBooks for Ag – and You?

Say the word ‘recordkeeping’ and you’ll get a lot of different responses – many of them less than joyous. Why? Recordkeeping isn’t always enjoyable. Rather than being involved in business management decisions, you spend your time entering numbers that you might have to work to make sense of so you can determine when you’re all done that maybe you didn’t make a profit after all. Real...happy...stuff...

It has to be done though, right? So...if your New Year’s resolution was to keep better financial records, maybe we can help you out, using a fairly common financial recordkeeping program – QuickBooks Pro.

The Meadowlark Extension District, with generous sponsorship by the Bank of McLouth and in cooperation with Taylor Insurance Services, LLC, will be hosting a QuickBooks for Ag training on Tuesday, February 5th at the Colonial Acres Event Center in Oskaloosa. Registration will start at 10:00 a.m. with the training at 10:30. A sponsored lunch will be provided and we’ll wrap up around 3:00 p.m.

QuickBooks Pro is a flexible financial record-keeping system. Participants will learn how to use the program for their farm, ranch, and even for family expenses. The training will be ideal for people new to QuickBooks or those wanting to increase their knowledge of the program as well as a great opportunity to learn if QuickBooks is a good fit for you via hands-on learning and a take-home manual.

Participants will receive a printed manual with examples to work through, allowing them to create a sample farm company file, add bank accounts/loans, enter checks/deposits, work with bills (accounts payable), and create/manage invoices. Upon completion, participants should be equipped to use QuickBooks for their farm and ranch bookkeeping.

Not involved in production agriculture? Small businesses can use the same example to make the training apply to your business as well.

The cost to attend is \$10 (payable at the door) to cover printing of the training manual required for the course. *Registration will be limited* due to the hands on nature of the course. Please contact the Oskaloosa Office of the Meadowlark Extension District by February 1st to RSVP or for further details, or e-mail me at dhallaue@ksu.edu .