Farming and fishing have always been unpredictable ways to make a living, and the financial risk that comes with these businesses contribute to that unpredictability. Faced with increasing debt, bankruptcy may seem a viable option. But deciding whether to file for bankruptcy is not a decision to take lightly. Bankruptcy should come as a last resort because it can have lasting impacts on an agricultural operation and its family. If facing farm financial stress, take the following steps and make the following considerations before determining whether bankruptcy is the best option for you.

For more information on farm bankruptcy see our law bulletin series, Facing Farm Financial Stress: An Overview of the Bankruptcy Option at https://farmoffice.osu.edu/ag-law-library/farm-finance-law.

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